



I. Drag the correct setting for each short story

medieval times

library

distant future

garden

Short story	setting
Alex shut the lid to his laptop with a loud clap. Some of the people sitting at the tables near him looked up from their books and gave him annoyed looks. Alex realized that he had disturbed them and held up his hand apologetically. The librarian turned toward him and shushed him loudly, perhaps louder than the noise that he had made. Alex put the laptop in his bag and began walking toward the door. He held his head down low.	1.
Vance Powers grabbed the control stick. Up until now he had been a prisoner on this spaceship, but even the captain knew that Vance was the only one who could navigate through an asteroid belt. "Quick! Take these laser cuffs off!" The captain and the guard looked at one another hesitantly. <i>Boom!</i> The ship skidded off a large asteroid. "Now! Take the cuffs off! There's no time!" Vance shouted at the men. The captain gave the guard a slight nod. The guard waved the magnetic key over the laser cuffs on Vance's wrists. The cuffs powered down and fell off of Vance's wrists. Suddenly Vance had full control of his arms again. Vance tested the movement of his arms by disarming the guard and slapping the laser cuffs on him in one swift motion. Vance Powers was back.	2.
Sir Anders frowned at his squire, Toby. Toby looked back worriedly. He was eager to please Sir Anders but he didn't know how. "Well, Toby, do you want me to put the saddle on myself?" A bolt of realization struck Toby. He grabbed a saddle off the wall and began apologizing, "Why of course not, Sir Anders. What was I thinking?" Toby awkwardly tried to get the saddle on Sir Anders' white stallion. "Let me just grab the belt here and uh... Ah!" Toby was muttering to himself when Sir Anders' horse turned suddenly and knocked him into a pile of hay. Sir Anders could not help but to crack a slight smile at this scene. As Toby brushed off the hay, Sir Anders consoled him, "He knows that you're scared, Toby. Grab the bridle off of the wall, help me remove my armor, and I'll show you how it's done."	3.

**II. Read a short description of an event. Identify a character trait that is revealed by each action.**

4. Jake is Cassie's older brother. One day they are walking home from school when a cold front rolls in and the temperature drops 20 degrees. Jake is dressed more appropriately for the weather than Cassie. He takes off his hooded sweatshirt and offers it to her. She gratefully accepts. Jake is now colder, but he is happier.

5. Craig is a football player training over the summer for next season. The coach demands that all players come in at 6:00 AM and lift weights until 8:00 AM, when practice begins. Craig gets there at 5:00 AM to begin his training

6. Corey came back from the bathroom and noticed that her rainbow pencil was missing. She looked around the room and saw that Beth was using a rainbow pencil. Corey started crying uncontrollably and ran out of the room.

**III. Drag each word to complete each sentence with the correct word.**

nub      lunging      Rowdy      romping

7. Both children went \_\_\_\_\_ for the hat at the same time.

8. Each plate held a small sandwich and a \_\_\_\_\_ of corn.

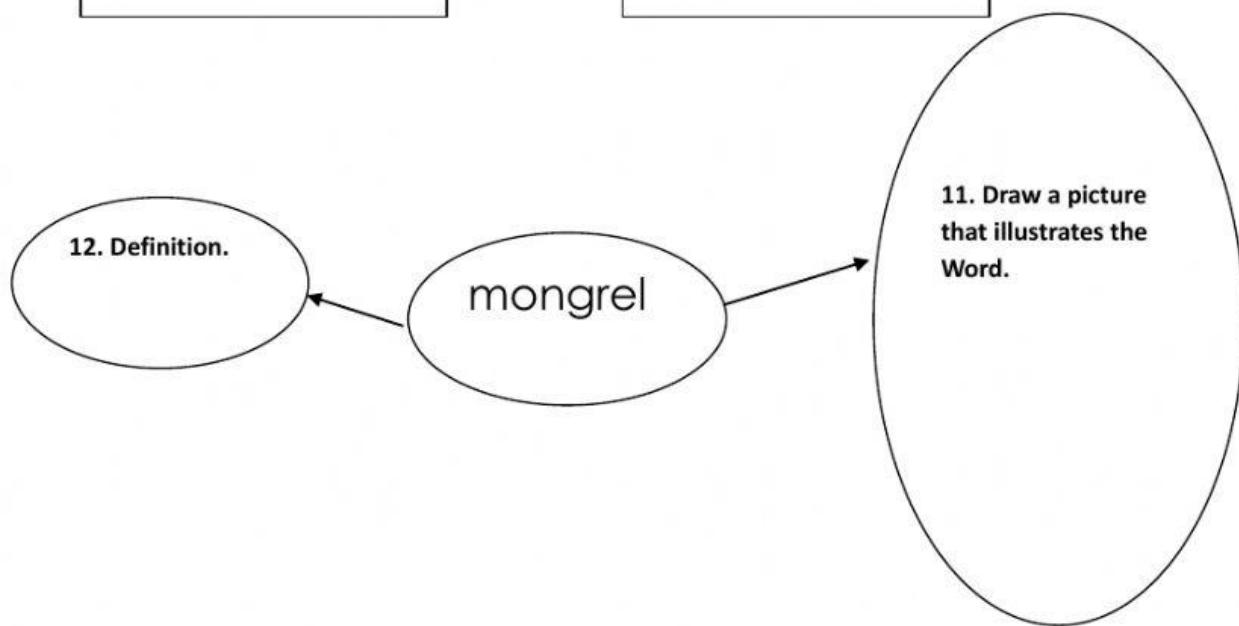
9. Several small children were \_\_\_\_\_ and jumping on the feather bed.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ behavior is not allowed in the museum.

IV. Choose the correct image and definition to complete the diagram, writing yes and no in the best option.

(11, 12)

11.



12.

(an animal, especially a dog) breed from different types.

a particular and special type of animal or plant

## **V. Determine the moral or theme of these fables**

### **13. The Goose with the Golden Eggs**

One day a monkey went to the nest of his Goose and found there an egg all yellow and glittering. When he took it up it was as heavy as lead and he was going to throw it away, because he thought a trick had been played upon him. But, on second thought, he took it home and soon found to his delight that it was an egg of pure gold. Every morning the same thing occurred, and he soon became rich by selling his eggs. As he grew rich he grew greedy; and thinking to get at once all the gold the Goose could give, he killed it and opened it only to find nothing.

### **14. The Ant and the Grasshopper**

In a field one summer's day a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. An Ant passed by, bearing along with great toil an ear of corn he was taking to the nest. "Why not come and chat with me," said the Grasshopper, "instead of toiling and moiling in that way?" "I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the Ant, "and recommend you to do the same." "Why bother about winter?" said the Grasshopper; we have got plenty of food at present." But the Ant went on its way and continued its toil. When the winter came the Grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer. Then the Grasshopper knew.

## **IV. Match each word with its correct definition.**

15. Seemingly, with the appearance of.	(   ) fixtures
16. Are things put in place to stay.	(   ) incident
17. Is not strongly made; it is easily torn and broken.	(   ) flimsy
18. Is something that happens or an event.	(   ) apparently

V. DIRECTIONS: Jimmy and Evelyn have both written about their recent birthday parties. Read both paragraphs. Then compare and contrast them by dragging the things that they did on the lines below beneath their names. If they did anything that was the same, drag it in the middle. (19, 20, 21)

a birthday; celebrating with friends; opening presents; cake	a party; cake and ice cream; games; one HUGE present	horseback trail ride; picnic lunch; small presents
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JIM

On my birthday, I went on a horseback trail ride with friends. We rode for an hour, then stopped for a picnic lunch. We had cake, and I opened a few small presents they had brought with them.

EVELYN

On my birthday I had a party! Six friends came over, and we played games. Then we had cake and ice cream, and I opened presents. I had one HUGE present, from my parents. It was a bicycle!

JIM

EVELYN

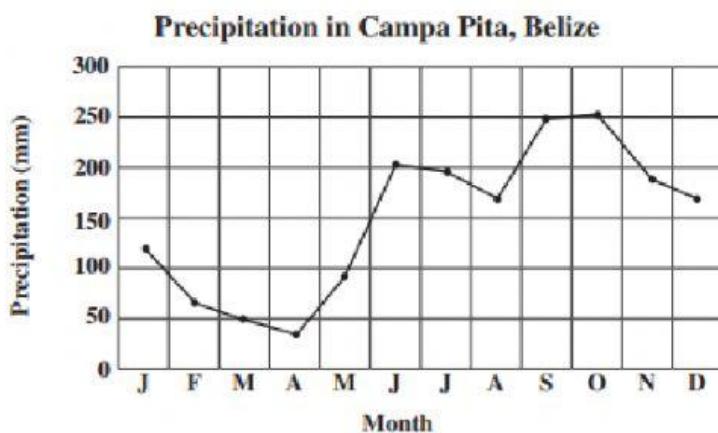
VI. Write the correct word in each photo.



22. \_\_\_\_\_

23. \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Directions** Study the precipitation graph of the rain forest in Campa Pita, Belize. Then answer the questions below.



24. Which month had the least amount of precipitation? About how much precipitation fell in that month?

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25. Which month had the greatest amount of precipitation? About how much precipitation fell in that month?

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26. The rainiest months in Campa Pita correspond with which season in North America?

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27. The driest months in Campa Pita correspond with which season in North America?

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**VIII. Choose the correct synonym for each word.**

28. Basin	depression	rise	solid
29. Charities	taking	generosity	unkindness
30. Erosion	wearing away	building	construction
31. Exported	keep	buy	sell
32. Industrial	domestic	business	housemaker