

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT1/ A Tall Tale – part 1

Paul Bunyan was the biggest baby ever born. He was a good baby, but he was always very hungry. When Paul was hungry, he cried so loudly that the house used to shake, and the windows used to break. The frogs in the pond started wearing earplugs! For breakfast every day, Paul Bunyan's mum and dad fed him 12 eggs, a loaf of bread, 10 bananas and 24 pancakes with lots of syrup. Pancakes were Paul's favorite food. Paul grew bigger and bigger. He grew two centimeters every day. By the time Paul was seven, he was taller than the tallest home in his village .

Paul went to school, but he was too big to fit inside. He had to lie outside on the grass and watch through the window. After school, the children used to come and play with Paul. But sometimes he felt lonely. 'What's the matter?' Paul's mum asked. 'I wish I had a friend who was my size,' Paul said to his mum. One winter, there was a huge snowstorm. Paul heard something crying outside. He went out in the storm to see who was there. He dug through the snow and found a baby ox – a very big baby ox, just the right size to be Paul's friend. 'Hello!' exclaimed Paul. The ox was so cold that it had turned blue. Paul brought the ox inside. He called the ox Babe. Paul and Babe the Blue Ox became best friends. They loved wrestling together. At night, Paul used to read bedtime stories to Babe.

MARK TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F)

1. Paul Bunyan's parents were very big. ()
2. When Paul was a child, he learned to read. ()
3. Paul wanted a friend his own size. ()
4. Paul met Babe the Blue ox in summer. ()
5. Paul's favorite food was bananas. ()

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 2/ A Tall Tale– part 2

On his 18th birthday, Paul's parents gave him a huge axe for cutting down trees. Paul loved his axe. He could cut down a tree with one chop of his axe. 'I'm going to be a logger,' said Paul. Paul and Babe the Blue Ox set out for the big forests. They met a group of strong men and together they became a team of loggers.

The men cut down trees and Babe dragged the logs to a long curvy river. The logs floated down the river to the town to be sold. Paul and the loggers worked so fast that the river filled with logs. The logs got stuck in the curves of the river. Paul tied Babe to the end of the river. Babe pulled and pulled until the river was straight. The logs became unstuck and floated quickly to the town.

Circle the correct answer

1. What present did Paul's parents give him for his 18th birthday?
a. An ox b. A pan c. An axe
2. What job did Paul and Babe do?
a. Digging for metal b. Cutting down trees c. Cooking
3. Why did the logs get stuck in the river?
a. Paul worked too fast. b. The river was straight. c. Babe was in the river.
4. How did Paul and Babe get the logs to town?
a. They dug a new river. b. They pulled the river straight. c. They carried them to town.
5. What was the loggers' favorite food?
a. Pancakes b. Bananas c. Butter

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 3

Hello! My name is Essa and I'm 10 years old. I live with my parents and my twin brother, Faisal. We live in a city called Salt, which is in Jordan. My mother usually wakes me up at 5.00 am and I wash my face, I get dressed and eat breakfast. My mother drinks coffee but I never drink it. It tastes funny!

I always walk to school, which starts at 7.00 am and we have lessons in Math, Arabic, Islamic education, Science, French, Art history and Geography. My favorite subject is Geography because I like to learn about other countries. Morning classes finish at twelve and my school closes from twelve to 2.00 pm. During this time, I often go home to eat lunch.

Afternoon classes end at 5.00 pm, and I go home. When I get home, I like to watch television. Sometimes, I play on our PlayStation. My favorite game is football. I start my homework at 7.00 pm and have dinner with my family at 8.00 pm. It's bedtime at 9 o'clock. Good night!

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. Eissa is _____ years old.
a. nine b. ten c. eleven
2. You can find Salt in _____.
a. UAE b. Norway c. Jordan
3. His school starts at _____.
a. quarter past two b. quarter to seven c. seven o'clock
4. His favorite game is _____.
a. football b. homework c. tennis

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 4/ Robobees

Scientists have invented tiny flying robots called 'robobees'. Scientists hope that, in the future, robobees will be able to do many things. Just like real bees, robobees will carry pollen (yellow powder) from flower to flower on farms. The flowers need the pollen so that fruit and vegetables can grow. Robobees will also fly through tiny holes in dangerous places, taking photographs for scientists. And they will help find people who are trapped in fallen buildings.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. The text is mainly about a small _____.
a. building b. flower c. robot
2. The Robobee will be able to _____.
a. swim in the ocean b. fly above the old buildings c. carry pollen from flower to flower
3. Why does the flower need the pollen?
a. To change its color b. To fly very fast c. so that fruit and vegetables can grow
4. Why do they need the Robobees to fly through the holes?
a. to have fun b. to find flowers c. to take photographs for scientists

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 5

Mona is 12 years old and she lives with her parents, her sister, her brother and her grandparents near Fujairah, in the UAE. Her house is small and very old. Mona always wakes up early for morning prayers. She washes her face and hands. After prayers, she changes into her school uniform. She has something to eat for breakfast, usually chebab or khameers, but her favorite food is harees. Mona catches the bus to school, which is about half an hour away. She

starts school at 8 am. There are 26 students in her class. Her favorite subject is Science. When she is older, she wants to be a scientist and discover new things to help people.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. Mona is _____ years old.
a. ten b. eleven c. twelve
2. She lives with her _____
a. father and mother b. uncle and aunt c. cousin
3. Her house is _____
a. small b. big c. colorful
4. When she grows up, she will be a/an _____
a. police officer b. engineer c. scientist

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 6

The UAE has the tallest skyscraper in the world. It is called the Burj Khalifa, which is in Dubai. It is nearly 830 meters tall and has 163 floors! Dubai has over 196 high-rise buildings. If a fire starts in a tall building, it is very difficult to put it out. Helicopters can fly up high and throw water on the flames, but this can take a long time. It is very dangerous and firefighters must be very brave. Firefighters in Dubai will soon have flying jetpacks, so they can fly up to the high skyscrapers and fight the fires. It can be very windy at the top of skyscrapers and the wind makes the fire bigger and stronger. The jetpack firefighters will be able to reach the higher floors more easily and more quickly. Firefighters are people who do amazing things to help other people.

Circle the correct answer

1. The tallest skyscraper in the world is in _____.
a. Abu Dhabi b. Sharjah c. Dubai
2. The Burj Khalifa skyscraper is more than _____ tall.
a. 830 centimeters b. 830 meters c. 163 meters
3. It is _____ for firefighters to fight fires in skyscrapers.
a. easy b. difficult c. dangerous
4. _____ drops water onto the flames of skyscraper fires.
a. A flying jetpack b. firefighters c. Helicopters

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 7

My grandmother told me a story about a woman called Salwa Al Hammadi. Salwa was from Dubai and she worked in a bank there. Every day, she saw lots of cats in rubbish bins, car parks and on the street. The cats looked very unhealthy and very thin. Salwa felt sorry for the cats and she took them to her house. If the cats were sick, she took them to the vet to get better.

Soon, Salwa had too many cats. She asked friends, family and neighbors to give homes to the cats. Very soon, everyone had cats in their houses and they were all very happy.

After the story ended, my grandmother said that being a good person means being kind to all living things. My grandmother and I went outside to the garden where we picked up two cats that were sitting outside our house. We took them to the vet to make sure they were healthy and gave them food and water when they got home. My grandmother is my heroine as she is kind to every living thing and taught me to be the same.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. The cats were _____.
a. unkind b. ugly c. healthy
2. Salwa worked in a _____.
a. zoo b. museum c. bank
3. A good person means being _____.
a. healthy b. kind c. brave

READING COMPREHENSION- TEXT 8

Hello. I'm Rashid and I live in Liwa Oasis. At the weekend, I usually get up at 8 o'clock. On Saturdays, I go to the football club at 10.30. It's hard work! The club finishes at 11.15 and then we all have lunch together. In the afternoon, I play with my brother or do my homework. We sometimes watch television at 4.45 until dinner is ready. I love watching football on TV.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1. Rashid lives in _____.
a. Dubai b. Liwa Oasis c. RAK
2. He _____ at 8 o'clock
a. always gets up b. never gets up c. usually gets up
3. On Saturday, he _____ at 11:15.
a. goes to football club b. eats lunch c. plays with his brother
4. At quarter to five, he _____.
a. plays with his brother b. does his homework c. watches TV