

Main Idea - Quiz 2

Read each paragraph. Then answer each question. Circle the correct answer.

The robin is a colorful bird with a bright orange chest. It grows about 9 or 10 inches long. Robins can be found across North America, from Georgia to Alaska. In the winter, they may fly as far south as Mexico. However, they don't leave their northern homes until around November. Robins are one of the first kinds of birds to return home in the spring.

Robins like to live in open areas and be near people. Often, they return to the same tree each year to build their nests the nest is made with grass, twigs, paper, string, rags, and mud. A mother robin lays three to six eggs at a time. Robins mostly eat fruit and insects.

1. This passage mainly tells about

- a. the life of a robin
- b. what robins eat
- c. when robins fly south
- d. what robins look like

Plants are the basis for all food. Life could go on without people, or dogs, or butterflies, or sharks. However, if all the green plants were gone, life on earth would soon cease to exist. On the other hand, as long as plants have enough sun light, water, air, and some minerals, they could get along nicely without animals.

2. Choose the best title for the paragraph.

- a. We Need Plants
- b. Necessary Insects
- c. The Sun Always Shines
- d. Animals Rule the Earth

Many U.S. presidents have had nicknames. James Madison was sometimes called Jemmy. Honest Abe was a popular name for Abraham Lincoln. Dwight Eisenhower was known as Ike, and Theodore Roosevelt was Teddy. Several presidents have been called by their initials. John F. Kennedy was JFK, while Lyndon B. Johnson was LBJ.

3. The main idea of this paragraph is

- a. the nickname of President Eisenhower
- b. nicknames for some U.S. presidents
- c. how presidents got their nicknames
- d. when President Roosevelt was president

Everyone knows how to start a garden. You plant seeds, of course. But did you ever stop to think about where seeds come from? All seeds come from plants. You can cut open a tomato, an orange, an apple, or a pumpkin and find the seeds inside. The pit of a peach is the seed of a peach tree. Peas are the seeds of a pea plant, and the little grains of corn on corn on-the-cob are the seeds of the corn plant. The seeds for a tall pine tree are found inside the pinecones!

4. What is the main idea of this story?

- a. you need seeds to plant a garden
- b. no one really knows where seeds come from
- c. seeds come from plants
- d. every seed will grow

Whales live in the ocean, but they are not fish. Fish can breathe in the water. They can take air from the water and live under the water all of their lives. But whales are different. Whales stick their heads out of the water to breathe. They take a deep breath and then hold their breath under water. Whales are larger than any other animal in the world. They are also very heavy and weigh more than any other animal. Some whales are longer and heavier than the great dinosaurs that used to roam the earth.

5. This selection is mainly about

- a. how fish breathe and swim
- b. the weight of whales
- c. how whales and dinosaurs compare
- d. characteristics of whales