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Directions:

Today, you will be taking the Grade 3 English Language Arts/Literacy Practice Test.

Read each passage and all questions carefully. Some questions will ask you to choose one correct answer, while others will ask you to choose more than one correct answer. You may look back at the passage or passages as often as necessary.

Mark your answers by filling in the circles in your test booklet. Do not make any stray marks in the test booklet. If you need to change an answer, be sure to erase your first answer completely.

To answer a question that asks you to pick one answer, fill in the circles as follows:

(A) ● (C) (D)

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Some questions will ask you to provide a written response to the passages you have read. You may plan your response using scratch paper. Be sure to write your response in the box provided in your test booklet. Crossed-out work, writing that falls outside of the box, or work on scratch paper will not be scored.

If you do not know the answer to a question, you may skip it and go on. If you finish the test early, you may review your answers and any questions you may have skipped.

- 11 "The Best Thing in the World," said Bobby Racoon to himself, "why, that must be a whole field of sweet milky corn! I think I'll go and find it."
- 12 So Bobby Racoon climbed down out of the great hollow tree and started down the Lone Little Path through the wood as fast as he could go after Striped Chipmunk and Peter Rabbit, for there is nothing that Bobby Racoon likes to eat so well as sweet milky corn.
- 13 At the edge of the wood they met Jimmy Skunk.
- 14 "Where are you going in such a hurry?" asked Jimmy Skunk.
- 15 "Down in the Green Meadows to find the Best Thing in the World!" shouted Striped Chipmunk and Peter Rabbit and Bobby Racoon. Then they all tried to run faster.
- 16 "The Best Thing in the World," said Jimmy Skunk. "Why, that must be packs and packs of beetles!" And for once in his life Jimmy Skunk began to hurry down the Lone Little Path after Striped Chipmunk and Peter Rabbit and Bobby Racoon.
- 17 They were all running so fast that they didn't see Reddy Fox until he jumped out of the long grass and asked:
- 18 "Where are you going in such a hurry?"
- 19 "To find the Best Thing in the World!" shouted Striped Chipmunk and Peter Rabbit and Bobby Racoon and Jimmy Skunk, and each did his best to run faster.
- 20 "The Best Thing in the World," said Reddy Fox to himself. "Why, that must be a whole pen full of tender young chickens, and I must have them."
- 21 So away went Reddy Fox as fast as he could run down the Lone Little Path after Striped Chipmunk, Peter Rabbit, Bobby Racoon and Jimmy Skunk.
- 22 By and by they all came to the house of Johnny Chuck.
- 23 "Where are you going in such a hurry?" asked Johnny Chuck.
- 24 "To find the Best Thing in the World," shouted Striped Chipmunk and Peter Rabbit and Bobby Racoon and Jimmy Skunk and Reddy Fox.
- 25 "The Best Thing in the World," said Johnny Chuck. "Why I don't know of anything better than my own little home and the warm sunshine and the beautiful blue sky."

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1. Part A

What does **cross** mean as it is used in paragraph 28 of “Johnny Chuck Finds the Best Thing in the World”?

- Ⓐ excited
- Ⓑ lost
- Ⓒ upset
- Ⓓ scared

Part B

Which statement **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- Ⓐ “. . . ran this way and ran that way . . .”
- Ⓑ “. . . hadn’t found the Best Thing in the World.”
- Ⓒ “. . . they started up the Lone Little Path”
- Ⓓ “They didn’t hurry now”

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3. Part A

What is the moral of “Johnny Chuck Finds the Best Thing in the World”?

- Ⓐ Sometimes you can find happiness by following others.
- Ⓑ You will usually be happy when you are by yourself.
- Ⓒ Sometimes you must search for happiness.
- Ⓓ You can be happy with what you have.

Part B

Which detail from the story **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- Ⓐ ““Where are you going in such a hurry?’ asked Johnny Chuck.”
- Ⓑ ““Why I don’t know of anything better than my own little home and the warm sunshine and the beautiful blue sky.””
- Ⓒ “The sun was very, very warm and they ran so far and they ran so fast . . .”
- Ⓓ “When the long day was over they started up the Lone Little Path past Johnny Chuck’s house to their own homes.”

by Helen Lester



- 1 Pinkerton was pink, plump, and pushy. He would do anything to be first, even if it meant bouncing off bellies, stepping on snouts¹, or tying tails.
- 2 “Me first!” he cried when he had been last in line and finished first down the slide.
- 3 “Me first!” he cried at story time, settling on his round bottom with his big head right smack in front of the book.
- 4 And every day in the school trough-a-teria “Me first!” rang out and there was Pinkerton.



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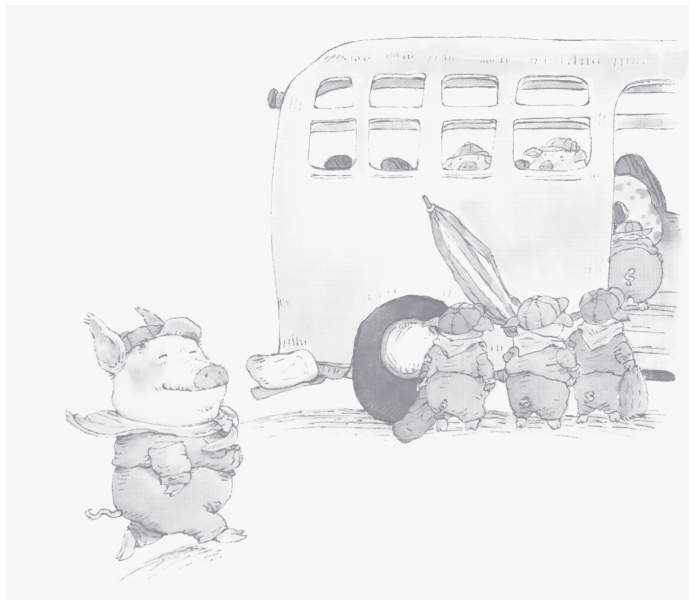
- 5 One Saturday, Pinkerton’s Pig Scout troop went on a day trip to the beach. Pinkerton was first on the bus and sat in the front row.
- 6 He was first off the bus, first in the water, first out of the water, and first into the picnic basket.
- 7 After lunch the Pig Scouts decided to go for a hike. Off they went, with Pinkerton leading the line, of course. As the Pig Scouts marched across the sand, they heard a faint voice far in the distance.
- 8 The voice called out, “Who would care for a sandwich?” Pinkerton pricked up his pointy ears. Care for a sandwich? Oh yes, me first! he thought, and he began to trot ahead of the others.
- 9 Soon he heard the voice again, closer and louder this time. “WHO WOULD CARE FOR A SANDWICH?”
- 10 “ME FIRST!” cried Pinkerton, kicking up sand and leaving the other Pig Scouts far behind. His imagination almost burst. Peanut butter! Jelly! Two tomatoes! Seven pickles! A slab of cheese! A blob of mayo! A smear of mustard. All for ME! FIRST!
- 11 “WHO WOULD CARE FOR A SANDWICH?”
- 12 Now at a full gallop Pinkerton shrieked, “ME FIRST!” Over a sandy hill he flew and . . . *Kerplop*. He landed face to face with a small creature with a bump on her nose and fur on her toes.
- 13 “Am I glad to see you!” she cackled. “I sure could hear you coming: ‘Me first. ME FIRST! ME FIRST!’ I guess you *really* would care for a sandwich.”
- 14 “Oh, yes indeed,” replied Pinkerton. He jumped up and down so fast his teeth jiggled.
- 15 “Good!” cackled the small creature.
- 16 Pinkerton waited. One second. Two seconds. Three seconds. “Well?” he asked.
- 17 “Well what?” replied the small creature.
- 18 “The sandwich,” begged Pinkerton. “Where’s . . . the sandwich?”
- 19 The small creature curtsied². “You’re looking at her.” She went on, “I am a Sandwich, and I live in the sand, and you said you would care for a Sandwich, so here I am. Care for me.”

²curtsied—bent her knees and bowed

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- A black and white illustration of a boy and a girl. The boy is sitting on the ground, wearing a large, pointed hat and a striped shirt. He is smiling and holding a small object in his hands. The girl is leaning over him, wearing a large, hooded cloak. She is looking down at the object the boy is holding. A pair of sandals is on the ground next to the boy.

- ³privilege—special chance

- 30 "Then how about making up something—oh, how about something concerning a pushy pig who always wanted to be first?"
- 31 Pinkerton sighed and began, "Once upon a time there lived a pig who always wanted to be first, until one day he met a wise Sandwich—"
- 32 "Wise and beautiful," cut in the Sandwich.
- 33 "—a wise and beautiful Sandwich who showed him that FIRST was not always BEST."
- 34 "Aha!" cackled the Sandwich. She gave Pinkerton a slow, serious, and meaningful wink. "Have you learned something?"
- 35 "Oh yes, yes, yes," said Pinkerton. "I promise I have."
- 36 "In that case, thanks for the care. Goodbye and good luck." She opened the gate and Pinkerton sped off so fast he didn't even notice the delicious sandwich she held out to him.



- 37 He was just in time to catch the bus. On he scooted—pink, plump, and glad to be last.

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4. Part A

What does the phrase **his teeth jiggled** in paragraph 14 show about Pinkerton?

- Ⓐ Pinkerton feels pain.
- Ⓑ Pinkerton feels tired.
- Ⓒ Pinkerton feels excited.
- Ⓓ Pinkerton feels nervous.

Part B

Which detail from “Me First” shows another example of the answer to Part A?

- Ⓐ "Soon he heard the voice again, closer and louder this time."
- Ⓑ "His imagination almost burst."
- Ⓒ "He landed face to face with a small creature. . . ."
- Ⓓ "Pinkerton waited. One second. Two seconds."

5.

**Part A**

Which statement **best** describes what the picture adds to the story?

- (A) The picture shows that Pinkerton is hungry.
- (B) The picture shows that the other Scouts are upset at Pinkerton.
- (C) The picture shows that the Scouts take different items to the beach.
- (D) The picture shows that Pinkerton has learned how to behave.

Part B

Which sentence from the story **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- (A) "He would do anything to be first, even if it meant bouncing off bellies, stepping on snouts, or tying tails."
- (B) "One Saturday, Pinkerton's Pig Scout troop went on a day trip to the beach."
- (C) "After lunch the Pig Scouts decided to go for a hike."
- (D) "He was just in time to catch the bus."

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- Ⓐ Pinkerton thinks only about himself, so he keeps the Scouts from meeting the Sandwich.
- Ⓑ Pinkerton cares more about eating than helping his fellow Scouts, so he keeps the Sandwich a secret.
- Ⓒ Pinkerton wants to be better than the other Scouts, so he volunteers to help the Sandwich.
- Ⓓ Pinkerton wants to arrive before everyone, so he runs ahead of the Scouts toward the sound of the Sandwich's voice.

Which detail from "Me First" supports the answer to Part A?

- Ⓐ "Pinkerton was first on the bus and sat in the front row."
- Ⓑ "As the Pig Scouts marched across the sand, they heard a faint voice far in the distance."
- Ⓒ "'ME FIRST!' cried Pinkerton, kicking up sand and leaving the other Pig Scouts far behind."
- Ⓓ "A slab of cheese! A blob of mayo! A smear of mustard. All for ME! FIRST!"

- Write an essay that explains how Old Mother West Wind's and the Sandwich's words and actions are important to the plots of the stories. Use what you learned about the characters to support your essay.

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by Sandra Beswetherick

- 13 He passed out sandwiches after we settled in. "Minor setback," he assured Derrick. "The snow should be gone tomorrow." Dad reached for the large bottle of cola to pour us each a drink.
- 14 Maybe the cola was warm, or maybe it had been jostled too much, because when Dad opened it, that bottle erupted like Mount Vesuvius. Cola overflowed like lava. Dad dropped the bottle. It rolled across the tent floor spewing its contents, and we ended up perched on our sleeping bags like castaways adrift² in a cola sea.
- 15 Derrick clapped both hands over his mouth. His face turned red, and his cheeks ballooned out as if *he* were about to explode, too. From behind his hands came the snuffling and snorting of trapped laughter.
- 16 I tried to keep a straight face, out of respect for Dad—not just because he'd insisted that we keep the tent floor dry, but because he'd wanted this trip to be perfect.
- 17 "Minor setback," Dad muttered as we soaked up cola with our towels.
- 18 The next morning dawned bright and beautiful, much to Dad's relief. Derrick stood at the water's edge, admiring the clear still lake, the tree-lined shore, and the cloudless sky.
- 19 "Wait until you catch your first fish, Derrick," Dad said as he got the boat ready. "That's an experience you won't forget." Dad turned to me. "Right, Steve?"
- 20 "Right, Dad," I answered.
- 21 "And wait until you taste some fried, freshly caught fish for breakfast," Dad said. "Right, Steve?"
- 22 "Right, Dad," I said, although I thought Dad was trying a little too hard.
- 23 But Derrick didn't catch his first fish. In fact, none of us felt even a nibble on our lines. This wasn't a minor setback for Dad. This was a major disaster.
- 24 The silence grew. The still air settled hot and heavy.
- 25 I leaned over the side of the boat. "Fishy," I sang into the depths of the lake. "Come on, I know you're down there." It sure beat sitting around in silence. And we weren't catching any fish anyway.

²adrift—floating

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36 "I wonder what will happen next?" Derrick asked, putting another marshmallow on his stick.

37 "Yeah," I said. "I wonder."

38 As for Dad, he smiled a brave smile.



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9. Part A

Read the sentence from paragraph 15 of the story.

Derrick clapped both hands over his mouth.

Why does Derrick cover his mouth with his hands?

- Ⓐ He does not want to show his feelings.
- Ⓑ He is making an angry face.
- Ⓒ He is covering a sneeze.
- Ⓓ He does not feel well.

Part B

Which detail from paragraph 15 **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- Ⓐ "His face turned red. . . ."
- Ⓑ ". . . his cheeks ballooned out"
- Ⓒ "From behind his hands . . ."
- Ⓓ ". . . snorting of trapped laughter."

11. Part A

Derrick asks if there should be water in the boat. How does Dad respond to this event?

- Ⓐ Dad starts to feel better.
- Ⓑ Dad talks about how much fun it is to catch fish.
- Ⓒ Dad is sad that the trip was not a success.
- Ⓓ Dad gets everyone to work together to make it safely back to shore.

Part B

Which detail from the story supports the answer to Part A?

- Ⓐ “And wait until you taste some fried, freshly caught fish”
- Ⓑ “You guys, bail!”
- Ⓒ “. . . the boat sloshing with water.”
- Ⓓ “Thanks for inviting me.”

- 13.** This story tells about Derrick’s first camping trip.

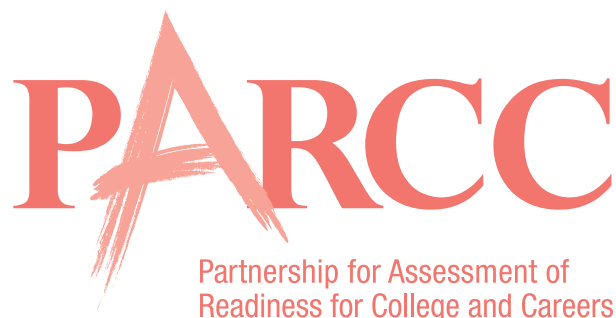
Write Derrick’s journal entry about this camping trip. Include information about how the characters responded to the events in the story as you write the journal entry.



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