

Name _____ Date _____

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

What the Goldfish Saw

- 1 Each year when summer arrives, I splash with joy because I can spend my days in our lovely watery home beside Mrs. Green's garden. This summer was no different, and it was a delight.
- 2 Let me describe our little garden pool. Shiny blue rocks sparkle like glitter on the bottom, and along the outside edge are yellow marigolds that are the color of the sun. Along the inside edge is a shelf of gray rocks that offer us fish secure hiding places.
- 3 Two months ago, Orange Cat came sneaking like a thief through the flower garden to our lovely pool. My sister was swimming after a water bug, and Orange Cat dove for my sister as she glided beneath the rocky shelf. The cat missed my sister, but a purple collar with a silver bell slipped from its neck and fell to the bottom of the pool.
- 4 Many visitors drink at our pool. Spiders, insects, and garden snakes stop here. So do birds of every kind and color: chickadees, robins, cardinals, and blue jays.
- 5 A month ago, a giant hawk sat on a tree over the pool, waiting for the birds, but some children playing ball scared the hawk away. Before long, their red ball came bouncing into our pool, but they forgot about it. Now my sister and I enjoy pushing that little ball back and forth.
- 6 Mrs. Green feeds us dutifully every evening, but last week, her bracelet fell into the pool. It sparkles like golden sunbeams. Mrs. Green came out with a flashlight trying to find it in the grass. Though my sister and I tried calling to her, it did no good, and she went back inside.
- 7 Yesterday, Tommy came splashing through our pool like a horse and dropped his glasses. Serves him right! He gave us quite a scare.



- 8 Now the summer is turning to fall, and the nights are growing colder and colder. Soon the pool will freeze solid, so Mrs. Green puts us into small bowls. We watch as she empties the pool. "Look what I've found," she calls to Mr. Green and points to the assortment of items. She looks very pleased.
- 9 Mrs. Green shows Mr. Green the bracelet, Tommy's glasses, the children's ball, and Orange Cat's collar.
- 10 "Now we know how our naughty cat got so wet that one day," Mr. Green says with a chuckle.



1. The following item has two parts. Answer Part A and then answer Part B.

Part A

How did the narrator feel when Tommy ran through the pool?

- A. frightened
- B. pleased
- C. impressed
- D. amused

Part B

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports the answer to Part A?

- A. "Yesterday, Tommy came splashing through our pool like a horse and dropped his glasses."
 - B. "Serves him right!"
 - C. "He gave us quite a scare."
 - D. "This summer was no different, and it was a delight."
2. Select **two** sentences that belong in a summary of "What the Goldfish Saw."
- A. During the summer, a goldfish sees a bracelet, a ball, a cat collar, and glasses fall into a garden pool.
 - B. As the summer turns to fall, the nights get colder and colder.
 - C. A giant hawk sits in a tree above the pool, hoping to catch a bird.
 - D. Mrs. Green is pleased to find many missing items when she drains the pool for the winter.
 - E. Chickadees, robins, cardinals, and blue jays all stop by to drink water from the pool.



3. The following item has two parts. Answer Part A and then answer Part B.

Part A

What can the reader infer about Mrs. Green's character from the narrator's description in paragraph 6?

- A. She has trouble seeing.
- B. She cares about her pets.
- C. She loses many things.
- D. She wears fancy clothes.

Part B

Which sentence from the passage supports the answer to Part A?

- A. "Mrs. Green feeds us dutifully every evening, but last week, her bracelet fell into the pool."
- B. "Mrs. Green came out with a flashlight trying to find it in the grass."
- C. "Though my sister and I tried calling to her, it did no good, and she went back inside."
- D. "'Look what I've found,' she calls to Mr. Green and points to the assortment of items."

4. Read this sentence from paragraph 7.

"Yesterday, Tommy came splashing through our pool like a horse and dropped his glasses."

What does the phrase like a horse suggest about Tommy?

- A. He is a very large boy.
- B. He leaves tracks in the pool.
- C. He rides a horse into the pool.
- D. He runs hard and splashes a lot.



5. What does the word assortment mean as it is used in paragraph 8?
- A. straight row or line
 - B. pattern of colors or shapes
 - C. collection of different things
 - D. list of names or objects



6. How does the narrator's point of view differ from Mrs. Green's perspective? Decide whether each sentence in the chart fits the view of the narrator, Mrs. Green, or both. Fill in the bubble in the correct box beside each sentence.

Sentence	Narrator	Mrs. Green	Both
The garden pool is a delightful place in the summer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having a sister to share adventures with is nice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
During winter, it is better for a fish to be in a bowl inside than to be in water outside.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is interesting to see how many things fall into the pool.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is surprising what you can find when you drain a pool.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Read this passage and answer the questions that follow.

My Job

- 1 I have a very important job, and I take it seriously. You might say, “But you’re *just* a dog.” That’s true, but I must make sure nothing comes into the yard to harm my family. I wish I could say that everyone always appreciates what I do, but unfortunately I can’t.
- 2 A month ago, a great blue heron was standing next to our pond. It was about to snap up our biggest goldfish—the one everyone calls Papi—and I couldn’t allow that. So I charged the heron and it flew away, flapping its big blue wings. Mother ran out of the house with her binoculars and reprimanded me. “Daisy, I was watching that heron!” she yelled. “Why did you do that?” If I could speak, I would have told her, but I remained quiet.
- 3 Then one night a porcupine was up in the apple tree, chewing on the branches. I barked at it at the top of my lungs, and guess what I got for my trouble? Father came out on the porch and yelled at me to keep quiet. Finally, the beast left the tree and walked away, but did I get thanked for this? Of course not!
- 4 Then yesterday, a skunk made the mistake of walking across the lawn. I ran toward the offending creature, and it did run away—but not before it sprayed me with the most awful smelly spray. The two kids came out and took me into the house. When Mother and Father smelled me, Mother started crying. Then Father took me to the bathroom and gave me about five baths. I did quite enjoy the warm sudsy water, but I felt bad about making Mother cry. Oh, and by the way, did anyone say, “Daisy, great job chasing that skunk away”? Of course not.
- 5 This morning I saw a moose in the yard looking quite determined to eat all the plants in our garden. Now a moose is a huge, beastly thing with hooves and antlers—it looks like a whale on legs. (Okay, I might be exaggerating, but you get the idea.) So I took a deep breath and ran toward the moose, barking the loudest bark I have ever created.



- 6 The moose took one look at all fifty pounds of me and decided that there was better food elsewhere. It galloped out of the yard without another thought.
- 7 The back door to the house opened. Mother, Father, and the kids all ran out. I was expecting to be yelled at, but guess what Mother said?
- 8 “Daisy, you are so courageous! What a great dog you are!” The whole family smiled at me, and at long last I felt appreciated.



7. Select **two** sentences that belong in a summary of “My Job.”
- A. A porcupine climbs an apple tree and begins chewing its branches.
 - B. The family the dog lives with scolds her when she scares off a blue heron, a porcupine, and a skunk.
 - C. A skunk sprays the dog, and the dog needs many baths to get rid of the smell.
 - D. No one tells the dog she does a good job when she scares a porcupine out of a tree.
 - E. The dog finally gets high praise when the family sees her chase a moose out of the yard.
8. Select **two** sentences that show the difference between Daisy’s point of view and Mother’s perspective in paragraph 2.
- A. Mother wanted to take a picture of the heron.
 - B. Mother was afraid that Daisy will hurt the heron.
 - C. Mother did not know that the heron was about to eat Papi.
 - D. Mother was enjoying watching the heron from the house.
 - E. Mother didn’t understand what Daisy’s barking meant.

9. Read this sentence from paragraph 5 of “My Job.”

“Now a moose is a huge, beastly thing with hooves and antlers—it looks like a whale on legs.”

What does the author suggest about the moose by using the simile like a whale on legs?

- A. It is a good swimmer.
- B. It is very scary.
- C. It is dangerous.
- D. It is very large.



10. What does the word reprimanded mean as it is used in paragraph 2 of “My Job”?
- A. praised
 - B. spotted
 - C. scolded
 - D. chased
11. Think about the two passages, “What the Goldfish Saw” and “My Job.” Select **two** themes that are developed in **both** passages.
- A. Animals often see what people do not.
 - B. Animals are always brave and help humans.
 - C. Humans don’t always understand animals.
 - D. Doing a job well deserves recognition.
 - E. People sometimes lose the things they value most.



Editing Task

There are some words or phrases in the passage that are underlined to show they may be incorrect or can be written in a better way. For each underlined word or phrase, choose the best replacement.

A mother grouse with bright feathers were feeding her babies when she heard footsteps. "Oh, no," she thought. "Those hikers on the trail is coming too close to my chicks!" So she whispered "Quiet!" to her babies. Then she flapped her wings and flew up and over the two hikers. The hikers, who were startled at first, took out his phones to take photos. As the mother bird landed and began hopping away, the hikers started following us. She was leading them away from her chicks. When the hikers were far enough away, she flew up and into the trees.

- 13.** Replace were with
- A.** were (no change)
 - B.** are
 - C.** is
 - D.** was
- 14.** Replace is with
- A.** is (no change)
 - B.** are
 - C.** am
 - D.** were
- 15.** Replace his with
- A.** his (no change)
 - B.** our
 - C.** their
 - D.** your



16. Replace us with
- A. us (no change)
 - B. her
 - C. them
 - D. me

17. Replace her with
- A. her (no change)
 - B. his
 - C. their
 - D. your



