

Second Grade
Spring Break
Packet

A sample question helps you to understand the type of question you will be asked in the test that follows.

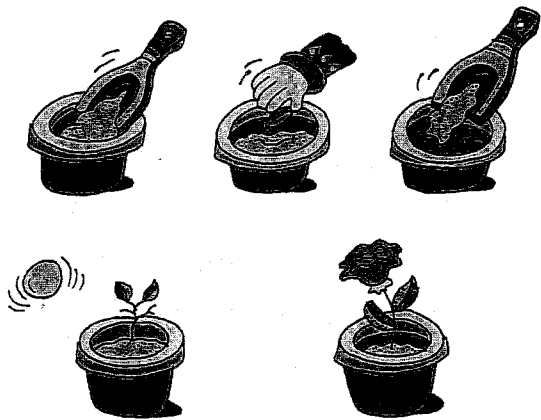
Sample A

A Note for Ellen

Ellen's mother was going to be home late. She left a note for Ellen that said, "Please clean your room. Then you may read or watch television. I should be home about 4:00."

What should Ellen do first?

- clean her room
- watch television
- read
- call her friends



Growing Flowers

To grow flowers, do the following:

1. Put dirt in a pot.
2. Place flower seeds in the pot.
3. Cover the seeds with more dirt.
4. Put the pot in the sun.
5. Water the seeds, and wait for the flowers to grow!

1 What is the last thing you should do?

- cover the seeds with dirt
- put dirt in the pot
- buy seeds
- water the seeds

2 What is the best way to find out more about growing flowers?

- Read a book about gardening.
- Put cut flowers in a vase.
- Draw pictures of flowers.
- Sit in the sun.

3 To grow flowers you will need—

- a shovel.
- seeds.
- gloves.
- a spoon.

4 Where should you put the pot?

All About Owls

Did you know that owls are good hunters? Owls sleep all day long. At night they wake up and fly around. They look for mice to eat. Owls have very big eyes. Big eyes let in more light. Owls can see better at night than we can. Owls also hear very well. They can hear a mouse running in the grass. They can fly without making any noise at all. All these things make owls good hunters.



The story does not tell—

the kind of eyes owls have.

what makes owls good hunters.

about different kinds of owls.

what owls like to eat.

The story was written mainly

to ask you to join a club.

to explain how important sleep is for good health.

to tell about a kind of bird.

to describe what animals do at night.

7 A special thing about the owl is that it can fly very—

- quietly. loudly.
 quickly. high in the air.

8 Why can owls see better at night?

9 When do owls sleep?

- at night
 during the afternoon
 through the morning
 all day

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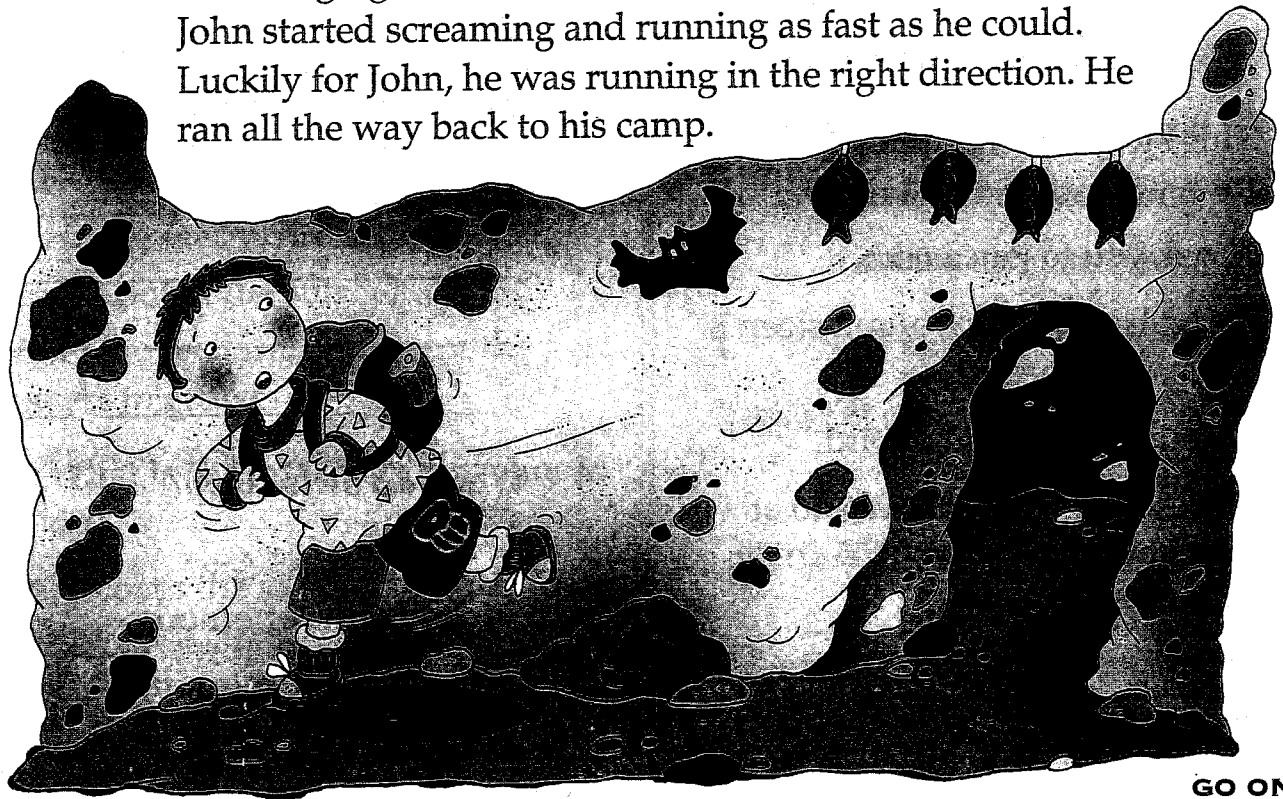
A Scary Walk

"What a great day for a walk!" John said. He could hear the birds singing. John was glad that he had made this trip to the mountains. After breakfast John took off, whistling a tune. The trail went up the mountain. He walked for a while, and then he looked for a rock to rest on. John was tired. "What a mountain man I turned out to be!" he said.

While he rested, John looked around. Suddenly he saw the opening to a cave. It was big enough to walk through. "I wonder how deep it is," he said. "I wonder if there are any cave drawings! I guess the only way to find out is to see for myself."

At first John had no trouble seeing in the cave. He went around a bend. He lit a match. "Just a little farther," he said to himself. Suddenly his match went out! He lit another one. But now things looked strange. John was lost!

When his second match went out, John got really frightened. Then he thought he heard a scratching noise. John struck his last match. In the light he saw hundreds of bats hanging on the cave walls! Their eyes glittered red. John started screaming and running as fast as he could. Luckily for John, he was running in the right direction. He ran all the way back to his camp.



GO ON 

10 What did John hear when he started his walk?

- water running
- bats scratching
- dogs barking
- birds singing

11 What will John probably do next?

12 What is this story mostly about?

- bats hanging on cave walls
- John's adventure in a cave
- using matches wisely
- hiking safety

13 Why did John go into the cave?

- He liked caves.
- He wanted to see what was inside the cave.
- He was looking for a friend.
- It started to rain.

14 These boxes show things that happened in the story.

John rested on a rock.		John saw hundreds of bats.
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What belongs in Box 2?

- John ran back to camp.
- John walked up the mountain.
- John got lost in a cave.
- John ate breakfast.

15 How did John feel when he saw the bats?

- interested
- angry
- frightened
- sad

16 This story is most like a—

- poem.
- true story.
- fairy tale.
- tall tale.

17 Another name for this story could be—

- "Mountain Man"
- "Finding Cave Drawings"
- "John's Surprise"
- "How to Explore Caves"

STOP

UNDERSTANDING WORD MEANINGS

Directions: Darken the circle for the word or words that have the same or almost the same meaning as the underlined word.

TRY THIS

Choose your answer carefully. Some choices may seem correct. Be sure to think about the meaning of the underlined word.

Sample A

To raise something is to—

- lift it fly it
- count it open it

THINK IT THROUGH

The correct answer is lift it. If you raise something, you lift it up. To raise something is not to count it, fly it, or open it.



1 To choose is to—

- hide color
- check pick

2 A blizzard is most like a—

- thunderstorm
- snowstorm
- river
- movie

3 To shout is to—

- jump
- slip
- yell
- skip

4 Least means—

- best smallest
- closest fastest

5 A pail is most like a—

- bucket house
- pain hill

6 Something that is moving forward is going—

- back
- ahead
- behind
- over

