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1. beloved: _____
context clues: _____

2. fluctuate: _____
context clues: _____

3. rural: _____
context clues: _____

4. compulsory: _____
context clues: _____

5. standardized: _____
context clues: _____

6. detrimental: _____
context clues: _____

7. _____
context clues: _____

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Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions using evidence from the text to support your answer.

1. What is the central idea of the passage? List two supporting details as well.

2. In the past, many children helped their parents on the farm. How could this have affected the education of children? How might school work?

3. How has a lack of air-conditioning influenced the development of a standardized school calendar?

4. In what ways can a long summer break be harmful for students?

5. The passage states that summer vacation is a very fun time of the year. What evidence in the passage supports this claim?

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Writing Assignment

While summer vacation can be a fun time to make happy memories with friends and family, some people believe so much time away from school can hurt students. To make up for this, some schools are year-round and follow a calendar that gives breaks throughout the school year instead of one long summer break. In a well written paragraph, please explain whether you believe year-round or traditional calendars are best. In your writing, be sure to include the following:

- Explain which type of calendar you believe is best.
- Explain why you think that type of calendar is best.
- Include specific details from the other calendar to support your argument.
- Make sure you proofread your writing to be sure to spell all grammar issues.

Preview

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SWIMMING POOLS DIFFERENTIATED READING PASSAGE & ACTIVITIES

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Swimming Pools

Few things are more alluring than a swimming pool in the summer. Many people look for a pool when thinking of buying a house or of staying at a hotel. Swimming pools are relaxing, fun and a welcome addition to a hot summer day. Swimming pools appeal to people of all ages, but are especially popular with children and teenagers. Despite their incredible popularity today, swimming pools have a long history. Many people might be surprised to learn that one of the most popular places to be in the summer isn't a new or recent invention.

Swimming pools have been around for thousands of years. Archaeological evidence shows that swimming pools were in Mohenjo-Daro nearly 5,000 years ago. Mohenjo-Daro was an ancient civilization in what is now Pakistan. These pools were remarkably similar to modern swimming pools and were popular gathering places. The ancient Greeks and Romans also had pools for both pleasure and fitness. The ancient Romans even had heated swimming pools.

Throughout much of history, swimming pools were only available for the very wealthy. In the nineteenth century, swimming pools started to become more popular with the upper middle classes. People began to view swimming as a way to relax and improve their health. The ancient Roman baths in Bath, England, were refurbished after years of being neglected and became a popular destination. In the United Kingdom, swimming became a sport that showed social class and health.

During the nineteenth century, swimming became a competitive sport. Various swimming clubs began to emerge. In 1896, swimming was included as a sport at the modern Olympics. This led to increasing popularity across the world, particularly in the United States. The Olympic Games were held in the United States in 1904, and swimming was included as a sport in the country. After World War II, swimming pools became even more popular. The swimming pool industry began to grow rapidly. Swimming pools were mostly in the homes of the very rich, more people were able to afford swimming pools after World War II. Above ground pools and affordable backyard pools became especially popular.

Today, swimming pools are a huge and lucrative business and are very popular. Pools are located in schools, colleges, hotels and homes across the United States and the world. Many people have fond memories of swimming in swimming pools and laying out by them during hot summer days. From ancient pools in ancient cities to Olympic sized pools at the local gym, swimming pools have been around for longer than many realize.

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During the 1800s, swimming became a competitive sport. Various swimming clubs began to emerge. In 1896, swimming was included as a sport at the modern Olympics. Once swimming was included in the Olympics, swimming pools became popular in many countries. In the United States, after World War II, swimming pools became even more popular. More people could afford swimming pools after World War II ended. Above ground pools and cheaper backyard pools became especially popular.

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- alluring
a. irresistible
b. pressing
c. annoying
context clues: _____
- remodeled
a. repulsive
b. destroyed
c. built
context clues: _____
- refurbished
a. restored
b. destroyed
c. built
context clues: _____
- emerge
a. escape
b. appear
c. refuse
context clues: _____
- pervasive
a. common
b. unusual
c. expensive
context clues: _____
- lucrative
a. worthless
b. profitable
c. difficult
context clues: _____
- fond
a. warm
b. old
c. uncaring
context clues: _____

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- pervasive: _____
context clues: _____
- lucrative: _____
context clues: _____
- fond: _____
context clues: _____

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Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions using evidence from the text to support your answer.

- What is the central idea of the passage? List two supporting details as well.

- Why do you think swimming pools became so popular in the United States? Mohenjo-Daro? _____

- The passage states that swimming pools were only available to the very wealthy throughout much of history. Why might this have been the case? _____

- What role did the Olympics play in the increasing popularity of pools? _____

- The author states that swimming pools are a very lucrative business. What evidence in the passage supports this claim? _____

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Writing Assignment

Swimming pools provide fun summer memories for many people. Think of a happy memory that you have that is connected to a certain time of year. In a well-written paragraph, please explain what the memory is and how the time of the year played a role in it. In your writing, be sure to include the following:

- Describe the memory.
- Explain why the time of year was important.
- Explain why it was important to you.
- Make sure you proofread your writing to check for spelling and grammar issues.

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COLOR BY NUMBER

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3	9	6	9	9	6	6	9	6	3
9	4	3	3	6	3	6	6	10	3
10	4	7	9	3	4	3	4	3	4
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7	1	1	10	4	10	10	7	7	7
4	7	1	10	2	10	4	2	2	2
1	4	10	4	7	4	10	10	10	10
5	10	10	7	2	2	2	2	2	2
10	7	10	4	10	4	10	4	4	4
4	7	8	8	4	10	4	10	4	4
7	8	5	5	8	5	8	5	8	5

10 Puzzle C

Name: _____

CONTEXT CLUES

Read the sentences below and use context clues to determine the meaning of each underlined word. Then fill in the spaces that match the question number with the color that corresponds with your answer.

- Leo did his best during practice because he didn't want to endure another loss at the next swim meet.
suffer - dark blue enjoy - yellow proclaim - red
- Joey got up early and ran every morning because he wanted to avoid being late to school.
suffer - dark blue enjoy - yellow proclaim - red
- Leo's new puppy was docile and easy to train.
suffer - dark blue enjoy - yellow proclaim - red
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4	7	8	8	4	10	4	10	4	4
7	8	5	5	8	5	8	5	8	5

13 Puzzle C

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GRADES 5-7

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CONTEXT CLUES

5	5	8	8	8	5	5	8	5	5
8	8	8	5	5	8	8	3	9	8
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8	3	5	8	5	3	8	8		
10	9	10	4	10	9	10	10		
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4	7	2	2	7	7	4	4		
4	2	7	7	7	2				
4	2	7	2	2	7	1	6		
1	6	1	6	1	1	6			

6 Puzzle B

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CONTEXT CLUES

Read the sentences below and use context clues to determine the meaning of each underlined word. Then fill in the spaces that match the question number with the color that corresponds with your answer.

- The pool party ended abruptly because of the storm.
suddenly - brown on time - yellow slowly - red
- Lilly attempted to divert her dog's attention away from the cake on the table while they waited for all the guests to arrive.
diverted - brown on time - yellow slowly - red
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9 Puzzle B

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9	10	1	8	10	4	1			
7	4	8	4	10	10	4			
9	10	10	6	10					
3	2	2	2	10	4	8	3		
2	2	3	9	4	9				
2	3	5	7	3	5	7			

2 Puzzle A

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CONTEXT CLUES

Read the sentences below and use context clues to determine the meaning of each underlined word. Then fill in the spaces that match the question number with the color that corresponds with your answer.

- Sarah spent hours scrubbing the pool until it was pristine.
spotless - orange stained - yellow better - brown
- During the summer, Rick's dad made sure he had a wholesome breakfast, instead of candy or doughnuts.
nutritious - yellow healthy - brown better - brown
- He demanded that his friend go to the pool party with him because he didn't begged.
demanded - orange begged - yellow dismissed - red
- He dismissed any false rumors that the camp conspicuous.
dismiss - red conspicuous - yellow ordinary - yellow
- He conspicuously knocked on the door when he was isolated.
conspicuous - yellow isolated - yellow surrounded - orange
- He surrounded her all day babysitting. Karolyn was happy to be potential.
surrounded - orange potential - brown welcome - yellow
- He potential that he would have to spend all summer recovering after he losing.
recovering - yellow losing - orange recovering - yellow

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2	3	5	7	3	5	7	3	9	3

5 Puzzle A

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