

READING TEST

4TH GRADE 2ND TRIMESTER

Student's name: _____ Date: _____

1 Read and write T or F.

Escape Rooms

Have you ever been to an escape room? They're amazing. First, your team chooses a room with a theme, like a jungle. Then you have to find clues in the room. You look behind trees and under bushes to find and solve the clues and riddles to "escape" from the room. There are also number patterns that can help you unlock the door.

Some clues and riddles are easy, but some are very difficult. You have an hour to find your way out of the room. The worst thing is a clock rings every fifteen minutes. It can make you nervous and not pay attention to your teammates. This is bad because to escape, teamwork is important.

It is also important to think quickly and be creative. I've already escaped from three different rooms and I'm going to another escape room next week, too. Have you ever been to one? Write and tell me about it.

Jenna, 10

- a You play with a team in an escape room. T
- b You find riddles under trees.
- c Number patterns help you unlock the door.
- d It's important to pay attention to your teammates.
- e Jenna has been to four different escape rooms.

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2 Read and answer the questions.

The History of Sugar

People have eaten sugar for centuries. In 510 BCE, the emperor of Persia called sugarcane the plant that gives honey without bees. People there thought it was special, so they kept it a secret for many years. They made sugar from the cane and sold it for lots of money. The Arabs discovered the secret in the 600s, and they also started planting sugarcane.

The Europeans didn't know what sugar was until the 11th century when rich merchants started importing it from the east. Sugar was only for rich people—it was so expensive that people called it “white gold”! But slowly more and more countries started planting sugar and by the late 1800s, everyone was able to buy some.

However, scientists have discovered that sugar isn't nutritious. So even if it's cheap, it's bad for you if you eat too much.

- 1 Where does sugar come from?
a bees b the Persians c a plant
- 2 What did the Persians do with the sugarcane?
a They kept it a secret.
b They gave it to the Arabs.
c They made it into a plant
- 3 What happened in the 600s?
a The Arabs invented sugar.
b Europeans started planting sugarcane.
c The Arabs started planting sugarcane.
- 4 Who was able to buy sugar in the 11th century?
a the Europeans b only the rich c people in the east
- 5 What is the problem with sugar today?
a It isn't very healthy for you.
b It's cheap.

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c Scientists have discovered it.

3 Read and write T or F.

FUN Food Facts

Do you know your food facts?

- **Soup:** hot, cold, with vegetables, pasta, or meat. Everyone has eaten soup, haven't they? Historians have found when the first soup existed – 6,000 BCE. It had hippopotamus meat in it!
- **Pizza:** What's your favourite pizza? Cheese and tomato pizzas are the most popular, but in Brazil, the most popular type of pizza is with green peas.
- **Chocolate:** dark, milk, or white. Everyone likes to eat it. Did you know that the Aztecs used it as currency?
- **Ketchup or tomato sauce:** People use this on French fries, pies, and many other foods. However, in the 1800s, people used it as medicine!
- **Fruit:** Fresh fruit can be expensive, especially when a country imports it. But the most expensive fruit is the Japanese Yubari King cantaloupe. Someone once bought two of these melons for \$23,500!



- a The first soup had vegetables in it. F
- b Pizza with green peas is popular in Brazil.
- c The Aztecs used chocolate to pay for things.
- d French fries and pies were medicine.
- e The Japanese import Yubari King cantaloupes.

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4 Write a blog about an interesting adventure you had.

Remember

- Write in the first person.
- Include information about what you have been doing.
- Use *also*, *too*, and *either*.

5  Listen and circle the correct words.

- a Sue has never made a vlog / written a blog.
- b Jim has just finished *making a vlog* / uploading a blog.
- c Jim's vlog post was about *free time* / computer games this week.
- d Sue has never *made videos* / written for a vlog.

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6 Listen and match.

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| 1 Really old popcorn was discovered | a <u>since</u> 1927. |
| 2 Balloons were created by | b nearly thirty years old. |
| 3 The Internet is | c in New Mexico. |
| 4 We have had the TV | d the Aztecs. |

7 Listen and mark ✓ the correct sentences.

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| a Vegetables and plants grow in greenhouses. | <u>✓</u> |
| b Sunlight keeps the greenhouse warm. | <u> </u> |
| c Cold weather is good for plants. | <u> </u> |
| d Farmers must also take care of the plants in greenhouses. | <u> </u> |