

Reading Comprehension – Drawing Conclusions

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions correctly.

"Okay. I'm all packed up now," Carmen said.

"You are sure you did not forget anything?" Alicia replied.

"Yes, Mom. I checked and rechecked all of my bags before Dad put them in the car," Carmen sighed.

"Do not take that tone with me, young lady. I just want to make sure you have everything you need," Alicia smiled. "What if you realize you need something after we have already left?"

"Mom, you made a list and checked it twice, if not 100 times. I doubt there is anything we've forgotten," said Carmen. "Even if there is, there are stores near the college, you know? It is not in the middle of nowhere."

"I just worry about you, that's all," Alicia said. "This is your first time so far from home. You will not know anyone there. Who is going to look after you?"

"Don't worry so much, okay? You and Dad raised me to be a responsible young lady. Just trust that I will know what the right thing is and do it," Carmen said.

Just then Carmen's dad, Edward, walked into the room. "See, honey! You have nothing to worry about," he said, putting one arm around Alicia and the other around Carmen.

1. From the selection you can tell that Carmen is
 - A. disappointed by her mother's actions.
 - B. scared about leaving her parents alone.
 - C. going off to college for the first time.
 - D. going on a camping trip with friend
2. From the selection you can tell that Carmen's mum
 - A. likes to make sure everything is planned and executed.
 - B. wants to keep Carmen home.
 - C. is afraid to have Carmen go so far away.
 - D. is upset at Edward for not helping.

*May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*

3. After reading this poem, you can conclude that a blessing is
 - A. An old poem
 - B. an ominous saying
 - C. a positive prayer
 - D. a supportive person
4. After reading this poem, you can conclude that a blessing is
 - A. mostly based on agriculture.
 - B. only for farmers.
 - C. praying for others to do well.
 - D. has to do with the weather.

Katherine looked around her and frowned. Everywhere she looked there were bright flowers and green leaves. The garden was so beautiful at this time of year. From the red of the roses to the yellow of the dandelions, it was like looking at a rainbow on the ground.

As much as she loved all of the colors, Katherine was confused. Grandpa George had asked her to pull any weeds she found. He had given her a bucket and some gloves and then gone back to filling the birdfeeders. Katherine wanted to help, but she could not tell which plants were flowers and which ones were weeds since they all looked the same to her.

When she asked Grandpa George to explain the difference between the plants, he started laughing. "Gardeners have asked that question for years," he said. "Here is how I define it. Flowers are the plants I want in the garden. I carefully planted the seeds with my hands. I covered them with soil, and watered them so they would grow. Weeds are the plants I did not invite! They just showed up, thanks to the wind or birds, and those keep growing, no matter what I do."

Katherine giggled at the idea of seeds coming into a garden without an invitation, but then she frowned again. "So, which ones should I pick?" she asked. Grandpa George paused a moment and then said, "Oh heck, let's forget about weeding and make a bouquet for Grandma instead," Katherine thought that was best gardening idea she had ever heard.

5. What two things is this story comparing?
 - A. Flowers and weeds
 - B. Seeds and plants
 - C. Gardens and soil
 - D. Roses and dandelions
6. Why was Katherine confused about the job she was given?
 - A. There were no weeds in the garden.
 - B. She did not understand her Grandpa's directions.
 - C. There were too many plants for her to choose from.
 - D. She was not sure what she was supposed to pick and what she was not.
7. Which statement about this story is most accurate?
 - A. Grandma likes bouquets of dandelions the most.
 - B. Some plants need more care to grow than others.
 - C. Gardening takes a great deal of skill and time to do.
 - D. It is important to spend time outside in nature.
8. What can you conclude about Katherine?
 - A. Katherine doesn't only likes red and yellow flowers.
 - B. Katherine wanted to help with the birdfeeders.
 - C. Katherine doesn't know about how plants grow
 - D. Katherine doesn't believe her Grandpa George.