

# Reading Comprehension

## The Hateful Housefly



Everyone in the world has at some time been bothered by the housefly. These pesky insects follow wherever man goes. They are even seen at sea, flourishing in ships.

Because it is so small, few people realize what a frightening sight the housefly is. Near the eyes are two short, thick antennae that can detect movement, warn the fly of danger, as well as lead him to food.

Flies eat anything; the only basic requirement is that the food is liquid. The resourceful fly can dissolve such substances as sugar, potato, or a spot of grease, by spitting on it. He can then suck it up through the mouth.

Flies are monumentally stupid. Worms, snails, and cockroaches learn, but no one has ever been able to detect any learning ability in flies. They are active only when they are hungry. The rest of the time they merely stand around, sometimes upside down, clinging on with two tiny claws at the end of each foot, or, if necessary, gluing themselves on with a sticky substance secreted in the base of each foot.

Wherever flies go, they carry diseases. Typhoid, cholera, and tuberculosis are only a few of the germs they carry.

1. What evidence in the passage suggests that flies are everywhere?

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2. State TWO reasons why the antennae are important to the fly?

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3. Based on the passage, match the words from Column A with a word that is similar in meaning from Column B. Write the letter in the column provided.

	COLUMN A	COLUMN B
_____	pesky	a. intelligent
_____	resourceful	b. annoying
_____	monumentally	c. capable
_____		d. extremely

4. How is a fly able to eat a piece of potato?

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5. Read each statement below. Write **F** if the statement is a Fact and **O** if it is an Opinion.

- Everyone hates flies.
- Flies are ugly bugs.
- Flies move only when they want food.
- Flies can make people sick.

6. According to the passage, write down the names of TWO sicknesses that can be caused by flies.

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## **I'M A BAHAMIAN PROUD AS CAN BE**



I'm from the land of the sun, sand and sea

Over seven hundred islands

Beautiful, as can be

Peculiar, neat, just like me

I'm a Bahamian proud as can be.

Folk tales, ring play it's all in me

And Junkanoo- it's only Saxons, and the Valley

Hold it now, don't you be mad at me

I'm just a true Bahamian proud as can be.

Crab n' rice, fried fish, a few delicacies

Conch salad, cracked conch, ooh so yummy

These people can cook, God please bless me

Cause I'm a Bahamian proud as can be.

Now I leave, dressed as can be

On Bahamasair and off to Miami

In Walmart, trolley full, a common sight to see

That's a Bahamian, proud as can be.

1. Write the sentence from the poem that the poet quoted to describe the natural resources of her country.

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2. Give one way in which the poet compares herself to the physical structure of her islands.

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3. Write the group of words from the poem which means the same as 'stories passed on orally from one generation to another.'

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4. 'He prepared a very delectable dish for the function.' Write the word from the poem that means the same as 'delectable.'

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5. Quote, the statement from the poem which suggests that many Bahamians frequently shop outside of The Bahamas.

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6. Read each statement below. Write 'F' if the statement is a fact and 'O' if it is an opinion.

A. Bahamian food are the best \_\_\_\_\_

B. The Saxons and The Valley Boys are Junkanoo Groups \_\_\_\_\_

C. Bahamians flies to Miami \_\_\_\_\_

D. Bahamians enjoy ring plays \_\_\_\_\_