



Cleveland Eneas Primary  
Reading Comprehension  
Classwork # 1  
Skill: Main Idea and Supporting Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECTIONS**

Read each passage. Then read each question about the passage. Answer each question using your own words. Remember **ALL** answers must come from the passage. If you are not sure about the answer to a question, do the best you can but do not spend too much time on any one question. Answer in proper sentences where necessary.

**Passage 1**

**KEEP THE BAHAMAS CLEAN!**

Don't litter the beaches  
and our beautiful  
aquamarine water.

Marking on walls and  
buildings is disrespectful.

**Keeping The Bahamas clean  
is the responsibility of ALL!**

Smoke and sprays pollute the  
air!

Don't play the fool!  
Litter on the streets does  
**NOT** look cool!

**THE BAHAMAS IS OUR HOME. REMEMBER, CLEANLINESS IS NEXT  
TO GODLINESS.**

1. What is the main idea of the flyer? [1mark]

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2. 'Watch out how you pollute the air!' In this sentence pollute means: [1mark]

(A) Clean                      (B) cool                      (C) dirty                      (D) heat

3. 'Don't litter the beaches.' In this sentence **litter** means:

(A) to burn tires

(B) to clean up



4. John sprayed red paint on his neighbor's house. The word from the poster that describes his behavior is \_\_\_\_\_. [1mark]

(A) cool (B) disrespectful (C) litter (D) pollute

5. Which **ONE** of the following could be another suitable title for the poster?

(A) Keep Miami Clean  
(B) Keep Our Islands Clean  
(C) Keep The Caribbean Clean  
(D) Clean Up The World [1mark]

6. 'Don't play the fool!' This sentence means:

(A) Litter looks foolish on the streets.  
(B) Litter plays the fool on the streets.  
(C) People who litter are acting stupidly.  
(D) People who litter are just playing around. [1mark]

7. The poster describes the sea as:

(A) beautiful and blue  
(B) lovely and deep  
(C) salty and lovely  
(D) shallow and beautiful [1mark]

8. According to the poster, write **ONE** way in which people pollute the air.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1mark]

9. According to the poster, why should we keep The Bahamas clean?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1mark]

## Passage 2

### Poem: FALLING ASLEEP IN CLASS

By: Ken Nesbitt

I fell asleep in class today,  
As I was awfully bored.  
I laid my head upon my desk  
And closed my eyes and snored.

I woke to find a piece of paper  
Sticking to my face.  
I'd slobbered on my textbooks,



My clothes were badly rumpled,  
And my eyes were glazed and red.  
My folder left a three-ring  
Indentation on my head.

I slept through class, and probably  
I would have slept some more,  
Except my students woke me  
As they headed out the door.

1. Why was the poet sleeping in class?

[1mark]

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2. Was the poet sleeping quietly? Give evidence from the poem to support your answer.

[2marks]

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3. "My folder left a three-ring indentation on my head". Write another word that means the same as 'indentation'.

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[1mark]

4. At what time during the class was the poet awakened?

[1mark]

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5a. Who was the person sleeping in class?

[1mark]

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5b. Give evidence to support your answer.

[1mark]

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