

Reading Comprehension Test

This questionnaire focuses on reading comprehension. Read each paragraph carefully and answer each multiple choice question by selecting the best answer. Work as quickly as possible and do not spend too much time on any single question. Please do not go back. You have up to 20 minutes to answer the questions.

Here's an example below.

Last summer, Patricia spent her holiday with her cousin Anne, who lives in Ontario. Upon return, she was glad to see her parents after being away for a month. She told her parents that every morning, at about nine o'clock, she went swimming and running with her cousin. In the afternoon, Anne and her cousin had so much fun they did not see the time pass. They visited the zoo, historic sites and saw shows. In the evening, they listened to music and went to bed around 10 o'clock.

1. What does Patricia tell her parents about?

- a) her visit to the zoo
- b) the shows
- c) her departure
- d) her stay at her cousin's

2. Where did she spend her holiday?

- a) at home
- b) at her uncle's
- c) at Anne's
- d) at the zoo

3. How did she spend her afternoons?

- a) running
- b) having fun
- c) being bored
- d) listening to music

4. How did she spend her evenings?

- a) visiting
- b) running
- c) listening to music
- d) swimming

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Last Saturday, Frederick and his sister Natalie had a picnic with their parents at the zoo. They liked seeing all the animals, especially a big gorilla named Boumba. The lions were hot and were lying under a tree while the elephants and hippos were bathing in a lake. Frederick rode on a white colt and Natalie fed a sweet little lamb. On their way home, they slept in the car because they were so tired.

1. Boumba is a:

- a) tiger
- b) horse
- c) gorilla
- d) crocodile

2. The elephants were bathing in:

- a) a river
- b) a lake
- c) a pool
- d) a bathtub

3. The lamb was:

- a) excited
- b) angry
- c) sad
- d) sweet

4. On their way home, Frederick and Natalie:

- a) slept
- b) sang
- c) cried
- d) read

Steven and Alexander decided to go play hockey. It was cold but fortunately the sun kept them warm. At Swallow Park's skating rink, they met two friends from school, Brigitte and her pal Julie. The girls challenged the two boys. The game consisted of playing against them for thirty minutes and see if they can beat them. Steven and Alexander were skilled but the girls were brave. In the end, each team scored ten goals and the game ended in a tie. Everyone went to celebrate at Steven's house. Steven's mother prepared hot chocolate for them.

5. Steven and Alexander met two friends:

- a) on the bus
- b) at the skating rink
- c) at home
- d) on the sidewalk

6. Brigitte and Julie:

- a) threw a rocket
- b) threw a ball
- c) made a call
- d) proposed a challenge

7. The girls were:

- a) skilled
- b) shocked
- c) surprised
- d) brave

8. The four friends celebrated by:

- a) doing homework
- b) watching television
- c) drinking hot chocolate
- d) washing dishes

Martin bought a new computer game. The name of the game is "The Monster Hunt" and it takes place in the future. The player, armed with a laser gun and missile shield, is transported to a city overrun by ugly and dangerous creatures that he has to eliminate one by one. He has to be very quick because the monsters come from everywhere. Martin loves this game because he succeeds in saving all of the city's residents who are defenseless against these creatures.

9. The game is called:

- a) The Treasure Hunt
- b) The Witch Hunt
- c) The Monster Hunt
- d) The Duck Hunt

10. Where is the player transported?

- a) to a mountain
- b) to a forest
- c) to the bottom of the sea
- d) to a city

11. The player has to be very:

- a) strong
- b) tall
- c) good-looking
- d) quick

12. What does Martin do to the city's residents? He

- a) saves them
- b) hides them
- c) questions them
- d) mistreats them

Amelia is passionate about skateboarding. She saved her money to buy clothes and accessories needed for her favorite sport. At first, her parents were worried about her. Amelia reassured her parents by telling them that she was well equipped to play the sport safely. She likes to take risks but is not a thrill-seeker. Each day, when the weather is nice, she goes to the park where they have built facilities designed specifically for this activity. She made several friends there with whom she has lots of fun.

13. Amelia is well:

- a) equipped
- b) discouraged
- c) trained
- d) tired

14. She goes to:

- a) a cinema
- b) a hospital
- c) an arena
- d) a park

15. She buys herself:

- a) candy
- b) clothes
- c) skates
- d) snowshoes

16. She enjoys:

- a) sleeping
- b) watching television
- c) taking risks
- d) doing nothing

A countess named Eleanor of Georgia had a collection of precious jewelry hidden in a safe, behind a painting hanging on her bedroom wall. One day, she found that the safe was open and the jewels had disappeared. She sent the famous detective Walter Smith to investigate. The thief must have been clever because there were no fingerprints in the room, on the grounds or around the castle. The detective was talented and was always humming while investigating. He questioned all the servants and the driver started stuttering. He found the loot in the driver's bedroom.

17. The countess had a collection of:

- a) stamps
- b) butterflies
- c) jewelry
- d) cards

18. She sent for a:

- a) jeweler
- b) detective
- c) doctor
- d) lawyer

19. The thief was:

- a) talented
- b) shy
- c) in a hurry
- d) clever

20. The driver started:

- a) humming
- b) stuttering
- c) singing
- d) running

There once was a good and generous king, loved by all his subjects. But a wicked and greedy duke was jealous of the king and wanted to destroy him. The duke went to a forest far away from the castle and gave gold coins to a band of robbers in exchange for kidnapping the king's daughter. The duke was followed into the forest by a knight who was in love with the princess. He quickly returned to the castle and asked the knights to watch the princess. When the criminals arrived, they were arrested and jailed. As for the duke, he was banned from the kingdom.

21. Who wanted to destroy the king?

- a) his subjects
- b) a count
- c) a duke
- d) a prince

22. To whom did the duke give gold coins?

- a) to servants
- b) to robbers
- c) to children
- d) to musicians

23. The knight followed the duke:

- a) into the forest
- b) into the castle
- c) onto the mountain
- d) into the village

24. What happened to the robbers?

- a) they were questioned
- b) they were applauded
- c) they were chased
- d) they were sent to prison

A cowboy named Jack had a ranch in West Valley, where he raised a large herd of cattle. One night, while Jack and his men were sleeping at the ranch, a group of outlaws took at least half of his herd. The next day, Jack was angry. He left with his helpers in search of the thieves. They followed cattle tracks for several days. Then, one morning at dawn, they saw the herd near a river. Jack ordered his men to surround the bandits. After a fight, Jack reclaimed his cattle and brought the criminals to the sheriff.

25. What was the cowboy raising?

- a) chickens
- b) children
- c) livestock
- d) dogs

26. Where did Jack sleep?

- a) in the forest
- b) at the ranch
- c) in the valley
- d) close to the river

27. How did Jack feel when he found out about the stolen herd of cattle?

- a) happy
- b) angry
- c) sad
- d) worried

28. Where did Jack put his men?

- a) around the herd
- b) on a mountain
- c) on the other side of the river
- d) around the bandits

When ships aren't sailing, they stop at a port. The sailors can embark or disembark. The longshoremen are in charge of transferring the goods. The ships pass between dikes or jetties that serve to protect the port against strong waves. They then approach a dock, which is often made of concrete, where there are steel bollards for attaching boats. On the dock, trucks or trains can approach ships to load or unload cargo. Thanks to the light from a lighthouse, boats are guided to enter or exit the port.

29. The sailors onboard can disembark:

- a) at a train station
- b) at an airport
- c) at a port
- d) in the waves

30. The dikes are used to reduce the strength of:

- a) boats
- b) fish
- c) waves
- d) sailors

31. The steel bollards used for attaching the boats are on:

- a) dikes
- b) jetties
- c) trucks
- d) the dock

32. What guides the boats into the port?

- a) a dike
- b) the longshoremen
- c) a lighthouse
- d) a light

An expedition of scientists flew over the Pacific Ocean. Suddenly, the plane lost the use of an engine. The pilot was able to crash land in a clearing on a deserted island. None of the passengers were injured. Two of them went to explore the surroundings, while others tried to repair the faulty engine. Surprisingly, two explorers discovered a village deep in the jungle with huts made of wood. The inhabitants lived as if they were in the Middle Ages and knew no modern inventions. They feared these new visitors and believed they came from the stars. The explorers were able to communicate with them and decided to remain on the island to help them modernize.

33. What happened to the plane?

- a) a propeller stopped
- b) it exploded
- c) a wing fell
- d) an engine failed

34. How many passengers were hurt?

- a) none
- b) two
- c) one
- d) all

35. What did the explorers discover in the jungle?

- a) gold
- b) wild animals
- c) houses
- d) explorers

36. What were the inhabitants like?

- a) aggressive
- b) fearful
- c) joyful
- d) sad

According to research done by archeologists, the presence of early humans dates back to approximately two million years. They lived primarily outdoors, sleeping in trees to protect themselves from the wild beasts that roamed the forest at night. They lived on roots and fruits because they did not yet hunt animals. They then learned to make weapons with flint, stone and wood. From that moment, they began to hunt. Having discovered the use of fire, they could cook meat and keep warm. Much later, they discovered caves.

37. Who discovered the first traces of man?

- a) psychologists
- b) archaeologists
- c) explorers
- d) educators

38. At first, prehistoric men spent their nights in:

- a) a tent
- b) a tree
- c) a cave
- d) a ship

39. What was flint used for?

- a) to cook food
- b) to draw
- c) to make weapons
- d) to start a fire

40. What was the first major discovery for humans?

- a) fire
- b) caves
- c) papyrus
- d) the wheel

Salt is a mixture of sodium, which is an alkaline metal, and chlorine, which is a gas. Separately, they are dangerous, but together, they are not harmful and add flavor to food. Sea water contains salt, which is also found underground, in the mountains, deserts and swamps. In ancient Rome, soldiers were sometimes paid with bags of salt, which explains the origin of the word "salary"! Rock salt is located underground. It is extracted from mines, which are large enough so that two trucks can be driven side-by-side. The salt is used to preserve certain foods and to melt the snow on roads.

41. Chlorine is a:

- a) solid
- b) liquid
- c) metal
- d) gas

42. Where is rock salt found?

- a) in the desert
- b) underground
- c) on the mountains
- d) in the sea

43. As salary, Roman soldiers were sometimes given:

- a) dollars
- b) jewelry
- c) sandbags
- d) bags of salt

44. What travels in salt mines?

- a) water
- b) cars
- c) trucks
- d) gas

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