

Vocabulary Practice Test

Questions 1-3 are about the following e-mail.



1 Dear Polly,

I'm writing because I'm wondering why you've missed the last two days of school. You're never absent, so it was very surprising to me when you weren't in class. I called your house,
5 but no one answered. I wanted to write you to check in to make sure everything is okay. Are you sick? Did your family go on vacation? If they did, that would explain why no one answered the phone.

Mrs. Egan assigned us a new project. It's a project on animals. Everyone has a partner and we have to choose a unique animal and do a presentation on it for the class. I told Mrs. Egan
10 I'd work with you even though you weren't there. I hope that's okay with you. You should start thinking about what animal you want to study.

I really hope everything is okay with you. E-mail me or call me when you get this. I hope I see you tomorrow.

15 Gloria

Question

1. What is the e-mail mainly about?

- (A) Polly's family vacation
- (B) What happened in school today
- (C) Mrs. Egan's love for projects on animals
- (D) Gloria wondering why Polly missed school

2. In line 4, the word absent is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) sad
- (B) at home
- (C) not there
- (D) embarrassed

3. In line 8, the word assigned is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) left
- (B) took
- (C) gave
- (D) checked

Questions 4-6 are about the following newspaper article.



¹ Last Saturday, March 25, two students at Manchester Middle School attended the state spelling bee. These students were seventh-grader Michael Angel and eighth-grader Susan Granson. After winning the Manchester Middle School competition, they both participated in the state spelling bee, which was held in Tallahassee. Principal Dailey was able to go.

⁵ Although the students did not win, they did an excellent job. Michael was 14th and Susan was 18th, which is very good considering that there were fifty students in the spelling bee. “It was amazing how good the winners were at spelling,” said Michael, “Maybe if I study, I can be that good next year.” Michael has another chance since he is only a seventh-grader.

The state spelling bee was won by Tracy Lockwood, who goes to Helman Middle School
¹⁰ in West Palm Beach. She will now go to the national spelling bee in Columbus, Ohio. If she wins that, then she’ll get to meet the president and go on a two-week trip to Hawaii.

Question

4. What would be the best headline for the article?

- (A) Michael and Susan, Our Students
- (B) Manchester Students Lose Spelling Bee
- (C) Tracy Lockwood from West Palm Beach
- (D) Manchester Students Go to State Spelling Bee

5. In line 1, the word attended is closest in meaning to _____ .

- (A) won
- (B) liked
- (C) forgave
- (D) went to

6. In line 10, the word national is closest in meaning to _____ .

- (A) large
- (B) official
- (C) in the state
- (D) countrywide