

Drawing Conclusions Assessment

Baseball is a big sport in Japan. The rules are the same as those in America, but the customs are different. Players in Japan don't show their anger when they are out. They don't try to hurt the player from the other team as the player slides into second base. Also, when the fans clap, the players bow to them.

1. Based on this paragraph, you can tell that –

- A. Japanese players do not slide into second base.
- B. American players show their anger.
- C. Japanese players can play better.
- D. Japanese players wave when the fans clap.

Baby Dee woke up and started crying loudly. Scott ran to her from the kitchen. He held Dee and talked to her. Scott didn't know why she was crying. He had fed Dee earlier. He checked to see if the baby's clothes were wet. They were dry. Then Scott noticed a hard toy block lying where Dee had been sleeping.

2. Based on this paragraph, why do you think Dee was crying?

- A. Dee was very hungry.
- B. The block made Dee uncomfortable in bed.
- C. Scott had to take care of only one baby.
- D. Scott was not a good father.

Laughing makes people feel great. Some people think that laughing is the best thing in life. Now scientists have shown that laughing is good for the body too. Laughing makes the heart beat faster. It brings more air into the body. Many people keep fit by running, but laughing is easier on the feet!

3. Based on this paragraph, you can tell that –

- A. laughing is good for your health
- B. swimming is very good for your body
- C. crying is like laughing
- D. doctors think you don't need to exercise

Cows on the Loose

"Look! There's another one!" Luis yelled to his dad. He pointed to a break in the fence. The wire had snapped and the ends hung down.

Not too far away, three cows were resting under a tree. "Those cows have our brand on them," said Luis. "I'll round them up." Luis circled the cows and rode up behind them. "Get going!" he shouted.

Trapper barked until they had trotted back through the break in the fence.

Dad jumped down from his horse. He had his tools out and he was uncoiling the fence wire he had brought. "We have only a mile of fence to go," he said. "We'll be done in an hour."

4. Based on this story, Luis and his dad were out to –

- A. find cows without brands
- B. look for a lost cow
- C. check the fence for breaks
- D. collect a roll of fence wire.

5. Based on this story, Trapper is a(n) –

- A. cow
- B. horse
- C. dog
- D. man

6. Luis's dad was carrying tools and wire because –

- A. he always liked to have them handy
- B. Luis had told him to bring them along
- C. he'd been building a fence
- D. he expected to find breaks in the fence to fix

A Special Kind of Chicken Pox

Tony's mom stood in the doorway, pulling on her coat. She had a worried look on her face.

"Don't be late for your meeting, Amy," said Grandma. "I'll take good care of Tony."

Tony was glad to hear the door bang shut behind his mother. Now all he had to do was keep his grandmother from coming too close. He wasn't sure how real the pink marks on his face looked.

"Better stay away, Grandma," he said. "You might catch it."

"Don't worry, Tony," said Grandma. "I've already had that kind of chicken pox before. I still get it now and then." She grinned and left the room.

7. Based on the story, Tony's mother is –

- A. has just come indoors
- B. is worried about leaving Tony
- C. is going to find a doctor
- D. doesn't think Tony is sick

8. Tony doesn't want Grandma to –

- A. stay in the house
- B. leave the room
- C. catch the chicken pox from him
- D. find out that his chicken pox is not real

9. Based on the story, Grandma lets Tony know that –

- A. she's good at taking care of sick people
- B. she knows he isn't really sick
- C. she's afraid of catching his chicken pox
- D. she gets sick often

10. Grandma's grin shows that –

- A. she's not mad at Tony for pretending to be sick
- B. she's going to tell his mother
- C. Tony looks really funny
- D. she isn't feeling well either