

Vocabulary Practice Test

Question 1-3 are about the following newspaper article.

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1 Students across the country were disappointed and angry to learn that all eighth-grade students must now take a standardized test. A government official said the test will be used to see if children are ready for the challenges of high school, such as the bigger workloads and more difficult class topics. He also mentioned that any student who fails the test cannot

5 move onto the next grade.
Mr. Richards, the Briscoe Middle School principal, was quoted saying, "There will be a big problem if too many students fail." When asked why, Mr. Richards explained that there will not be enough class space for new eighth-grade students if too many old eighth-graders are held back. Briscoe Middle School does not have the space for extra students.

10 The test will be given to all eighth-graders this coming May. It will be a three-hour test that focuses on math, science, history, reading, and writing. Teachers and students are concerned that the test was written for too many students at too many different schools. With each school having a different curriculum, some schools may have an advantage.

Question

1. What would be the best headline for this article?

- (A) Students Fail New Test
- (B) Official Explains New Test
- (C) New Test Unwelcome in Schools
- (D) Test to Judge Middle School Readiness

2. In line 1, the word disappointed is closest in meaning to

- (A) delighted
- (B) satisfied
- (C) saddened
- (D) overjoyed

3. The phrase held back in the passage is closest in meaning to

- (A) passed
- (B) hugged
- (C) stopped
- (D) kicked out

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Questions 4-6 are about the following story.

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Every year, on the 1st of November, my mother asks me what I want for Christmas. This year I told her, "I want the new Rendla video game." *Rendla, The Adventure Through Time* was the game of the year. Everyone wanted it. I waited patiently for Christmas to arrive.

Bright and early Christmas morning I went straight to the tree to open all my presents. I opened everything but my video game was not there. I was really sad. It was the only thing I really wanted.

I tried to put on a brave face and thank my family for all my other great presents, but they knew I was disappointed. I thought I was going to cry. I ran up to my room so no one would see the tears in my eyes.

To my surprise, there was a gift sitting on my bed. I tore the wrapping paper off the tiny box. It was Rendla! I ran back downstairs and hugged my mom. I was the happiest boy in the world.

Question

4. What is the main idea of this story?

- (A) A boy wanting to get a video game
- (B) A popular video game sold in stores
- (C) A boy receiving a game he didn't want
- (D) A Christmas dinner with a large family

5. In line 10, the phrase put on a brave face is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) look sad
- (B) tell lies
- (C) pretend to be satisfied
- (D) be frustrated with parents

6. In line 13, the word tore is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) joined
- (B) ripped
- (C) applied
- (D) wrapped

Questions 7-9 are about the following passage.

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1 When computer programmers started making software systems, they programmed the
years to be in two digits. For example, instead of using the year 1995, they shortened it to
'95. This didn't seem like a problem until the year 2000 began to come near. The year 1999,
shortened to '99, would become '00 instead of 2000. Programmers worried that all computer
3 systems would get confused and recognize '00 as 1900. People were concerned that
computer systems everywhere would crash. Bank information would be lost, the electricity
would go out, and the world would lose much of its information.
This problem was called "Y2K," short for "Year 2000." Some people gathered canned
food and bottles of water in fear that many systems would stop working when 2000 came.
10 In reality, only small errors occurred. Computer programmers worked hard before the year
2000 to make sure the problems were fixed. Still, at a horse racetrack in Delaware in the
U.S.A., 150 gambling machines stopped working. In Japan, an alarm went off at a nuclear
power plant. Many web sites around the world showed errors. Instead of showing the date as
2000, they showed 19100.

Question

7. What is the best title for this passage?

- (A) The Y2K Problem
- (B) Collecting Food in 1999
- (C) Two-Digit and Four-Digit Dates
- (D) Computer Programmers, Our Heroes

8. In line 6, the word crash is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) hit
- (B) restart
- (C) close off
- (D) break down

9. In line 8, the word gathered is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) took
- (B) found
- (C) collected
- (D) harvested

Answer Key p. 130

Exercise 1: 下記の英語表現の意味を線でつなぎましょう。

1. invent
2. too ~ to ~
3. on foot
4. be used to
5. without ~ing
6. activity
7. forget to ~
8. physical

- ~しないで
- ~するのを忘れる(わすれる)
- ~すぎて~できない
- 活動
- 歩いて、徒歩(とほ)の
- 発明する
- ~になれている
- からだの、体を動かす

Exercise 2: Exercise 1 の表現を使って、下記の日本語を英語で書きましょう。

1. その男の人はピアノを発明した。

The boy invent a piano.

2. その少年たちは体を動かす活動になれている。

The man is used to physical.

3. 私は駅へ歩いて行った。

4. 彼らはそのドアをしめることを忘れた。

They forget to closed door.

Exercise 3: ロボット (robots) ができることを英語で書いてみましょう。

1. (例)



Some robots can go to dangerous places after an earthquake.

- 2.



Some robots can move to take food.

- 3.



Some robots can clean the floor.

- 4.



Some robots can hugs and play.

キングの復習問題 下記のイラストを表す英語書きましょう。

1.



The woman wanted to (p ut) a (b r a n k e t) on him.

2.



The woman wanted to (d e c o r a t e) the (p u t) on the wall.

3.



The woman wanted to (s e e m) some (d o l p h i n s) .

4.



The man wanted to (f i x) the (b e n c h) .

- (A) break.
- (B) broken
- (C) breaking
- (D) to break.

Unit Test*

Questions 1-4 refer to the following notice.

1. A pair of glasses was lost on the playground yesterday.

(A) Play
 (B) Being played
 (C) Before playing
 (D) When playing

with

the other children, Emily did not realize when her glasses got knocked off. It was

2.

(A) embarrass
 (B) embarrassed
 (C) embarrassing
 (D) to be embarrassed

for Emily when she realized that she didn't know where

her glasses were. She is very nervous because she can hardly see. If you find

3. the glasses, return them to the front office. Hopefully, they are not

(A) break.
 (B) broken.
 (C) breaking.
 (D) to break.