Reading Grade 5 — Practice Paper 2 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 20 questions in the free preview.

The map behind the wallpaper — page 2 of the magazine

1. A. to help fix it up
The house was falling apart, so the family came in the holidays to help fix it up.

2. B. bored and fed up
The wallpaper comes off in tiny, stubborn strips, and he groans; it is slow, dull work.

3. C. a map drawn in pencil
Behind the roses was a pencil drawing of the backyard with an X beside the fence.

4. D. Grandma's name is Margaret Bell.
Sam reads the initials and says, "Margaret Bell. That's Grandma!"

5. A. surprised
She had forgotten all about the map; the news startles her.

6. B. She wanted to open it in the future and see how things had changed.
She says she wanted to see what the future would be like when she opened it. The map says not to dig until 2025.

7. C. to answer the question her younger self asked
Her letter asked, "Do you still like lemons?" Biting one is her answer to herself.

How does a submarine dive? — page 3 of the magazine

8. D. between its inner and outer walls
The second paragraph says they are between its inner and outer walls.

9. A. Air is much lighter than water.
The text says air is much lighter than water, so the submarine floats.

10. B. to compare the submarine to something familiar
A bottle full of air floating in a bath is an everyday example of the same idea.

11. C. Seawater rushes in and the submarine sinks.
Opening the valves lets seawater into the tanks, making the submarine heavier so it sinks.

12. D. stay at the same level
The text explains it straight after: neither rising nor sinking.

13. A. helping to steer up or down
Small fins called hydroplanes help steer it up or down as it moves forward.

Students clear 212 kilograms of rubbish from creek — page 4 of the magazine

14. B. three hours
The article says they collected the rubbish in just three hours.

15. Answer: 6
The table lists 6 large items: the article names a shopping trolley, two car tyres and a garden chair among them.

16. C. Birds and fish think they are food.
Jarrah says birds and fish think they are food.

17. D. It washes down the drains when it rains.
She says rubbish from the streets washes down the drains and into the creek every time it rains.

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18. A. The creek flows into the bay.
Deb Nguyen explains that the creek flows into the bay, so less rubbish reaches it.

19. B. food wrappers
Food wrappers have the biggest number in the table: 615.

20. C. stop giving out plastic straws
The last paragraph says they are asking shops to stop giving out plastic straws.

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