

Montel wrote this report about tadpoles. He wrote this report to tell his class about how to raise tadpoles. Read Montel's report. Then answer the questions that follow.

**From Tadpole to Frog**

(1) Raising tadpoles in the spring is a grate hobby, and it can be done in your own backyard if you have the proper equipment. (2) I've raised dozens of tadpoles into frogs successfully over the last few years, and I have some valuable tips to offer.

(3) Occasionally pet stores sell tadpoles, but the better and cheaper way to get them is at a nearby pond. (4) Before you acquire your tadpoles from a store or pond. (5) You have to set up a habitat. (6) By doing this, your tadpoles have a new home already waiting for them, and their transition is less stressful.

(7) Tadpoles won't live long in a small jar. (8) They require a flat-bottomed container like an aquarium. (9) Try to find or buy the largest aquarium possible. (10) Fill the bottom of it with an inch of sand. (11) The sand should come from a lake or stream. (12) Place a few rocks on the sand because they will give you're tadpoles places to hide and play.

(13) Just as you and I do, tadpoles need and breath oxygen. (14) In nature, tadpoles get their oxygen from the plants that live in the water. (15) Gather some small green water plants from a local stream or pond. (16) Carefully plant them in the sand in the bottom of your aquarium.

(17) The best kind of water to put in the aquarium is rainwater. (18) Rainwater is clean and doesn't have chlorine in it. (19) Collect rain water in jars and buckets the next time it rains. (20) Save the water until you're ready to set up your tadpole habitat.

(21) When your habitat is ready, it's time to gather tadpoles. (22) You'll find them hiding along the banks of streams, ponds, and lakes.

(23) Feed your tadpoles lettuce or fish food. (24) Only place a little bit in the aquarium at one time. (25) To much food can spoil the water.

(26) After a few weeks go by, those little tadpoles will grow into frogs!

1 What change should be made in sentence 1?

- A Change *spring* to *Spring*
- B Change *grate* to *great*
- C Delete the comma
- D Change *proper* to *propper*

22C

2 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 3?

- F Change *sell* to *sells*
- G Insert a comma after *them*
- H Change *them* to *themselves*
- J No change should be made.

11D

3 What is the correct way to write sentences 4 and 5?

- A Before you acquire your tadpoles from a store or pond, but you have to set up a habitat.
- B Before you acquire your tadpoles from a store or pond, you have to set up a habitat.
- C Before you acquire your tadpoles from a store or pond, meanwhile you have to set up a habitat.
- D Sentences 4 and 5 are written correctly in the report.

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4 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 12?

- F Change *because* to *cause*
- H Change *you're* to *your*
- G Change *they* to *them*
- J Make no change.

16B

5 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 13?

- A Change *I* to *me*
- B Change *need* to *needs*
- C Change *breath* to *breathe*
- D Sentence 13 should not be changed.

6 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 25?

- F Change *To* to *Too*
- G Change *much* to *many*
- H Change *spoil* to *spoyle*
- J Make no change.

Hunter's teacher asked him to write about something he collects. Hunter wrote about his collection of soil samples. Hunter wants you to help him revise his paper. Read Hunter's paper. Then answer the questions.

**My Dirt Collection**

(1) I have been collecting dirt since I was a little kid. (2) I got the idea to collect dirt when I was visiting my grandmother in New Mexico. (3) I noticed that the dirt in her backyard was red. (4) The dirt in her yard was red, I wondered why, while the dirt in my yard was brown. (5) I asked my grandmother for a small jar. (6) She gave me an old baby food jar. (7) I filled it with a sample of the red dirt. (8) I carefully inscribed *New Mexico* on the jar. (9) Took it home with me to Texas.

(10) The next summer, I visited my uncle in Arizona. (11) The dirt in his backyard was yellow and white. (12) I don't know about you, but I think yellow and white things are a little freaky. (13) I filled a small jar with some of the dirt and labeled it *Arizona*. (14) When I got home, I set the *Arizona* jar next to the *New Mexico* jar. (15) I was fascinated by how different the soil samples were. (16) I wondered what color the dirt was in other states.

(17) My friend James was going on vacation to Montana. (18) I asked him to bring back some dirt for me. (19) He thought that was a strange request until I told him about the samples I had from New Mexico and Arizona. (20) Then he became intrigued. (21) Three weeks later he returned with the dirt from Montana. (22) As a bonus, he brought back dirt from Wyoming, Colorado, and Oklahoma! (23) By the end of second grade, I had soil samples from seven different states (including Texas).

(24) Whenever people tell me they're going on vacation to a different state, I ask them to bring back some dirt. (25) The colors of dirt I have now range from subtle shades of purple to bright shades of orange. (26) So far, I have collected soil samples from every state except Alaska.

1 What is the **BEST** way to revise sentence 4?

- A The dirt in her yard was red while the dirt in my yard was brown, I wondered why.
- B I wondered why the dirt in her yard was red while the dirt in my yard was brown.
- C I wondered why first the dirt in her yard was red, and second why the dirt in my yard was brown.
- D I wondered why the dirt in her yard was red, meanwhile the dirt in my yard was brown.

15C\*

2 What is the **BEST** way to combine sentences 8 and 9?

- F I carefully inscribed *New Mexico* on the jar, took it home with me to Texas.
- G I carefully inscribed *New Mexico*, on the jar and took it home, with me to Texas.
- H I carefully inscribed *New Mexico* on the jar and took it home with me to Texas, which was my home.
- J I carefully inscribed *New Mexico* on the jar and took it home with me to Texas.

15C\*

3 What sentence should Hunter remove from this paper?

- A Sentence 3
- B Sentence 6
- C Sentence 12
- D Sentence 14

15C\*

4 Hunter would like to add the following sentence to the fourth paragraph (sentences 24-26).

Although my favorite dirt sample is black sand from a beach in Hawaii.

Where should he insert this sentence?

- F Before sentence 24
- G After sentence 24
- H After sentence 25
- J After sentence 26

5 Hunter wants to add a closing sentence to his paper. Which sentence could **BEST** follow sentence 26?

- A If you happen to vacation there, would you mind bringing back a soil sample for me?
- B I wish my grandmother lived in Alaska because New Mexico is boring.
- C I'm sure that the soil in Alaska will be green because I haven't seen that color of dirt yet.
- D My friend James collects rocks and