

Cycling to Eilat

Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

I

Today is grade eight's trip to Eilat. It is an exciting day and the students are looking forward to cycling to Eilat. Keren looks out of the window and she can't believe that it is raining. She sits on the school bus and watches the rain. everyone is meeting at school. The bicycles are already there.

II

5 Keren and Dan are afraid that the trip won't *take place. The teachers and parents want to wait for the rain to stop. The police car arrives to *accompany the fifty pupils because it is a large group. Tali comes running in to give the news- there is a rainbow. The rain stopped.

III

10 The police *divide the students into two groups and off they go. Keren is so happy that they are on their way. She was afraid that the many hours of practice would be *wasted. They remember to travel in a *single line. It is cold and windy but the wind is behind them. Keren feels as if she is flying.

IV

15 A food stop is welcome and all the students enjoy their breakfast. The road to Eilat is very long but it is not a difficult ride. After many hours, they reach Yotveta, where they are going to sleep that night. Then, down comes the rain and *hailstones, but they are safe and warm.

V

20 Early the next morning they begin the last part of their bicycle trip. The sky is clear blue and there is no *sign of rain. They have another thirty kilometres to go before they reach the beach. They begin to sing to pass the time. Suddenly Ron, the leader, shouts out that Eilat is in front of them. It is good to see the "Welcome to Eilat" *sign. The long trip is over. They have arrived.

take place – התקיים

divide – חילק

hailstones – ברד

accompany – ליווה

waste – בזבז

sign – סימן, שלט

rainbow - קשת

single line – טור אחד

Choose the best answer according to the text:

1. The pupils in grade eight are planning to ... (lines 1-4)
 - a) travel with the school bus to Eilat.
 - b) ride bicycles to Eilat.
 - c) accompany the police car to Eilat.
2. Keren can't believe that (lines 1-4)
 - a) it is raining.
 - b) the bicycles are already there.
 - c) the trip will take place.
3. A police car goes with the group because ... (lines 5-8)
 - a) there will be an accident.
 - b) the pupils must be divided into two groups.
 - c) there are many pupils.
4. The pupils ride ... (lines 9-12)
 - a) next to each other.
 - b) one behind another.
 - c) in a big group.
5. The wind ... (lines 9-12)
 - a) makes them go faster.
 - b) slows them down.
 - c) makes them fly.
6. After they arrive at Yotveta, (lines 13-16)
 - a) they eat a good breakfast.
 - b) it begins raining again.
 - c) they are frightened by a snake.
7. When they get to Eilat they will probably ... (lines 13-16)
 - a) go swimming.
 - b) sing songs to pass the time.
 - c) welcome the other cyclists.

8. Find a word in the second paragraph which means "to get". _____
9. Find a word in paragraph 3 which means "training". _____
10. Find the name of a seaside town in the text. _____