Reading Grade 3 — Practice Paper 2 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 18 questions in the free preview.

The blue ribbon — page 2 of the magazine

1. A. near the steps
He always stayed near the steps, where his feet could touch the bottom.

2. B. nervous
A fluttering stomach is a way of describing nerves. He has just heard he must swim a whole lap.

3. C. She offered to help him practice.
She did not laugh. She said, “Then we practice. Every afternoon.”

4. D. swim half a lap without stopping
The story says, “By Friday he could swim half a lap without stopping.”

5. A. Max had tried hard and swum the whole lap.
The ribbon says Best Effort, and Max came last but swam the whole lap.

6. B. proud
He had come last but swum the whole lap, and he did not stop smiling all day.

Pelican saved at Bellbird Lake — page 3 of the magazine

7. C. a girl walking her dog
Chloe Martin saw the bird while she was walking her dog along the jetty.

8. D. It was tangled in fishing line.
The first sentence says the pelican was tangled in fishing line.

9. A. to keep it calm
Priya Das says the towel keeps the bird calm, because if it cannot see it is not so frightened.

10. B. carefully and softly
The volunteers handle a frightened, hurt bird, so they are careful and soft with it.

11. C. at a wildlife hospital
The text says it has been taken to a wildlife hospital and should be back in about two weeks.

12. D. tell readers what they can do to protect wild animals
Each point in the box is something a reader can do: bin old line, tell an adult, call a rescue group.

Octopuses — page 4 of the magazine

13. A. It has no bones.
The text says they have no bones at all, so they can squeeze through a gap not much bigger than a coin.

14. B. grip rocks, hold food and taste
The suckers can grip rocks and hold food, and they can even taste whatever they touch.

15. C. It helps it hide and catch food.
Matching the rocks and weed hides it from sharks and seals and helps it sneak up on crabs.

16. D. It squirts ink and swims away.
It squirts a cloud of dark ink, and while the enemy cannot see, it swims away.

17. A. Scientists have watched them open jars.
Opening jars and solving puzzles are signs of intelligence; the other sentences describe their bodies.

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18. Answer: 3
The fact box says an octopus has three hearts.

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