

Reading Comprehension

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English Language

Tom Brown Goes Fishing

Read very carefully through the following passage, and then answer the questions in complete sentences.

One fine Thursday afternoon, Tom having borrowed East's new rod, started by himself for the river. He fished for some time with little success, but was presently aware of might ones feeding in a pool on the opposite side under the shade of a willow tree. The stream was deep here, but some fifty yards away was a shallow. So, Tom plunged across, and in three minutes was creeping along on all-fours towards the clump of the willows.

In half an hour Tom had deposited three thumping fellows at the foot of the giant willow, but as he was baiting for a fourth pounder, he became aware of a man coming up the bank not a hundred yards off. Another look told him that it was the under-keeper. Could he reach the shallow before him? No, not carrying the rod. Nothing for it, but the tree; so Tom hurried as fast as he could.

He had just time to reach it and crouch along a huge branch what stretched out over the river when the keeper arrived. Tom's heart beat fast as he came under the tree; two steps more and he would have passed, when, as luck would have it, the gleams of the scales of the dead fish caught his eye. He picked up the fish one by one; his eye and touch told him they had been alive and feeding within the hour. Tom crouched lower along the branch, and heard the keeper beating the clump. But alas! The keeper heard the rustle, then caught sight of the rod, and then of Tom's hand and arm.

Questions

1. On which day of the week did this incident occur? It happened on _____. (1pt)
2. Whose fishing rod had Tom borrowed? Tom borrowed _____. (1pt)
3. Where were the big fish feeding? _____. (1pt)
4. How did Tom make his way to the willows after wading through the river?
_____. (1pt)
5. How far did Tom have to walk to find a shallow place for crossing the river?
_____. (1pt)
6. How many fish did Tom catch in the first half hour? _____. (1pt)
7. Who appeared as Tom was baiting his hook for the next fish?
_____. (1pt)
8. How did Tom try to escape from this person?
_____. (1pt)
9. What did the person do when he saw the fish that Tom caught?
_____. (1pt)
10. Explain how Tom's hiding place was discovered?
_____. (1pt)

