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Intensive Reading Drills

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Introduction

Comprehension is the understanding and interpretation of what is read. In order to accurately understand the written material, students must be able to decode what they read and then make connections between what is read and what is already known before drawing conclusions.

Please read the passages provided in this book and answer the questions that follow to check reading comprehension. Passages are a mixture of fiction stories and non-fiction articles.

Text 1

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Steve Johnson checked the horse he was driving and looked attentively at the stage. He was a stout-built, dark-complexioned young man, with a beard of a month's growth, wearing an old and dirty suit, which would have reduced any tailor to despair if taken to him for cleaning and repairs. A loose cap, with a torn crown, surmounted a singularly ill-favored visage.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Steve is tidily dressed. True?
Q.2	Steve was riding a horse. True?
Q.3	Steve must be very young. True?
Q.4	Steve is taking his suit to repair. True?
Q.5	Steve has a brand new cap. True?

Answers:

Q.1	Steve is tidily dressed. True? False
Q.2	Steve was riding a horse. True? True
Q.3	Steve must be very young. True? Can't tell.
Q.4	Steve is taking his suit to repair. True? False
Q.5	Steve has a brand new cap. True? False

Text 2

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The team was five miles from Nashville, and Steve had a prospect of a longer ride than he desired under the circumstances. His companion pulled out a dirty clay pipe from his pocket, and filled it with tobacco, and then explored another pocket for a lighter. A muttered oath showed that he failed to find one.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Steve's companion is a smoker. True?
Q.2	Steve is heading towards which place?
Q.3	The clay pipe is supposed to be filled up with what?
Q.4	There is still how many miles to go?

Answers:

Q.1	Steve's companion is a smoker. True? True
Q.2	Steve is heading towards which place? Nashville
Q.3	The clay pipe is supposed to be filled up with what? tobacco
Q.4	There is still how many miles to go? 5

Text 3

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It happened that Steve had not less than forty dollars with him. He had carried some dry food to a remote part of the city, and collected several bills on the way. All this money he had in a wallet in the pocket on the other side from the tramp. But the money was not his; it belonged to his boss, and he was not disposed to give it up without a struggle; though he knew that in point of strength he was not an equal match for the man beside him.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	The money belongs to Steve. True?
Q.2	Steve bought food along the way. True?
Q.3	Steve keeps the money in a:
Q.4	Someone is trying to rob Steve. True?

Answers:

Q.1	The money belongs to Steve. True? False
Q.2	Steve bought groceries along the way. True? False
Q.3	Steve keeps the money in a: wallet
Q.4	Someone is trying to rob Steve. True? True

Text 4

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The robber clutched Steve by the arm, and seemed in a fair way to overcome opposition by superior strength, when a fortunate idea struck Steve. In his pocket was a golden dollar, which had been taken at the hotel, but proving to be counterfeit, had been given to Steve by Mr. Davidson as a curiosity.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Who gave Steve the golden dollar?
Q.2	Where is the golden dollar?
Q.3	Steve is being robbed. True?
Q.4	The golden dollar is genuine. True?
Q.5	The robber is very strong. True?

Answers:

Q.1	Who gave Steve the golden dollar? Mr. Davidson
Q.2	Where is the golden dollar kept? In Steve's pocket
Q.3	Steve is being robbed. True? True
Q.4	The golden dollar is genuine. True? False
Q.5	The robber is very strong. True? True

Text 5

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Instead of pursuing his journey, Steve made his way into the forest, and stretching himself out among the underbrush, went to sleep.

Two miles before reaching the store, Steve overtook Michelle Wright, who had the reputation of being the prettiest young lady in Nashville – at any rate, such was Steve’s opinion. She looked up and smiled pleasantly at Steve as he took off his cap.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Steve slept in the forest. True?
Q.2	Who is the prettiest young lady in Nashville?
Q.3	Michelle dislikes Steve. True?
Q.4	Be decided to give up his journey. True?

Answers:

Q.1	Steve slept in the forest. True? True
Q.2	Who is the prettiest young lady in Nashville? Michelle
Q.3	Michelle dislikes Steve. True? False
Q.4	Steve decided to give up his journey. True? False

Text 6

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In the Pearl River there lived five beautiful maidens. They were called the Pearl-daughters. They had long, purple hair, which floated upon the waves as they swam from rock to rock. When their father went away, he left in their care a great lump of pure gold. This gold was at the bottom of the highest rock in the river. Every morning the beautiful Pearl-daughters would dance and sing about their gold.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	How many maidens are there?
Q.2	What is the color of their hair?
Q.3	Can they swim?
Q.4	Where is the gold?
Q.5	When do the daughters dance?
Q.6	Do the daughters sing?

Answers:

Q.1	How many maidens are there? 5
Q.2	What is the color of their hair? purple
Q.3	Can they swim? Yes
Q.4	Where is the gold? at the bottom of the highest rock in the river
Q.5	When do the daughters dance? Every morning
Q.6	Do the daughters sing? Yes

Text 7

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When the Pearl-daughters came to the rock where the gold had been, they could not sing their happy song. Their faces were very sad now, and they said: “Oh, why did Goliath steal our beautiful gold? It cannot make him happy, for no one can ever be truly happy who does not know love.” They often sat upon the rocks under the moon and cried as if their hearts would break because they had lost their gold.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Why are the daughters sad?
Q.2	Who stole the gold?
Q.3	When do they cry?

Answers:

Q.1	Why are the daughters sad? The gold was stolen.
Q.2	Who stole the gold? Golliath
Q.3	When do they cry? At night

Text 8

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The maidens laughed at him and darted away to a higher rock. Golliath hurried after them. He blinked and scowled in the sunshine, because his eyes were not used to the light. The maidens laughed and shouted in their play. They called to Golliath and teased him. They went very close to him, pretending that they would take his hand, that he, too, might play in the sunshine. Then they would quickly dart away, mocking him, and laughing at him more loudly than ever.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Golliath has problem seeing things in the light. True?
Q.2	Who teased Golliath?

Answers:

Q.1	Golliath has problem seeing things in the light. True? True
Q.2	Who teased Golliath? The maidens

Text 9

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Golliath was the most hideous of all the red ugly little Hobbits. The Hobbits had cross, scowling faces, because they were always scolding each other. They quarreled from morning till night, so, of course, their faces grew to look quarrelsome. As Golliath hurried after the Pearl-daughters, he suddenly caught sight of the gold glittering in the morning sun. He stood still. Then he straightened up as tall as his crooked, misshapen little back would let him. He opened his eyes wide.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Golliath is a hobbit. True?
Q.2	Hobbits like to _____ all the time.
Q.3	Hobbits are _____ in colour.
Q.4	Golliath's face grew to look _____.

Answers:

Q.1	Golliath is a hobbit. True? True
Q.2	Hobbits like to _____ all the time. quarrel
Q.3	Hobbits are _____ in colour. red
Q.4	Golliath's face grew to look _____. quarrelsome

Text 10

Please read carefully and answer the questions that follow.

On the mountain-side lived a family of splendid giants. The greatest of the giants was Ruby. She was the master. They had always lived out of doors, because the master had never been able to find a giant who was large enough to build such a grand shelter as she wanted for her family. But one day there came to the mountainside the largest giant Ruby had ever seen. His name was Toku. He was many times larger than Ruby.

Your answers (if you cannot tell the answer based on the text provided, just write "Can't tell"):

Q.1	Ruby is a hobbit. True?
Q.2	Who was the master of the giants?
Q.3	Ruby lives _____ of the shelter. (inside/outside)
Q.4	Toku is _____ than Ruby. (smaller/larger)
Q.5	Ruby is a _____ (male/female).

Answers:

Q.1	Ruby is a hobbit. True? False
Q.2	Who was the master of the giants? Ruby
Q.3	Ruby lives _____ of the shelter. inside
Q.4	Toku is _____ than Ruby. larger
Q.5	Ruby is a _____ Female

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