

PASSAGE: 8

Cassie's Cramp

It has been so hot lately that Cassie's mom has been taking her and her friends to the pool every day. Cassie thinks her mom is great for taking them because she knows how much work her mom has to do at home. Since Cassie has been to the pool so much lately, she can really swim a lot farther and a lot faster than before.

Cassie's mom always brings snacks for the girls. Cassie's mom, however, has one rule, no swimming until 30 minutes after eating a big meal. One day, right after Cassie had eaten a hamburger, fries and a shake, a boy asks Cassie to race. Cassie says she has to wait 30 minutes. The boy calls her a chicken. Just to prove she isn't, Cassie accepts the race. After all, she can handle it. She's a great, fast swimmer.

The two dive into the pool and race down to the end. The boy wins and Cassie says, "I'll race you back." Halfway to the other end, Cassie feels an incredible pain in her stomach. "Cramp!" she yells. No one around her notices. "Cramp!" she yells louder. Finally the lifeguard dives in and pulls Cassie to safety. Cassie's mom comes running over. When Cassie tells her about the cramp in her stomach, her mom explains that that is why it is necessary to wait 30 minutes. Boy does Cassie understand that now!

Date: _____

Circle the letter

1. Cassie thinks her mom is great for taking them to the pool because she knows her mom ... [1]

A loves to swim.

B can swim fast and far.

C has nothing else to do.

D has things to do at home.

Circle the letter.

2. Cassie's decision to race before 30 minutes were up was... [1]

A surprising

B. foolish

C. smart

D. gusty

E. courageous

F. unthinkable

Choose the word and write it on the line. [1]

3. Cassie couldn't stand _____ so she accepted the race.

being called a chicken

the boy

being hot

not racing

4. How was Cassie considerate of her mom? [2]

5. How was Cassie inconsiderate of her mom? [2]

6. Give TWO benefits for Cassie going to the pool. [2]

7. What do you think cause Cassie to get the cramp? [2]