Reading Grade 5 — Practice Paper 3 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 19 questions in the free preview.

The new kid — page 2 of the magazine

1. A. nervous and unsure
A shield protects you. Standing in front of a new class, he is holding his bag as if to protect himself.

2. B. He is new and still learning English.
Mr Peters says he has just moved and is still learning English.

3. C. feels sorry for him
The ache is her sympathy for a boy sitting by himself.

4. D. She is amazed by Yusuf's drawings.
The drawings were so good that she forgot she was supposed to be doing long division.

5. A. to share something they both enjoy
She has seen he loves drawing comics; sharing hers is a way of making friends without needing many words.

6. B. that he would like them to work together
The cat is his character and the chicken is hers. Putting them together in one picture is an offer to make a comic together.

7. C. gave it to the library
They sold fifty copies and gave the money to the library.

The platypus — page 3 of the magazine

8. D. It looked like parts of different animals sewn together.
They thought it might be a duck's bill sewn onto a furry body.

9. A. It lays eggs.
The section A mammal that lays eggs explains that almost no other mammals do.

10. B. the echidna
The text says the only other mammals that lay eggs are echidnas.

11. C. Its bill senses tiny electric signals.
It closes its eyes, ears and nose, and its bill senses the electric signals made by moving prey.

12. D. It warns readers about the male's venomous spur.
The section describes the sharp spur and its painful venom, so the heading is a warning.

13. A. for times when food is hard to find
The fact box says it stores fat in its tail for times when food is hard to find.

Our playground needs fixing — page 4 of the magazine

14. B. to ask for the playground to be fixed
The first sentence asks the council to fix the playground in Hollis Park.

15. C. The soft rubber under the climbing frame had worn away.
They say that if the soft rubber had been there, he might not have been hurt so badly.

16. D. to show how many people depend on it
It strengthens their case: lots of families have nowhere else to go.

17. A. inspected the playground
The reply says workers inspected the playground the day after the letter arrived.

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18. B. in March

The reply says it will be rebuilt in March. The swing seats are next week.

19. C. took the students’ letter seriously

It acted quickly, agreed with them and now asks for their ideas: signs it valued the letter.

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