

DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Carrie and her family had just eaten dinner. Carrie's mother said, "Carrie, your birthday is coming up. How would you like to celebrate?"

Carrie thought about it. "I like going to the zoo, but we went there last year. I'd rather do something different this time. Maybe we could go to a baseball game. I love baseball."

"I think that's a terrific idea!" Carrie's mother said.

"I agree," said her father. "Let's order tickets so we can get good seats."

Carrie was getting excited. She and her family were going to a big baseball game for her birthday. Carrie's parents paid for the tickets. They would also buy snacks and drinks. But Carrie wanted a souvenir (soo-vuh-NEER) from the game to help her remember the day. She counted her money. Her grandma had sent her twenty dollars. She had also saved ten dollars on her own. That made thirty dollars. "I bet I have enough for something nice," Carrie thought. "I could buy a T-shirt or a hat."

It was the day before Carrie's birthday. Her parents had bought tickets to a baseball game, and Carrie couldn't wait. Baseball was her favorite sport. She was even on her school's softball team. At practice, she told her coach how excited she was to go to a major-league game.

"Bring a score card so you can remember everything," the coach said.

"But I've never used a score card," Carrie said. "I don't know how."

"It's not difficult," the coach said. "I can teach you if you're interested."

"Thanks!" Carrie said. "I'd really like to learn."

The coach showed Carrie how to record stats on a score card. Soon, she understood. She was ready for the game.

1. Which sentence best helps the reader preview the text?

- (A) the first sentence
- (B) the second sentence
- (C) the third sentence
- (D) the last sentence

2. Where does Carrie want to go for her birthday?

- (A) the zoo
- (B) a baseball game
- (C) out to dinner
- (D) a basketball game

3. Which word makes a new word by adding the suffix *-ing*?

- (A) celebrate
- (B) zoo
- (C) idea
- (D) thought

4. Which is a compound word?

- (A) birthday
- (B) baseball
- (C) something
- (D) all of the above

5. Which contains a simile?

- (A) How would you like to celebrate?
- (B) I like going to the zoo, but we went there last year.
- (C) I love playing baseball.
- (D) none of the above

P1

1. What is this text about?

- (A) a rich grandma
- (B) a girl who likes T-shirts
- (C) a family playing baseball
- (D) a girl thinking about what to buy at a baseball game

2. Which part of the text does the second sentence tell about?

- (A) climax
- (B) falling action
- (C) conflict
- (D) plot

3. Which word is a compound word?

- (A) souvenir
- (B) counted
- (C) baseball
- (D) paid

4. Which two words have similar meanings?

- (A) buy and dollars
- (B) paid and bought
- (C) saved and counted
- (D) ten and twenty

5. Which sentence shows that Carrie is responsible?

- (A) Carrie was getting excited.
- (B) Carrie's parents paid for the tickets.
- (C) But Carrie wanted a souvenir from the game to help her remember the day.
- (D) She had also saved ten dollars on her own.

P2

1. What does Carrie learn to do?

- (A) throw a baseball
- (B) use a score card
- (C) catch a baseball
- (D) buy tickets to a game

2. What is the setting?

- (A) the bus
- (B) softball practice
- (C) Carrie's house
- (D) choir rehearsal

3. Which word makes a new word by adding the prefix *un-*?

- (A) sure
- (B) had
- (C) wait
- (D) not

4. Which is a synonym for *actual*?

- (A) sharp
- (B) fun
- (C) big
- (D) real

5. *Carrie couldn't wait* is

- (A) an onomatopoeia.
- (B) a simile.
- (C) a hyperbole.
- (D) a metaphor.

P3