

Name: _____ Date: _____

Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences

Directions: Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow.

Some early Native Americans tribes used adobe to build homes. Adobe is a sun-dried brick made of soil and water to make mud. Next they added straw for strength. Then they put the mixture into a brick-shaped mold. Finally, the brick was placed in the sun to dry. The dried bricks were used to build the walls of the house. People continue to build houses from adobe bricks throughout the world. There even are adobe buildings still standing today that were built over one thousand years ago.

- 1.)Based on this information, what can the reader conclude about why people continue to build using adobe bricks?
 - a.)It is made of concrete
 - b.)It is cheap to use
 - c.)It is a strong material
 - d.)It is a pretty color

- 2.)Based on the paragraph, which sentence shows that adobe is probably a good building material?
 - a.)Finally, the brick was placed in the sun to dry.
 - b.)Some early Native American tribes used adobe to build homes.
 - c.)First they mixed soil and water to make mud.
 - d.)There are even adobe buildings standing today that were built over one thousand years ago.

Flo and Mike were at the animal shelter. They were trying to agree on which animal to adopt. "Cats are cleaner," said Flo. "You don't have to give them baths or take them for walks."

Mike said, "Dogs are good playmates. You can throw them a ball and teach them to do tricks."

"That's true, Mike," said Flo. "But cats like to play with balls and string."

Flo and Mike continued to walk around the animal shelter looking for the perfect pet. They finally made a decision. They hooked the leash to their new pet and he barked cheerfully as he headed out the door to his new home.

3.) What can the reader assume about Flo?

- a.) She didn't want a cat
- b.) She wanted a dog for a pet
- c.) She thought cats made better pets
- d.) She was mad at her brother for wanting a dog

4.) After reading the paragraph, the reader can best infer that-

- a.) Mike and Flo did not get a pet.
- b.) Mike and Flo could not agree.
- c.) Mike and Flo got a dog.
- d.) Mike and Flo got a cat.

Ranchers in Texas had a problem. Coyotes and other wild animals were killing their sheep and goats. The ranchers were losing money and worried about their herds. Some ranchers began using donkeys to protect herds. The donkeys do a good job. They have sharp teeth and sharp hooves. The coyotes stay away.

5.) From this passage, the reader can best infer that-

- a.) Coyotes are afraid of donkeys.
- b.) Donkeys make loud noises to scare coyotes.
- c.) Ranchers should raise donkeys instead.
- d.) Ranchers have a hard job.

Long ago people used to ride a bike called the ordinary. The back wheel was about 1 foot high and the front wheel was about 5 feet high. The rider sat up high above the ground. When this tall bike hit a little bump, it usually fell over. People stopped riding this kind of bike. Later, people began riding a safer bike. It's two wheels were the same size.

6.) Based on the paragraph, which sentence is probably true about why people stopped riding the ordinary bike?

- a.) It was hard to pedal.
- b.) It was too expensive.
- c.) It was not safe.
- d.) It was too unusual.

Dr. Pavlov was a Russian man who studied behaviors in dogs. He noticed that dogs would drool when he had food. He planned an experiment. Each time he fed the dogs, he rang a bell. After a few days of doing this, he rang a bell but did not have food. Every time he rang the bell, the dogs drooled even though there wasn't any food. Pavlov found one way animals can learn new behaviors.

7.) Based on the paragraph, the reader can best infer that-

- a.) the dogs expected food when the bell was rung
- b.) Pavlov loved animals
- c.) the sound of a bell makes all animals hungry
- d.) Pavlov lived hundreds of years ago

Military ants lived in the jungles of South America. They may be small, but people run when they see them. Thousands of these ants travel together through the thick jungles. The ants swarm over any animal in their path. The unlucky animal becomes their meal. They can eat birds, animals, snakes, and even humans. The ants are always on the move and they are always hungry.

8.) After reading the paragraph, what does the author suggest about military ants?

- a.) military ants are hard to kill
- b.) military ants are very dangerous
- c.) military ants are endangered
- d.) military ants are the smallest ant in the jungle

Julio and his father had been looking forward to their fishing trip for weeks. They didn't take much food with them on the trip. When they started fishing they were quickly approached by a forest ranger. He asked Julio's father if he had a fishing license. Julio's father reached into his wallet and suddenly got a terrified look on his face. Julio was disappointed that night as he ate dinner.

9.) Based on this passage, what can the reader conclude about why Julio and his father did not take much food with them on the trip?

- a.) They were planning on eating the fish they caught.
- b.) They didn't have any food at their house.
- c.) They didn't want to eat too much.
- d.) They don't like to eat fish.

Annie could hear the music playing over the loudspeaker in the mall. She and her mother were shopping for a present for her father. Annie could see a big line in the center of the mall. She wondered what all the people were waiting for. She then heard a jolly "HO! HO! HO!" from the center of the crowd and she quickly realized what the people were waiting on. As Annie and her mother walked through the mall, she noticed that the store windows were decorated with green, white, and red decorations.

10.) Based on the passage, which of the following sentences is probably true?

- a.) Annie and her mother were shopping for a birthday present for Annie's father.
- b.) The music was coming from a band.
- c.) The mall is close to Annie's house.
- d.) The people were waiting in line to see Santa Claus.