

Read the paragraphs and choose the correct answer

1/ I could see Neal and Jefron from a block away. They walked in my direction. As they approached, I could see from the looks on their faces that they were happy.

The word "approached" means:

- walked farther away
- skipped
- moved nearer

2/ The peacock is the bird with the beautiful, giant fan of bright colors. When the peacock is young, both male and female birds look alike. At about two years of age, the male grows the long beautiful tail feathers. Because of their beauty, peacocks were often pets. They live about 20 or 30 years.

The main idea of this paragraph is:

The peacock makes a good pet.

The peacock is known for its beauty.

Male and female peacocks look the same.

3/ In 1901, oil was discovered in Texas. Oil was in demand because it was used to heat homes and run trains.

Suddenly oil companies sprang up all over the Southwest, as everyone wanted a piece of the pie. Some companies failed. But others, like Standard Oil, are still going strong today.

What does "a piece of the pie" mean in the paragraph above?

- to heat their homes
- to start a new business
- to make money selling oil

4/ Kimberly, her parents, and her sister, Camille, were flying to visit Los Angeles. They were going to stay for a week with Kimberly and Camille's grandparents. Then they were going to drive down to San Diego to visit Stephanie, a girl Kimberly had met at summer camp in New Hampshire.

When would Kimberly's family go to San Diego?

- after three days in Los Angeles
- after six days in Los Angeles
- after a week in Los Angeles

5/ Linda's school held a contest to design a new mascot. The old mascot was a tiger that the school began using 20 years earlier. Forty-five kids submitted a design. Both Linda and Tanesha suggested a toucan, and Linda's design won. The school put the toucan on T-shirts and mugs and sold them in the school store.

Where were the mugs sold?

the grocery store

the school store

the football stadium

6/ You were walking to a coconut tree to get your dinner, when suddenly a gust of wind came. A coconut fell off the tree you were walking under and hit you in the head. Now you have a headache, you feel dizzy, and all you want to do is take a nap.

It is likely that:

You should stay awake and rest.

You should take a walk.

You should go to sleep.

7/ The old man was walking down the street slowly. Since he was a pedestrian, he stayed along the outer edges of the lanes and was careful to keep to the crosswalks as he crossed to other streets.

What does the word "pedestrian" mean in the paragraph above?

a person traveling on foot

a person traveling in a car

a person resting from traveling

8/ Molly was in a hurry to get to the playground. She pulled up the zipper on her coat so fast that her sweater got stuck in it. She struggled to unzip it but she couldn't do it. Luckily, her mom was able to extricate the sweater.

What does the word "extricate" mean in the paragraph above?

mend

remove

notice

9/ Steel is a very important metal which is used for many things. In the United States, the automobile industry uses the most steel. Steel is used in putting up buildings, in making cans and containers, and in making farm and factory machines.

The main idea is:

The auto industry is the most important.

The United States produces the most steel in the world.

Steel is used for many purposes.

10/ From 1815 through 1914, Europeans arrived in America like bees swarming to a hive. Most entered through Ellis Island in New York Bay. There, they were questioned by officials and examined by doctors. Some were sent back to Europe because they weren't healthy enough or because they weren't able to work.

What does "like bees swarming to a hive" mean in the paragraph above?

Some Europeans brought honey bees with them to America.

Most Europeans came to America by airplane.

A great many Europeans arrived in America during this time period.

11/ Fish, nuts, and seeds have protein. Protein helps your body build muscle and build up immunity to illnesses. It is important to get enough protein in your diet to keep you strong so that you can get all of your work done.

It is likely that:

You need to have protein once a month.

You don't need to eat protein.

You need to have protein every day.

12/ A house was burning down. The firefighters tried to put out the fire. They worked for hours. The heat was so intense that they had to move farther away from the house. Then they used a long hose to spray the water on the flames.

The word "intense" in the paragraph above means:

strong

frightening

bright

13/ Ranita bought a used laptop computer from her neighbor, Becky. Becky had bought the computer two years earlier and did not need it anymore. Ranita's friend Ian helped her set up the computer. She stored the silver computer in a beige carrying case.

What did Ian help Ranita do?

buy a computer

set up a computer

store a computer

14/ In 1947, a Washington pilot reported the first sighting of a disk-shaped spacecraft. A month later, a New Mexico rancher found pieces of a spaceship that had reportedly crashed on his land. Rumors were started that the Air Force was hiding the alien crash victims. UFO fever had infected the country!

What does "UFO fever had infected the country" mean in the paragraph above?

The fear that aliens were visiting the earth was spreading.

People were becoming sick for unknown reasons.

The alien crash victims were being treated for a fever.

15/ In the United States, people make well over 200 million telephone calls a day. That should give you an idea just how important the telephone is in our daily life. The telephone was invented in 1874 by Alexander Graham Bell. It took several years before the use of the telephone was widespread.

The main idea is:

Most people talk on the telephone too much.

The telephone is important in our lives.

Early telephones were no good.