Reading Grade 3 — Practice Paper 1 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 17 questions in the free preview.

The sandwich thief — page 2 of the magazine

1. A. on the low wall near the bike racks
The first sentence says he put it on the low wall near the bike racks every lunchtime.

2. B. the half with the cheese
Ravi tells Amina that it is always the half with the cheese.

3. C. had guessed what was taking the lunch
She looks at the wall, then the tree, then smiles and plans to watch — she has worked out that something in the tree is the thief.

4. D. a currawong
A grey bird with a black head lifts the lid, and Ravi whispers “A currawong!”

5. A. Ravi laughed loudly.
The text says Ravi laughed so loudly that the librarian looked up.

6. B. thought the bird had earned it
The last sentence says the currawong had made him laugh, and that was worth a crust.

Wombats — page 3 of the magazine

7. C. its strong front legs and claws
The text says wombats dig with their strong front legs and flat claws.

8. D. so soil does not fill it while she digs
The text explains that a backwards pouch does not fill with soil while she digs.

9. A. longer than a classroom
The text compares the length of a burrow with a classroom.

10. B. at night, when the air is cool
They feed at night when it is cool and sleep in the burrow during the hot part of the day.

11. C. Wombat droppings are shaped like little cubes.
The other three facts are in the paragraphs. Only the shape of the droppings is in the fact box.

12. D. give facts about wombats
It is an information report: every paragraph gives facts, and it does not tell a story or ask the reader to do anything.

Where does rain come from? — page 4 of the magazine

13. A. the sun
The second paragraph begins by saying the sun warms the sea.

14. B. a gas you cannot see
The text says water turns into a gas called water vapour, and that you cannot see it.

15. C. millions of tiny drops
When vapour cools it turns back into tiny drops, and millions of them together make a cloud.

16. D. It becomes too heavy to float.
Drops join together, and when a drop is too heavy to float it falls.

17. A. goes back to the sea
The arrows go from the sea to the cloud, from the cloud to the rain, and from the rain back to the sea: a cycle.

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