

## Reading Comprehension - Drawing Conclusions

**Directions:** Read the passages and choose the correct answer.

Farmer Brown's pet mule kept running away. He was getting tired of chasing and catching him, so he decided to build a better fence. His mule never ran away again.

Why did Farmer Brown build a fence?

- His pet mule kept running away.
- He was getting old and tired.
- He wanted people off the grass.

Due to their incredible force and unpredictability, floods can cause tremendous damage. They can ruin houses, roads and buildings. Floods can take down trees and cause mudslides. Floods often leave mud, sand and debris behind. It can take months to clean up after a flood.

Based on what you have read, you can CONCLUDE that:

- Cleaning up after a flood can be expensive and take time.
- Floods only occur along the coast.
- Floods are not that dangerous.
- After flood waters dry up, the problem is over.

The wind blew through the rigging as the boy watched the clouds roll in. As the waves grew bigger and bigger, he decided it was time to head home. What is the boy doing?

- eating breakfast
- sailing
- riding his bike
- playing with his friends

Julio and his father had been looking forward to their fishing trip for weeks. They didn't take much food with them on the trip. When they started fishing they were quickly approached by a forest ranger. He asked Julio's father if he had a fishing license. Julio's father reached into his wallet and suddenly got a terrified look on his face. Julio was disappointed that night as he ate dinner. Why did Julio and his father not take much food with them on the trip?

- They were planning on eating the fish they caught.
- They didn't have any food at their house.
- They didn't want to eat too much.
- They don't like to eat fish.

Sally Ann was over 80 years old. She lived in a small house with a very small fenced-in yard. She had just lost her 16-year-old dog and decided to get another dog right away. Sally Ann went to the animal shelter, and after looking at all the dogs, she narrowed her choice down to two. The first was a large, black, one-year-old retriever. He had a lot of energy and was used to running on acres of land. The second dog was a small, three-year-old mix. The people who had owned him said he stayed home alone all day and knew how to use a doggy door to go out to the yard.

Which dog do you think Sally Ann chose?

- Sally Ann chose the black one-year-old retriever.
- Sally Ann chose the small three-year-old mix.
- Sally Ann did not choose either one of the dogs.
- Sally Ann chose both dogs.

The van was packed full, and some things were attached to the luggage rack on top. My mom and dad, two sisters, and I left early Saturday morning for a one week vacation. We were going about halfway, 400 miles, the first day. My dad had made a reservation at a motel just off the highway. We were moving along on schedule, when all of a sudden there was a bang, and the car lurched. My father grasped the steering wheel tightly to keep the car under control, and then drove it onto the shoulder of the road out of the way of traffic.

What do you think happened?

- We were out of gas.
- The things on top of the car had fallen off.
- The car hit a rock.
- We had a blowout.

Kay threw her bike down wherever she stopped. More than once she had left her bicycle in the driveway. Several times her dad had pointed out what could happen when she did this. One morning as her dad was leaving for work, Kay heard a crashing sound outside.

Based on your reading of the text, you can CONCLUDE that:

- Kay rode her bike often.
- Kay learned a lesson from her mistake.
- Kay's dad ran over her bike.
- Her bike was stolen from the garage.