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READING

DIRECTIONS: Read this passage and then answer questions 1 through 9.

Be Thankful for What You Have

Katrina lived with her mother and father in a small white house. All the other houses in the neighborhood looked the same except the house next door to Katrina. This house had broken windows, missing tiles on the roof, and needed new paint. Everyone who lived in the area thought this house looked awful. No one had lived there for some time.

One Saturday morning, a pickup truck loaded with boxes and furniture arrived. Katrina saw a man, a woman, and a boy get out of the truck. They stopped on the front lawn and gazed at their new home. She watched as they took things from the truck and carried them into the house. Within twenty minutes, everything was safely placed inside.

On Monday morning, Katrina left for school as usual. As she entered her classroom she heard her teacher say, "This is David Bateman, please make him feel welcome." Katrina recognized him right away. He was the boy who had just moved in to the house next to hers. The

teacher asked Katrina to show him around the school.

At lunchtime, Katrina showed David the way to the lunchroom. As they ate their lunch, David told Katrina he was excited to be living in his new house. Katrina looked surprised and asked, "Don't you think it needs a lot of fixing?"

David explained that he and his parents had spent the weekend making plans. They wanted to fix the house so that it would look like all the other houses in the neighborhood. They knew it would take a lot of time and hard work. They felt it would be worth it. They had never owned their own house or lived in such a nice neighborhood.

Katrina realized she was very lucky. She had always lived in a nice neighborhood. Listening to David's story made her feel thankful for all that she had. Sometimes another person helps you understand how much you have.

- 1 Read this sentence from "Be Thankful for What You Have."

They stopped on the front lawn and gazed at their new home.

What is the correct spelling of the base (root) word of stopped?

- A stopp
- B stope
- C stop
- D stoppe

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2 What does the word gazed mean as used in “Be Thankful for What You Have”?

- A sighed
- B stared
- C smiled
- D started

3 Read this sentence.

David’s story made her feel thankful for all that she had.

Replacing –ful with –less makes a new word that means –

- A thank later
- B full of thanks
- C thank again
- D without thanks

4 Which word means the same as the word awful?

- A pretty
- B dangerous
- C bad
- D colorful

5 Which of the following will David’s family **most** likely do next?

- A fix the broken windows
- B go on a vacation
- C move to a new neighborhood
- D paint their pickup truck

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6 Which word **best** describes Katrina at the end of “Be Thankful for What You Have”?

- A unlucky
- B fearful
- C mean
- D grateful

7 In “Be Thankful for What You Have,” which word **best** describes David and his parents?

- A greedy
- B hopeful
- C wealthy
- D careless

8 “Be Thankful for What You Have” is an example of

- A a poem
- B nonfiction
- C fiction
- D a play

9 Who is telling what happens in “Be Thankful for What You Have”?

- A Katrina
- B the narrator
- C David
- D the teacher

DIRECTIONS: Read this passage and then answer questions 10 through 14.

Kids in the Kitchen

Before making anything in the kitchen, some rules must be followed. By following these simple rules, you will have success and probably be invited back to prepare another treat. Practice makes perfect!

Rules for the Kitchen

- Always ask an adult if you can use the kitchen.
- Make sure you have all the needed items before you start.
- Wash your hands before you handle food.
- Wear an apron or towel to keep your clothes clean.
- Always clean up when you are finished.

Ants on a Log

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Needed Items: 2 celery sticks
6 tablespoons of peanut butter
2 tablespoons of raisins
1 knife (You will need help from an adult.)

Directions:

1. Wash the celery.
2. Cut the celery so each stick is about five inches long.
3. Spread peanut butter in u-shaped part of celery, from one end to the other.
4. Press raisins gently into peanut butter.
5. Enjoy your ants on a log and share the recipe with a peer!

Serves: 2 people (Serving size is one celery stick.)



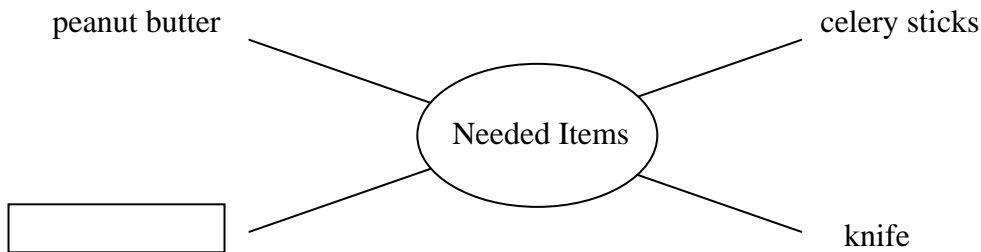
10 Which of these lists of words from “Kids in the Kitchen” is in alphabetical order?

- A peer, people, perfect, peanut
- B peanut, peer, people, perfect
- C perfect, peanut, people, peer
- D peanut, perfect, peer, people

11 According to “Kids in the Kitchen,” which of the following is **not** a rule for the kitchen?

- A set a timer
- B clean up
- C wear an apron
- D wash your hands

12 Look at the web from “Kids in the Kitchen.”



Which item belongs in the box?

- A apron
- B log
- C raisins
- D timer

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13 Which of these would be the **best** source of information on where celery is grown?

- A a thesaurus
- B a dictionary
- C an atlas
- D an encyclopedia

14 When making Ants on a Log, what should be done **after** spreading the peanut butter?

- A wash the celery
- B put the apron on
- C cut the celery
- D press the raisins

DIRECTIONS: Read this passage and then answer questions 15 through 21.



1234 West Main Street
Somewhere, Arizona 85000
February 16, 2009

Dear Tommy,

Last weekend my Uncle Tyler took me fishing. We drove for three hours and finally arrived at my uncle's favorite lake. First, we walked around the lake looking for a good spot to fish. My uncle said we should fish from the top of a large rock.

I was so eager to catch a fish that when I threw my fishing line and hook out, the entire rod and reel went with it! Uncle Tyler got my rod and reel out of the lake. Then he said that next time, I should wait until he put a worm on the hook.

We fished all morning and my uncle caught four fish. He is an expert fisherman. The only thing I caught was a cold. I can't wait to go again soon, so I can become a great fisherman like my uncle.

Your friend,

Frank

15 What will Frank **most** likely do next time Uncle Tyler asks him to go fishing?

- A go with Uncle Tyler
- B play with Tommy
- C stay home alone
- D write a letter

16 Read this phrase from the letter.

I was so eager to catch a fish...

Adding -ly to the word eager makes a new word that means-

- A more eager
- B eager again
- C not eager try
- D in an eager way

17 Which word **best** describes Frank?

- A bored
- B gentle
- C excited
- D angry

18 Which of these books would be **best** to find more information about people who catch fish?

- A Fat Fish
- B Favorite Lakes
- C Fishing Hooks
- D Famous Fishermen

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19 What does the word expert mean as used in the letter?

- A not skilled
- B very skilled
- C handsome
- D horrible

20 Which part of the letter tells to whom the letter is written?

- A greeting
- B body
- C closing
- D date

21 Look at the sequence of events from the letter.

1. drove for three hours
2. arrived at the lake
3. ?
4. threw fishing line and hook out

Which of the following events should be number 3?

- A fished all morning
- B caught a cold
- C stopped at a large rock
- D want to go again

DIRECTIONS: Read this passage and then answer questions 22 through 28.

There's a New Toy in Town!

You may think you know what fast is, but you haven't seen fast until you've seen -

THE ZOOMSTER DELUXE!

The Zoomster Deluxe makes the rest of the racers look like they're standing still. It is built with an improved smooth design. The Zoomster Deluxe is 75% faster than the old Zoomster 2000.

Most racing remotes work well on flat ground. The Zoomster Deluxe can reach high speeds on even and rough ground.

The remote control unit fits in your hand and is easy to use. This excellent Zoomster has been made to reach high speeds by using less battery power. This saves you time and money.

The Zoomster Deluxe is available right now at a great low price of \$15.00 for each racer. You can save even more with our special offer of 2 racers for \$25.00! Hurry and order your Zoomster Deluxe before they're all gone. They won't last long at this great price!

The Zoomster Deluxe is not available in stores. You can order your Zoomster Deluxe today by calling our toll-free number: 800-555-3278, online at www.zoomster.edu, or mail your order and payment to:

Zoomster Toys
P.O. Box 346
Los Angeles, CA 90001

DON'T DELAY - ORDER TODAY! (No refunds)

- 22** Which of these is **not** a way to buy the Zoomster Deluxe?
- A go to the store
 - B call the toll-free number
 - C go on-line
 - D mail order with payment
- 23** The “!” in the title of the article is there to persuade the reader to –
- A buy the Zoomster 2000
 - B save money
 - C buy the Zoomster Deluxe
 - D save batteries
- 24** Which of these statements from “There’s a New Toy in Town!” is a fact?
- A They won’t last long at this great price!
 - B The Zoomster Deluxe is not available in stores.
 - C The remote control unit fits in your hand and is easy to use.
 - D The Zoomster Deluxe makes other racers look like they’re standing still.

25 Read this part from “There’s a New Toy in Town!”

This excellent Zoomster has been made to reach high speeds by using less battery power.

Which phrase persuades the reader to believe that the Zoomster saves money?

- A reach high speeds
- B using less battery power
- C This excellent Zoomster
- D has been made

26 According to “There’s a New Toy in Town!” which is **not** a reason to buy the Zoomster Deluxe?

- A It is 75% faster than the Zoomster 2000.
- B It is available for a great low price.
- C It uses a lot of batteries.
- D It can reach high speeds.

27 According to the passage, which of the following is true about the Zoomster 2000?

- A It is slower than the Zoomster Deluxe.
- B It is a new toy.
- C It saves time and money.
- D It works on rough ground.

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28 Read this list of words from “There’s a New Toy in Town!”

rest remote reach refund

If this list were in ABC order, which word would be last?

- A rest
- B remote
- C reach
- D refund

