Reading Grade 5 — Practice Paper 1 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 20 questions in the free preview.

The violin — page 2 of the magazine

1. A. It stopped him feeling homesick.
Dadu says it was the only thing that stopped him feeling homesick.

2. B. His fingers were too stiff to play.
He says, “My fingers are too stiff to play, but yours are not.”

3. C. Anika’s first attempts sounded terrible
The comparison describes a harsh, unpleasant noise; even the dog leaves the room.

4. D. She did not give up easily.
Twice she announced she was quitting and twice she came back to it the next day: she was determined.

5. A. Nobody had ever written it down before.
The story says the teacher helped because nobody had ever written it down before.

6. B. She saw that Dadu was crying and thought something was wrong.
She looks up, sees tears on his cheeks and almost stops; her mother’s nod tells her to keep going, because they are happy tears.

7. C. Anika will now keep the song alive.
The song existed only in his memory; now Anika can play it, so it will go on after him.

Antarctica — page 3 of the magazine

8. D. It gets very little rain or snow.
The section A frozen desert says that because it gets so little rain or snow, scientists call it a desert.

9. A. all the time, for good
People stay for a winter or a summer, but no one lives there for good.

10. B. They huddle together in large groups.
The text says emperor penguins huddle together in groups of thousands; it is seals that have blubber.

11. C. only for peace and science
They agreed it would be used only for peaceful purposes and for science, and mining is not allowed.

12. Answer: 1959
The section Protecting Antarctica says twelve countries signed it in 1959.

13. D. They show what each section is about.
Each heading names the topic of the section under it: the desert, who lives there, protection.

14. A. almost twice as big as Australia
The fact box gives its size as almost twice as big as Australia.

Should homework be banned? — page 4 of the magazine

15. B. for homework to be banned
Her letter is headed Yes — let kids be kids and ends, “Let’s ban homework.”

16. C. His homework takes so long that it gets dark.
She says by the time he is done it is dark, and he has missed his chance.

17. D. at school, with a teacher to help
She answers the argument for homework by saying children can learn that at school, with a teacher there to help.

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18. A. It helps him remember what he learned.
He says practicing his times tables at home helps him remember them in class the next day.

19. B. Homework should not be boring or too long.
Maria complains of boring sheets that take an hour; Tom agrees homework should not be boring or take too long.

20. C. regular practice is needed to do well
A team that trains only on game day would play badly; learning also needs regular practice.

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