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Flag football is a safe and fun alternative to tackle football. Tackle, or contact, football is played at many high schools and colleges. Flag football is very similar to tackle football in the way it is played, but it diverges from tackle football in the way it is played. In flag football, players are not allowed to use their hands to grab or pull on the opponent's jersey in order to end the play. Instead, pulling is much more difficult to do. Because of this, flag football often results in injuries, some of which can be very serious. Flag football is often popular in gym classes in schools. Flag football is considered safer and can be less intimidating for players who may not have much experience.

1. Which quote from the passage **best** shows the author's point of view about flag football?
 - a. "Tackle football often results in injuries, some of which can be very serious."
 - b. "Flag football is often a popular choice for gym classes in schools."
 - c. "Flag football is a safe and fun alternative to tackle football."
 - d. "Flag football is very similar to tackle football in the way a play begins..."
2. What is the meaning of **diverges** as it is used in the passage?
 - a. differs
 - b. returns
 - c. divides
 - d. compares

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Painted turtles can be found in North America. They live in ponds and in slow-moving streams and rivers. These turtles are aquatic creatures, spending most of their lives in water. During the winter, they will bury themselves in mud at the bottom of a body of water to survive the winter months without eating. Painted turtles are omnivores. They eat a variety of aquatic plants, small insects, and small animals. They are smaller than other turtles. Painted turtles have a colorful pattern on their shells. These markings help them blend in with their natural surroundings. Scientists have found painted turtle fossils dating back 15 million years.

1. What was the author's purpose in writing the selection?
 - a. To encourage readers to adopt painted turtles as pets.
 - b. To inform the reader of facts about an animal.
 - c. To inform the reader of the dangers of eating painted turtles.
 - d. To encourage the reader to take steps to help the painted turtle.
2. What is the meaning of **conceal** as it is used in the passage?
 - a. show
 - b. bury
 - c. hide
 - d. contain

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Lines of credit can be incredibly helpful to people but they also have their deficiencies. Credit allows people to borrow money in order to make purchases. Some lines of credit are for big purchases, such as buying a home or a car. Students can use lines of credit to pay for tuition and other expenses during college. Credit cards are often used to make purchases for things like groceries and gas. Credit cards are often used to make purchases for things like groceries and gas. Credit card companies and banks lend money by charging people interest on the money that they borrow. For example, if someone borrows \$1,000 from a refrigerator for \$300, they will often end up paying back much more than \$300 because of the interest. High interest rates on some cards make it difficult for some people to pay off their debt.

1. Which quote from the passage **best** shows the author's point of view about credit?
 - a. "Some lines of credit are for big purchases, such as buying a home or a car."
 - b. "High interest rates on some cards make it difficult for some people to pay off their debt."
 - c. "Students can use lines of credit to pay for tuition and other expenses during college."
 - d. "Lines of credit can be incredibly helpful to people but they also have their deficiencies."
2. What is the meaning of **deficiencies** as it is used in the passage?
 - a. flaws
 - b. minus
 - c. minus
 - d. ideals

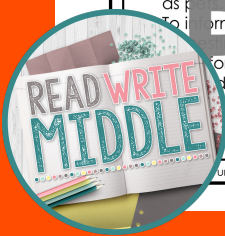
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Do you know the difference between a woodchuck, a groundhog and a whistle pig? They are all names for the same animal. They are large ground squirrels that live in the United States and Canada. Groundhogs grow to around fifteen pounds. Despite their size, they are very cute. They are good farmers and even have a tradition of celebrating Groundhog Day. Many people know about them from the American holiday. Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd. The tradition is that if the groundhog comes out of his burrow and sees his shadow, winter will continue for six more weeks. If he does not see his shadow, winter will end early. The first official celebration took place in the late 1880s in Pennsylvania. The tradition has, for whatever reason, lived on and has since spread nationwide.

1. Based on the selection, what is the author's attitude toward Groundhog Day?
 - a. The author thinks Groundhog Day is a puzzle.
 - b. The author thinks Groundhog Day is boring.
 - c. The author doesn't have an opinion on Groundhog Day.
 - d. The author is angry that Groundhog Day is celebrated in the United States.
2. What is the meaning of **burrow** as it is used in the passage?
 - a. tunnel
 - b. search
 - c. a hole
 - d. a hole

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For centuries, doing laundry was a difficult and time-consuming process. There were different ways to wash clothes by hand. One option was to use a washboard in a nearby creek. The electric washing machine was invented in the early 1900s. Most households did not have running electricity, so electric washing machines were not common. People were excited with the idea of not having to wash clothes by hand. By the 1920s, the electric washing machine had reached about a million. Although the Great Depression caused sales of the machine to slow, inventors continued to improve the design of the appliance, making it even more useful. Early washing machines used a wringer to remove excess water from clothes. The wringer was eventually replaced by the spinning feature that is still seen in washing machines today.

1. Which quote does not support the author's point of view about washing machines?
 2. What is the meaning of enthralled as it is used in the passage?
- a. "For centuries, doing laundry was a difficult and time-consuming process."
b. "Most households did not have running electricity until the 1920s."
c. "People were enthralled by the idea of not having to wash clothes by hand."
d. "...inventors continued to improve the design of the appliance, making it even more useful."

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Cartoons might be entertaining but they also have a rich history. As far back as the Middle Ages, artists drew them. The first cartoons were very serious stuff. The word "cartoon" was first used to describe an artist's sketch before beginning a work of art. Many years later, the word was used to describe a funny drawing. A cartoonist is a person who makes funny drawings. Cartoons are used to convey a message or to make a point. Cartoons are also used to make a point about political topics. Whatever the purpose, cartoons are a great way for a creator to artistically make a point or spread a message.

1. What is the author's perspective on cartoons?
 2. What is the meaning of convey as it is used in the passage?
- a. The author thinks that cartoons are best for young children.
b. The author feels that cartoons should mainly be used to make a point.
c. The author feels that cartoons are best for making fun of people.
d. The author feels that cartoons can be fun and artists express themselves.

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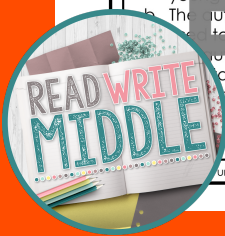
The armadillo is a four-legged mammal with a pointed nose that it uses for burrowing underground or digging in the soil for worms and grubs. It has a long tail, like many other mammals. An armadillo has a long but also has a very pliable body. These pliable body parts protect it from predators. They also help the armadillo to dig for food. Armadillos are known for their bad temper. They are also known for having a bad temper. Armadillos are found mostly in the southern half of the United States. The temperatures are mild there. Some people think the armadillo is a pest. It has been known to carry diseases. Many of these diseases, such as leprosy, can be passed to humans who come in contact with an infected animal.

1. Which statement best describes the author's purpose for writing the passage?
 2. What is the meaning of shrouding as it is used in the passage?
- a. To explain what armadillos do in order to protect themselves.
b. To encourage the reader to love armadillos because of the diseases they cannot get.
c. To explain a variety of facts about armadillos.
d. To persuade readers to protect armadillos because they cannot bite.

8

The Statue of Liberty proudly stands in New York on Liberty Island. It is a lofty statue, as it rises over 300 feet high. The statue was a generous gift from France. The idea for the statue was proposed by a Frenchman, Edouard de Laboulaye, who was very active in the French Abolition Society. He met with the idea for the Statue of Liberty after the end of the American Civil War. The statue was designed by a French artist, Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi. The man who later worked on the statue helped design the interior structure of the statue of Liberty. In 1865, the sections of the statue were shipped to the United States and assembly began in the spring of 1886. The Statue of Liberty was completed on October 28, 1886. This statue stands as a powerful representation of freedom and liberty.

1. Which quote from the passage **best** shows the author's point of view about the Statue of Liberty?
 2. What is the meaning of lofty as it is used in the passage?
- a. "The Statue of Liberty proudly stands in New York on Liberty Island."
b. "The statue was a generous gift from France."
c. "He came up with the idea for the Statue of Liberty after the end of the American Civil War."
d. "This statue stands as a powerful representation of freedom and liberty."



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Are you looking for something sparkly to wear? Maybe an expensive gift to give? Try some carbon. You might think a diamond is a better choice, but diamonds are nothing more than a piece of carbon. Scientists have learned to grow diamonds in a furnace to become diamonds for deep in the earth's mantle where intense heat and pressure put on chunks of carbon. They believe that the same process created the naturally occurring diamonds. Later they learned and saw different purposes. Diamonds are usually rather special and are very expensive. The price is so high because consumers are willing to pay for them. More diamonds are actually used for making tools like drills than for making jewelry because diamonds are a very hard material. Only about twenty percent of diamonds are used for jewelry.

1. Based on the selection, what is the author's attitude of diamonds?
 - a. The author believes diamonds can be useful but are not particularly special.
 - b. The author believes diamonds are more of a status.
 - c. The author believes diamonds should not be used in jewelry.
 - d. The author believes diamonds are unique because of the way they form.
2. What is the meaning of propelled as it is used in the passage?
 - a. scooted
 - b. pushed
 - c. pulled
 - d. ran

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North Korea is a land of mystery. In 1910, Japan took control of the Asian country of Korea. When Japan lost in World War II in 1945, the country was partitioned. The northern half was controlled by the communist Soviet Union. The United States built military bases to control southern half. Today, both the government of North Korea and the government of South Korea claim to be the only true government of the country. When the Soviet Union collapsed in the 1990s, North Korea did not become a democracy. Instead, it remained a dictatorship and control of the country passed down to the next generation. The country is very isolated and does not allow many tourists. The people of North Korea are not allowed to leave the country without permission. Sadly, reports of poverty, suffering and even starvation are common, which is unfortunate for North Koreans.

1. Which quote from the passage **best** shows the author's point of view about North Korea?
 - a. "North Korea is a land of mystery."
 - b. "Clearly, both the government of North Korea and the government of South Korea claim to be the only true government of the country."
 - c. "The country is very isolated and does not allow many tourists."
 - d. "Sadly, reports of poverty, suffering and even starvation are common, which is unfortunate for North Koreans."
2. What is the meaning of partitioned as it is used in the passage?
 - a. divided
 - b. protected
 - c. controlled
 - d. successful

