

READ EACH PASSAGE CAREFULLY. SELECT THE STATEMENT THAT BEST SUMMARIZES THE STORY.

Reading Comprehension

'SUMMARIZING'

Name: _____

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. Tomorrow is Jill's birthday. She is excited because she gets to pick where she will eat dinner. Will it be Chinese food at the Big Canton House? Or will it be fried chicken at the Bamboo Shack, or a big cheeseburger at McDonalds. She just couldn't decide. Then there was always the Pizza Hut with that great pepperoni pizza. How would she ever decide? Maybe she would just flip a coin.

The Summary of this passage is:

- (A) Jill has many restaurants to choose from for her birthday.
- (B) Jill loves Chinese food.
- (C) The Pizza Hut has the best pizza in town.
- (D) Jill will choose a place by flipping a coin.

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2. It started when they got to the bears. Peter felt tired and his stomach hurt. He dragged himself over to see the elephants, which were eating from a stack of hay. Normally, the elephants were his favorite. Without much interest, Peter followed his classmates to the camels, which were busy swatting flies with their tails. Peter knew he should be having fun at the zoo, but he just felt terrible and all he wanted to do was lie down and rest. Even the lions and tigers did not interest him now.

The Summary of this passage is:

- (A) Peter's favorite animals were the elephants.
- (B) The camels were swatting flies with their tails.
- (C) It was really hot at the zoo.
- (D) Peter didn't enjoy the zoo because he felt really bad.

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3. Right now Jason was playing right field. He really wanted to play third base. Earlier this year, coach had put him in left field and second base in a game, but never at third base. Once in practice, coach let him play third base, but he kept missing ground balls. When he did stop one, he made a bad throw to first base. Maybe if he kept practicing, Jason would be good enough to play third base. That was his dream.

The Summary of this passage is:

- (A) Jason really wanted to play third base.
- (B) Jason was the best player on his team.
- (C) Jason had trouble catching ground balls.
- (D) Jason was too lazy to practice.

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4. For the walls, Jenny thought she would use a bright yellow paint. She would pick a border that had mostly bright red and green colors, and maybe a little bit of blue. She already had found some curtains that were sky blue with streaks of red, blue and yellow that she thought would go great with the walls. And finally, she had picked a carpet that was mostly blue with specks of red and yellow. Jenny couldn't wait till she was done decorating her room. It was really going to look awesome.

The Summary of this passage is:

- (A) Jenny likes bright colors.
- (B) Jenny was going to paint her room.
- (C) Jenny was picking out colors and materials to decorate her room.
- (D) Yellow is a good color to paint your walls.

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5. Janey watched the ants as they carried small crumbs down the trail to the anthill. She thinks ants are very hard working and industrious little creatures. They always seemed busy, and you never saw an ant just laying around doing nothing. They were carrying food, building tunnels, or defending the anthill. One thing you could say about ants is that they sure aren't lazy.

The Summary of this passage is:

- (A) Ants carry many things.
- (B) Some ants may bite you.
- (C) Ants are hard workers.
- (D) Some ants help take care of the queen.

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6. The first book Chris read in fifth grade was about a lost kitten. Then he read a book about a family of bears, and then he read about a wild kangaroo in Australia. It seems every book Chris reads is about animals. Last week he found a good book about snakes and reptiles, and another book about elephants. Today Chris went to the library, and he checked out a book about dolphins, whales and other animals that live in the sea.

The Summary of this passage is:

- (A) Chris likes kangaroos.
- (B) Chris is in the fifth grade.
- (C) Chris reads a lot of books about animals.
- (D) Dolphins and whales live in the sea.

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It was finally summer vacation. Brian would be able to go over to his friend's house to play video games and stay up late into the night. Brian ran downstairs and said, "Bye mom, I'm going over to Tom's house." Just as Brian opened the front door his mom came down the hallway. "Brian," she said, "did you clean your room?" "But Mom, its summer!" Brian gave his mom his best sad face, but she was not going to change her mind. Brian marched back up stairs. "I guess summer vacation will have to wait a few more minutes," Brian said to himself as he began picking up clothes off his bedroom floor.

- (A) Brian wanted to start his summer vacation, but mom said he had to clean his room. Brian tried to convince her that it was summer, but it didn't work. Brian paused his vacation and cleaned his room.
- (B) Brian wanted to start his summer vacation and play at Tom's house, so he cleaned his room.
- (C) Rooms need to be cleaned before any fun could be had.
- (D) Brian wanted to go play with Tom, but his mom wouldn't let him until his room was cleaned.

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**8. Tyrone really wanted an adventure. He borrowed his friend's bike and explored the world. He saw many amazing things and had a lot of fun. Tyrone was so glad he went on his trip!
What is the best summary for this paragraph?**

- (A) Tyrone saw amazing things.
- (B) Tyrone went on a fun bike adventure.
- (C) Tyrone was glad he went on a trip.