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**Read the selection, and choose the best answer to each question.**

*Kim wrote a story about a boy who liked to read. Read Kim's paper, and think about how it should be revised. Then answer the questions that follow.*

### **I Read You Loud and Clear**

(1) "Are you in here reading again?" Wayne's dad asked. (2) It seemed to him that his son was always reading a book. (3) He was glad that Wayne liked to read. (4) He was glad that he was interested in learning. (5) Yet, sometimes he wished Wayne would go out and play in the fresh air.

(6) "Don't you want to go out and play? (7) Why not have a real adventure instead of reading about adventures in your books?" his dad asked.

(8) Wayne looked up from *Treasure Island* and told his dad, "No, sir, I like it just fine in here. (9) What could be more exciting than reading about pirates, buried treasure, and sailing on the ocean?"

(10) That did it. (11) Wayne's dad decided that his son needed to have a real-life adventure. (12) "You and I are going camping this weekend. (13) There will be no books, just fishing rods, campfires, and hiking sticks."

(14) Wayne glumly agreed to go.

(15) That weekend, Wayne and his dad left to go camping at Penn Hollow State Park. (16) On the way, Wayne's dad looked worried.

(17) "What's wrong?" Wayne asked.

(18) "The brakes are not working very well. (19) I need to pull over."

(20) Wayne's dad pulled over. (21) He looked under the car's hood.

(22) "Now how did that happen? (23) The master cylinder cap is broken.

(24) That is keeping the brakes from working. (25) I wonder what we will do.

(26) We are in the middle of nowhere."

(27) "Wait just a minute," Wayne said. (28) He got the lunch sack his dad had fixed. (29) He took his sandwich out of its plastic bag. (30) Then, using his pocketknife, he cut the sides of the bag with his pocketknife to make a sheet of plastic. (31) Next, he took some duct tape out of his dad's toolbox. (32) He wrapped the plastic sheet around the car's master cylinder. (33) Finally, he wrapped the duct tape around it to secure it tightly.

(34) "That should create the seal you need to get us to the nearest mechanic," Wayne said.

(35) "Where did you learn how to do that?" his dad asked.

(36) "I read how to do it in a book," Wayne said, winking.

(37) "Son," his dad said, "I'll never again fuss at you for reading too much."

- 1 Kim wants to add a topic sentence to the first paragraph (sentences 1-5). Which of these sentences would be the **best** topic sentence to add the beginning of this paragraph?
- A Most students learn to how read for the first time in kindergarten.
  - B Wayne's dad didn't think it was good for a boy to spend all his time inside reading books.
  - C There are many different kinds of books, such as dictionaries, story books, and school books.
  - D Wayne had a little sister named Rosie and a big brother named George.
- 2 What is the **best** way to combine sentences 3 and 4?
- F He was glad that Wayne liked to read, but he was glad that he was interested in learning.
  - G He was glad that Wayne liked to read and that he was interested in learning.
  - H He and Wayne were glad, liked to read, and were interested in learning.
  - J He was glad that Wayne liked to read unless he was glad that he was interested in learning.
- 3 What is the **best** way to combine sentences 20 and 21?
- A Wayne's dad pulled over, and he looked under the car's hood.
  - B Even though Wayne's dad pulled over, he looked under the car's hood.
  - C Wayne's dad pulled over unless he looked under the car's hood.
  - D Either Wayne's dad pulled over, or he looked under the car's hood.

- 4 What is the **best** way to rewrite sentence 30?
- F Then, using his pocketknife, he cut the sides of the bag to make a sheet of plastic.
  - G To make a sheet of plastic then, using his pocketknife, he cut the sides of the bag with his pocketknife.
  - H Then, using his pocketknife and making a sheet of plastic, the sides of the bag are what he cut.
  - J Then, he cut the sides of the bag, made a sheet of plastic, and used his pocketknife.
- 5 Kim wants to add a conclusion to her story. Which of the following could **best** follow sentence 37 and close the story?
- A "Well, Dad," Wayne said, "if I hadn't had this real-life adventure, I'd never have been able to use what I've learned!"
  - B Wayne decided that he would not read books anymore.
  - C Wayne and his dad checked the car to make sure they brought their tent, because Wayne's dad thought he might have forgotten it.
  - D When they got home after the camping trip, they went to bed because both of them were tired.
- 6 Kim would like to add the following sentence to her story.

*The car was packed with their sleeping bags, backpacks, fishing rods, and other equipment.*

Where is the **best** place to insert this sentence?

- F after sentence 12
- G after sentence 15
- H after sentence 29
- J after sentence 33



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*Kylie wrote this letter to her cousin about her new dog. She would like you to read her letter and look for any edits she needs to make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.*

1 May 12 2012

2 Dear Erin

3 I wanted to write to you about my new dog. Her name is Scarlett. She  
4 is a terrific dog. She is a great friend for me. She helps around the house.  
5 She also is going to school to learn how to help firefighters. Let me tell you a  
6 little more about Scarlett.

7 Scarlett and I have quickly become best friends. She loves to play ball  
8 with me. She runs after it every time I throw it for her. Then, she brings it  
9 back to me. She not only likes to play, but she also makes me laugh. For  
10 example, she does something with her ball that really makes me laugh. When  
11 she is thirsty after playing fetch, she drops her ball in her water dish, drinks  
12 some water, then picks the ball up again. It is always dripping wet with water  
13 and dog spit. I admit it is gross, but it is also pretty funny.

14 Scarlett is also a great help around the house. She is a good guard dog.  
15 When a stranger walks by, she barks to let us know. She also chases the  
16 rabbits and birds away from Mom's garden in the backyard. We have even  
17 taught her to bring the newspaper in from the porch and to bring Dad's  
18 house shoes to him when he is ready to relax. My parents say that it does  
19 her chores better than I do sometimes!

20 Finally, the coolest thing about my new dog is that she is going to school  
21 to help firefighters. Sometimes bad people set buildings on fire. This crime is  
22 called arson. Firefighters can use dogs to help them find out what started a  
23 fire. That information can help them catch the person who started it. Scarlett  
24 is being trained to sniff out chemicals that can be used to start a fire. When  
25 she is done with her training, she will volunteer with our local fire department  
26 to help them fight arson.

27 I can't wait for you to come to visit and meet Scarlett yourself. Until  
28 then, I'll e-mail you a picture of her. Please write back soon.

29 your loving cousin,

30 Kylie

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7 What change, if any, should be made in line 1?

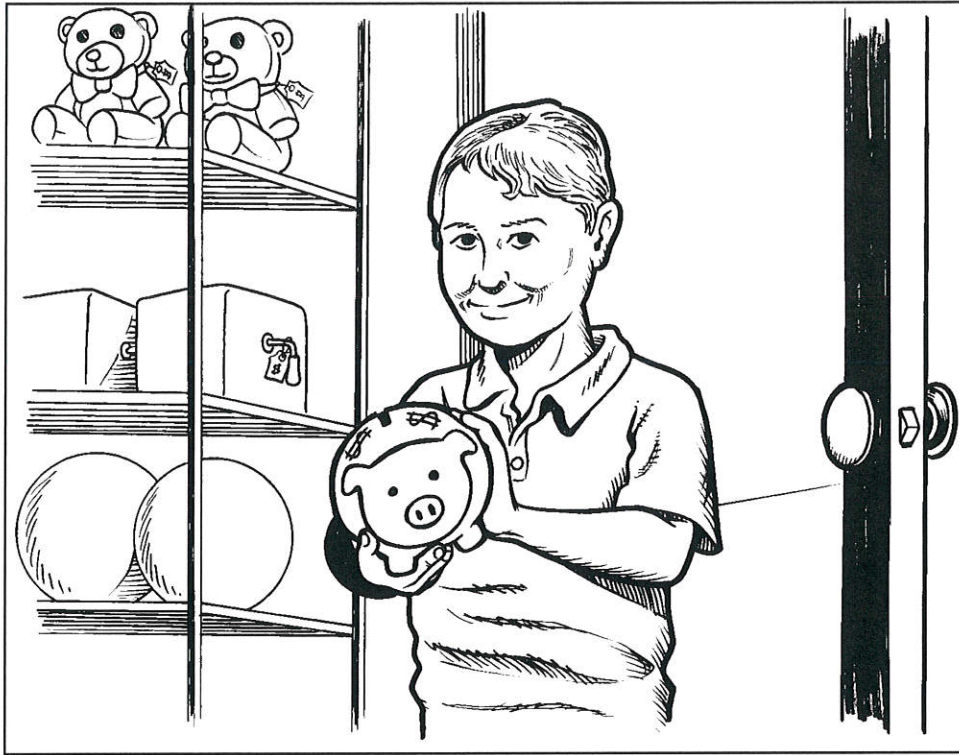
- A change *May* to *may*
- B add a comma after *May*
- C add a comma after **12**
- D make no change

8 What change should be made in line 2?

- F change *Dear* to *Dere*
- G change *Dear* to *dear*
- H add a comma after *Dear*
- J add a comma after *Erin*

- 9 What change, if any, should be made in the underlined sentence in lines 8 and 9?
- A change *brings* to **bring**
  - B change *it* to **itself**
  - C change *to* to **too**
  - D make no change
- 10 What change, if any, should be made in the underlined sentence in lines 12 and 13?
- F change *it* to **it**
  - G change *driping* to **dripping**
  - H add a comma after *water*
  - J make no change
- 11 What change should be made in the underlined sentence in lines 18 and 19?
- A change *parents* to **parent's**
  - B change *say* to **says**
  - C change *it* to **she**
  - D change *I* to **me**
- 12 What change, if any, should be made in line 29?
- F change *your* to **Your**
  - G change *loving* to **loveing**
  - H add quotation marks before *cousin*
  - J make no change

Look at the picture below.



It feels good to get something that you worked hard for.

Write about a time when you worked hard to get something you wanted.

Be sure to —

- write about a personal experience
- organize your writing
- develop your ideas in detail
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences



**READ** the information in the box below.

An old saying states, "He who hesitates is lost."

**THINK** about why it is sometimes important to act quickly.

**WRITE** about a time when it was important to act quickly.

Be sure to —

- clearly state your central idea
- organize your writing
- develop your writing in detail
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences