



TOEFL® Junior®: Reading test 1

Read the passage and answer the questions. For each question, choose the answer which you think fits best according to the text.

Jenny found her old bicycle at the back of the garage. It was a lot smaller than she remembered. When she sat on it and put her feet on the pedals, her knees nearly touched her chin. She put it back sadly and went inside the house. Her dad was working on his computer in the study.

‘Dad, can I get a new bicycle?’ asked Jenny.

‘Sure,’ said Jenny’s dad. ‘Cycling is good for you. You can get one for your birthday.’

‘But my birthday isn’t for months!’ cried Jenny. ‘Everyone at school has a bike. They all go to the park after school together. I want to go too!’

‘Well, I’m sorry, but I can’t afford a bicycle now,’ said dad. ‘Why don’t you work and earn some money? You can save up for a bicycle yourself.’

Jenny was thoughtful.

‘I’m very busy now,’ dad went on. ‘I don’t have time to cut the grass. If you do that, I’ll give you five dollars.’

‘Okay,’ said Jenny. She went to the garage and got the lawnmower. She hadn’t used it before. It was quite heavy and difficult to push, but soon the grass was cut. She was putting the lawnmower away when her neighbor, Mrs. Watkins, looked over the wall.

‘You did a good job there! Can you mow my lawn too?’ said Mrs Watkins. ‘I’ll give you ten dollars!’

‘Sure!’ said Jenny. ‘I’ll come right away!’

That night Jenny went on the computer. She wrote ‘Gardening and Housework – Ten dollars an hour. Call Jenny at 23 Roseville Lane.’ She decorated the page with pictures of cleaning and gardening equipment. She printed it fifty times. Then she posted the pages through all the doors on her street.

That week, Jenny was very busy! Lots of people had jobs to do, but they didn’t have time to do them. So they called Jenny. Every day, Jenny rushed home from school. She did her homework quickly, and then she went out to work.

At the end of the week, she had \$65! She told her father.

‘That’s enough for a second hand bicycle,’ he said.

‘Yes, but if I work for one more week, I might have enough money for a *new* bike,’ said Jenny.

‘In *two* more weeks, I could buy a *really good* bicycle! I think that’s what I’ll do. I want to have the best bicycle in the class, because I *earned* it!’

Jenny’s dad hugged her. ‘I think you learned something important. We appreciate things a lot more when we earn them. When we get something without earning it, we do not realize its true value.’

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1 What was the problem with Jenny’s old bicycle?

- () It was broken.
- () It was too small.
- () It was too dirty.

☐ Jenny didn't like it.

2 Why didn't Jenny's dad buy her a bicycle?

☐ He didn't think it was a good idea.

☐ He didn't have enough money.

☐ He was too busy.

☐ He had just bought Jenny a birthday present.

3 Where did Jenny's dad ask Jenny to work?

☐ in the study.

☐ in the bathroom.

☐ in the garden.

☐ in the garage.

4 How much money did Jenny earn on the first day?

☐ \$15

☐ \$10

☐ \$5

☐ \$65

5 How did Jenny tell her neighbors about her new business?

☐ she delivered messages by hand.

☐ she mailed letters to them.

☐ she sent them an email.

☐ she talked to all her neighbors.

6 How did Jenny feel at the end of the story?

☐ pleased because she had learnt a useful lesson.

☐ grateful to her father for his advice.

☐ disappointed because she couldn't afford a new bicycle.

☐ optimistic about making more money.