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Read the story and answer the questions .

Ready for the Race

1 "Do you want to come with me?" Kelly asked her brother as she rolled her bike out of the garage. "I'm going to meet some friends at the bike course down the block. We're going to practice for the race next week."

2 "No thanks," Marcus replied as he bounced a ball in the driveway. "Sam's coming over to play basketball."

3 Kelly rode off on her bike while Marcus waited for his friend. Marcus was fast, and he usually did well in most sports. He didn't think it would help if he practiced the course. It could be hilly or sandy, and Marcus knew he would still speed along.

4 When race day finally arrived, Marcus and Kelly put on their helmets and rode their bikes to the Oak Park Trails with their parents.

5 "My stomach feels like I swallowed some butterflies," Kelly told Marcus when they saw the crowd of kids. They joined the other bike riders behind some bright orange cones.

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6 "Kelly is always nervous," Marcus thought. "Don't worry. You'll do fine," he said as he focused on the road ahead. As soon as the starter yelled "Go!" Marcus's legs pumped up and down like two machines. He quickly zoomed to the front of the pack.

7 A few minutes later he was zipping down the trail, and there wasn't anyone ahead of him! Marcus raced along the trail. He bumped over tree roots and rode past some pine trees. Then the path looped around a pond. Marcus was surprised that the course was so long.

8 His tired legs felt like they weighed a hundred pounds. All at once, a flash of color caught his eye. There was a line of bike riders on the trail ahead of him! "How could this be?" Marcus groaned to himself as he pushed forward. "I must have taken a wrong turn and made an extra loop in the course," he thought.

9 Marcus gritted his teeth and pushed his achy muscles harder. He realized his speed alone wouldn't be enough this time; knowing the course was just as important. He edged past a couple of bike riders, but he couldn't reach the riders who were in the lead.

10 After the race Marcus saw his sister at the finish line, and he rode over to her. "Wow, you must have done a good job in the race. What place did you get?" Marcus asked Kelly.

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11 "I came in third place. Mom and Dad said I would even receive a medal!" Kelly answered excitedly.

12 "That's great! I came in ninth place. But I'll do better next year because I'll be smart enough to practice the course with you," Marcus replied with a grin.

1. Which question can be answered by reading the title of this story?

- ☐ A What is the story about?
- ☐ B Who is in the story?
- ☐ C What is the problem in the story?
- ☐ D Where does the story take place?

2. In paragraph 8, what does groaned mean?

- ☐ F screamed
- ☐ G complained
- ☐ H explained
- ☐ J whispered

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3. Which question is answered in paragraph 8?

- ☐ A How long has Marcus been riding?
- ☐ B Why does Marcus make a wrong turn?
- ☐ C How many bike riders are behind Marcus?
- ☐ D What does Marcus see ahead of him on the trail?

4. At the beginning of the story, Marcus thinks he will win the race because he —

- ☐ F is fast
- ☐ G has the best bike
- ☐ H has been in a race before
- ☐ J rides his bike every day

5. Why does Marcus decide to stay home instead of going to practice with his sister?

- ☐ A He has been on the bike course before.
- ☐ B He does not want to ride with her friends.
- ☐ C He thinks she will not be able to keep up with him.
- ☐ D He has a friend coming to play basketball with him.

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6 Which paragraph shows that Marcus understands he made a mistake on the trail?

- [ ] F 6
- [ ] G 7
- [ ] H 8
- [ ] J 9

8 In the future, Marcus will MOST likely —

- [ ] F win the next race
- [ ] G train his sister on the course
- [ ] H prepare for the next race
- [ ] J slow down on the trail

Answer the questions below in full sentences

1.Who did Kelly invite to ride with her to the bike course?

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2.What sport was Marcus planning to play instead of biking?

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3.How did Kelly feel when she saw the crowd of kids at the bike race? Describe her feelings.

4.What did Marcus think he did wrong during the race? Explain.

5.What place did Kelly finish in the race, and how did she feel about it?

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