

SKILL: MAKING JUDGEMENTS

Read the story. Then put a tick (✓) in the box beside the set of words that best complete the sentence in bold print.

"Help for the blind, help for the blind," pleads a man in dark shades. The man also carries a cane. John's coin falls. He looks for the coin. "Look, it's gone under the leaf across there," says the man in the dark shades. "What did you say?" asks John. "Oh, I said the coin might be under the leaf across there," says the man. John looks under the leaf. He finds the coin.



From the story, one can tell that the man in dark shades is

- a. an honest man
- b. really a blind man
- c. a trickster

Where did you put your tick (✓). Did you put it in the box next to **(c)**? If you did, you are correct. For the man to tell John exactly where his coin has gone is unbelievable, that is, of course, if he is truly blind. Therefore **(a)** and **(b)** cannot be correct. It seems that he is a trickster. Therefore **(c)** is correct.

Skill: Inference (Drawing Conclusions)

Read each story below. Then make a line under the set of words that best end the sentence in bold type.

Animals need to move from place to place. They need to move for different reasons. Some animals, like the snake, crawl to get from one place to another. Other animals walk. Animals that walk include dogs, cats, cows and many birds. Most animals that walk usually run as well. Some animals move from place to place by flying. Animals that live in water, move about by swimming.

From the passage one can tell that

- a. Animals need food to live.
- b. Animals move in different ways.
- c. All animals either walk, run or swim.

When Carl's father was a little boy, he played lots of games. He played with marbles. He flew kites. He even spun tops at times. He and his friends 'ran jockey' during the dry season. They 'ran jockey' along a narrow stream.

Today Carl does not play the games his father once played. Some of his friends do. But most of Carl's friends prefer to play video games. Most of them also spend much time watching cartoons on television.

From the passage one can tell that

- a) Boys seldom play games as before.
 - b) Carl's father played several games.
 - c) Boys no longer play games as before.
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 - b) Boys are always very playful.
 - c) Carl's father was a jockey in horse-racing.

