

Comprehension

Name: _____

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Grade _____

English Language

Main Idea & Supporting Details

Instructions:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. All questions must be answered in complete sentences and in your own words, unless otherwise indicated.

All answers must be based on information in the passage.

Special attention should be given to the directions for each question.

SECTION A

A room of one's own pg.1

My name is Peter Robinson and this is the first entry in my diary. I have not kept a diary before, but we have now moved from our home to a new district, so this seems a good time to start one.

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I didn't know we would feel so sad about leaving our old home in St Peter's Village. Even Grandpa who is a tough fisherman had a strange cracking in his voice. The truck came punctually and we were all surprised about that, and with the help of the neighbours we soon got all the furniture and things on it. My luggage was just two small cases which held all my clothes, and a box with my books and my models. In the excitement we nearly forgot our dog, Sloop. Then with a lot of handshaking and kissing and so on we drove away from Grandpa's little house to our new three-bedroom bungalow in Hill View.

Hill View is a new residential district built because of the housing shortage. People buy these houses by paying for them little by little over a period of twenty years. By the time Daddy has paid fully for ours I shall be thirty-two years old! Daddy paid his first instalment from what he had saved from his earnings from his mechanic shop in St. Peter's. He is going to run a mechanic shop here too, in the business section.

The district is a splendid place, I think, and not far from the capital. It is a little above sea-level and from Hummingbird Drive, where our house is, you get a good view of the surrounding area. I suppose that's why it is called Hill View. All the houses look bright and new and are painted in different colours. Mummy likes that. She says it helps to give each house something special, although they all have the same sort of shape. My sister Ann says that when the houses all have gardens with flowers and lawns and hedges the appearance of the whole place will improve. Ann is eleven and she is quite interested in art and things like that.

She shares one of the two large bedrooms with my other sister, Susie who is four. Mummy and Daddy have the main bedroom and I have a small room to myself. This is definitely a luxury for me after Grandpa's house where all three of us had to share one room. I now have enough cupboard space to keep my model cars and planes safe from Susie, and Daddy has fixed up a little book shelf for my books, though I am sure I shall soon need more space for them. My bed is small but comfortable and my desk is a small one which Mummy bought in an auction sale for next to nothing. I think the most important thing here is that we have electricity. I have a lamp just over the table where I write in my diary, read and do my homework.

From my window I can see a piece of open land I believe is a recreation ground, and the backyards of some houses. There are also some large trees and what looks like a shed of some sort. I have not explored the area yet. I must ask Ann to come with me to look around next Saturday. I like what I have seen so far but we will all miss Grandpa and our friends in St. Peter's.

Multiple Choice

For questions 1-4 select the circle with the correct answer.

1. This is a _____ story. _____

- a. persuasive
- b. narrative
- c. descriptive
- d. expository

2. What is Peter's grandfather's occupation? _____

- a. a construction worker
- b. a famer
- c. a fisherman
- d. a mechanic

3. Where was Peter's old home? _____

- a. St. Patrick's Village
- b. St. Paul's Village
- c. St. Peter's Village
- d. St. Peterson's Village

4. What is Peter's mood at the beginning of the story? . _____

- a. happy
- b. somber
- c. excited
- d. worried

Section B - True and False

Read the following statements carefully. Based on the passage, write True if the statement is True or False if the statement is false.

5. Hill View was built because of the housing shortage. _____

6. All of Peter's clothes fit in three small luggage. _____

7. Peter has always written his experiences in a diary. _____

8. Mr. Peterson has a mortgage on his new home. _____

Section C- Short Answer

9. Why did grandpa have a crack in his voice? _____

10. How did the Peterson's say goodbye to their grandfather? _____

11. State the street that the Peterson's new home is located on. _____

12. State the street that the Peterson's new home is located.

13. What two changes were Peter happiest about?

14. What is the main idea of this story? _____

Vocabulary

Instructions: Use the clues to explain the meaning of the following phrase based on its use in the passage.

15. Auction Sale (paragraph 4) _____