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Comprehension Test

Lesson 27

Directions: Please answer these questions in complete sentences.

1. What caused Klondike Kate to become celebrated all over the world?

2. What do Kate's actions reveal about the kind of person she was? (use textual evidence to support your answer)

3. How do Kate and the Mounties help one another?

4. List three different jobs Kate had throughout her life.

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North American river otters are thought of as playful animals. A mother and her young can sometimes be seen enjoying themselves sliding down snow-covered or muddy hills. They also play in the water. Many of these playful activities serve a purpose. Sliding is a quick way for adult otters to travel. Mother otters teach their babies important skills, such as hunting, through play.

Otters are most comfortable in water but can travel on land. They are excellent swimmers that move through the water by propelling themselves with their powerful tails. Otters have webbed feet that help them swim and eat. They also have ears and noses that they close to keep water out when they are underwater. Otters can also run quickly on land, which helps them escape predators.

Otters like to live near lakes, slow-moving rivers, or streams, where they can easily find food. They build dens near the water's edge. This allows them to make an underwater entrance to their home. Otters' homes have a tunnel that leads to a nesting area.

Otters usually hunt at night but can also be seen hunting during the day. They like to eat fish. They also will eat crabs, turtles, and crayfish. They even eat frogs, snakes, and birds or their eggs when necessary.

Otters can swim quickly and usually prey on slower-moving fish. Otters use their long whiskers to help them feel movement in the water to find fish in dark water. Otters usually eat their small prey in the water. They will eat larger prey on shore.

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- 5 4. Read this sentence from the article.

Otters can also run quickly on land, which helps them escape predators.

How can you paraphrase this line?

- (A) Otters can also run quickly on land, which helps them escape predators.
- (B) Otters escape predators by running and swimming quickly.
- (C) Otters are as quick on land as in the water, which helps them.
- (D) Otters keep safe from predators on land because they are able to move quickly.

- 6 5. How can you summarize the third paragraph?

- (A) Otters live near water, where they can find food and build their homes.
- (B) Otters choose to live near lakes, rivers, and streams so they can find fish.
- (C) Otters build their dens near water because they are excellent swimmers.
- (D) Otters use tunnels to get from their homes to the water to find food.

1 When my teacher asked me to write a letter to the mayor asking for a change, I thought long and hard about what I wanted to say. I considered the changes I would like to see in our community. The first thing that came to mind was that I wanted a playground. We used to have a playground, but the community got too crowded, so they built homes where the playground used to be. I would also like to have a library. We had a library once, but it burned down. People said it required too much money to rebuild it. What would the best change be?

2 My teacher said I need to choose just one thing I want, and write about that one thing. So after I thought about everything, I decided on one particular change I wished to see. I chose trees, because I want more trees in our neighborhood. If we have more trees, the city will be much cooler in summer. Trees will also make the city much more beautiful, too. During wintertime, we can hang lights on the trees, which will make the city much brighter. This was a change everyone would enjoy.

3 I wrote my idea to the mayor, and I also told my family about it. My mother told the block club the idea, and they all liked it. The members of the block club called a city office and requested trees to plant on our block. Although it took several weeks to get an answer, eventually the answer came. Our neighborhood received ten trees!

4 One Saturday, the people in the block club planted our new trees. To plant them, we needed large holes, and it was difficult work. City workers used big machines to dig them. Then, we had to water the trees. People took very great care of the trees.

5 The trees started out quite small, but over time they started to grow. Birds even came to nest in them, and now in the morning I can hear birds singing. I knew the trees would be pretty, but I didn't realize there would be more birds. What a difference I had made. The trees really changed our community.

6 I'm glad I wrote the letter, and I'm especially glad I told my mother my idea. I hope the mayor puts trees all over the city. We already have got them on my block, and they make the block a better place. One thing I learned is that a change starts with you.

Summarize Fiction

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Choose the best answer for each question.

7. 9. What do you include in a summary of a story?

- a. what you liked about it
- b. all the things that happen
- c. all the characters
- d. the important events

9. 10. What is a good summary of paragraph 5?

- a. The trees grew.
- b. Birds nested in the trees.
- c. It is hard work to plant trees.
- d. The trees improved the neighborhood.

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10. What is the best summary of the first paragraph?

- a. The library burned.
- b. They wanted a new library.
- c. They wanted a library and a playground.
- d. They were writing to ask the mayor to make a change.

10. 11. What is a good summary of the last paragraph?

- a. One person can make a difference.
- b. Having trees is a good idea.
- c. The mayor helped the neighbors.
- d. The block club helped a lot.