

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: **Read each question carefully and circle the correct answer.**

1. Is the underlined sentence the cause or the effect?

We bought a new blender. The old blender broke.

- A. cause
- B. effect

2. Is the underlined sentence the cause or the effect?

Today is my grandmother's birthday. We are having a big party for her.

- A. cause
- B. effect

3. Is the underlined sentence the cause or the effect?

The couch was chewed to bits. Someone had left the puppy alone in the living room.

- A. cause
- B. effect

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

"Hurry up, Tim, or we'll be late for the game!" yelled John.

"Hold on, I just want to call Doug." Tim picked up the phone and dialed, excited about the favor he and John were doing for their friend. "Hi, Doug? John and I are heading to the game right now--you should have an official baseball by the end of the day!" He smiled as he hung up the phone, knowing that Doug would be thankful for the upcoming gift.

John and Tim grabbed their backpacks, shoved in their gloves and some sandwiches, and headed for the bus stop. This was the first time their mother and father were letting them go to a baseball game on their own.

"John, did you remember the tickets?" asked Tim.

"Of course, we want to get into the game, don't we?"

Once the boys got off the bus at the ballpark, they ran toward the stadium. "We've got the best seats for catching a foul ball, and Doug will be so happy when we bring one home for him," beamed Tim.

"I've been waiting all season to catch one. Wouldn't it be great if we both could?" asked John.

Tim smiled, replying, "Yeah, then we could give one to Doug and keep one for ourselves!"

Tim and John got to their seats just as the pitcher threw the first pitch of the game. It was a strike, as were the next two. The batter threw down his bat and trudged back to the dugout, angry that he had not made a hit.

"Wow! He's the best pitcher they have," exclaimed John.

During the seventh inning they bought peanuts and lemonade. They were having fun, but Tim had a worried expression on his face. "It's the seventh inning already, and there hasn't been one foul ball hit near our seats. We can't go home without a baseball for Doug!"

John nodded in agreement. "It would really cheer Doug up if we could bring him a ball from the game. He hasn't had much to be happy about lately, and I heard he has to go back in the hospital next week."

At the bottom of the ninth inning, still no balls had been hit toward the two boys, and Tim and John rose to leave the game empty-handed. They had not caught a foul ball for their friend, and the boys wore sad, tired expressions on their faces.

"Maybe we could go to the game on Saturday," John suggested.

Tim shook his head dejectedly as he replied, "We're going to Aunt Jane's this weekend, so this game was our only chance." The boys dragged their feet as they slowly walked to the bus stop.

"Why do you boys look so sad?"

At the sound of that voice, Tim and John wheeled around, and there in front of them stood the star player of their favorite team.

"I-- we--" stuttered Tim, while John just stared at the ballplayer with his mouth open in amazement.

"Would a couple of autographed game balls cheer you up?" offered the player, as he pulled two baseballs out of his bag.

The boys looked at each other, then Tim asked timidly, "Could you sign one for us and one for our friend?"

"I think I can manage that--just tell me the name and I'll write it!" The player grinned as he signed the baseballs. When he finished, the player tossed the balls to Tim and John. "Thanks for coming to the game, boys. See you next time!"

Tim and John ran to the bus stop with big grins on their faces and the autographed baseballs held tightly in their fists.

4. Based on the information in the story, Doug _____.
- A. is a very sick boy who is friends with Tim and John
 - B. went to the game with Tim
 - C. will be getting out of the hospital very soon
 - D. is Tim and John's brother
5. What is the plot of this story?
- A. Two boys go to a baseball game and come home with two autographed baseballs.
 - B. Two boys go to a baseball game with their sick friend.
 - C. A boy must go back into the hospital and takes his autographed baseball.
 - D. Two boys visit their friend in the hospital and bring him an autographed baseball.

6. What happens first in the story?
- A. Tim and John pack their gloves and sandwiches in their backpacks.
 - B. Tim and John get on the bus to the stadium.
 - C. Tim calls Doug on the phone and promises him a baseball.
 - D. The first batter strikes out.

7. Is the following sentence a fact, an opinion, or both a fact and an opinion?

The ocean waves were more than eight feet high, and the surfing was fantastic!

- A. fact
- B. opinion
- C. both fact and opinion

8. A statement of opinion is underlined in the paragraph. Read the paragraph and then decide if there is evidence to support the opinion.

Tina is the best dancer in the world. She has starred in three music videos. She has danced since the age of three.

- A. Evidence is given to support the underlined opinion.
- B. No evidence is given to support the underlined opinion.

9. Is the following sentence a fact, an opinion, or both a fact and an opinion?

Jack is the funniest boy in the fifth grade.

- A. fact
- B. opinion
- C. both fact and opinion

Read the story and answer the questions.

John and Sue went for a hike in Deer Valley. The spring rains had made the valley very green and beautiful. The flowers were blooming and creatures were enjoying the warm weather. John and Sue even spotted a screech owl in a giant oak tree. The two friends felt peaceful and happy while in the valley. While they were walking, John noticed some movement in a large bush. He motioned for Sue to stand very still. The two of them stared at the bush in wonderment. Suddenly, a little skunk waddled out. Sue and John remained motionless, so that the skunk would not spray them. The skunk inspected the two humans for a moment and then waddled away. Sue and John sighed in relief.

10. What happened just before the skunk came out of the bush?

- A. Sue and John were running.
- B. John and Sue stared at the bush.
- C. Sue and John sighed in relief.
- D. The two friends were on their way home.

11. What were Sue and John doing?

- A. They were hiking in Deer Valley.
- B. They were walking through the zoo.
- C. They were looking for skunks.
- D. They were watching T.V.

12. How did John and Sue feel when they were in the valley?

- A. mean
- B. sad
- C. tired
- D. peaceful

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

There once was a poor girl named Lily. One day Lily went for a walk in her village. Suddenly, a rat stood in front of Lily's path. Lily yelled, because she was afraid of rats. The rat spoke: "Don't be afraid. I won't hurt you!"

Lily's eyes grew wide.

"I'm quite a friendly fellow. Now why do you have such a sad look on your face, child?"

"Oh! I'm sorry sir, but I was just thinking that I wished I had some shoes, and that my little brother had enough to eat, and--"

"My dear, is your family poor?" The rat's eyes softened as he looked up into Lily's face.

Lily hung her head in shame. "I guess you could say that, sir."

The rat tapped his nose while he thought. "Hmm. Tomorrow morning look under your pillow. You'll find something you need." The rat ran away from Lily.

On her way home Lily thought, "How could that little rat help me?"

The next morning Lily yawned and opened her eyes. Her heart thumped as she reached under her pillow. Out came three gold coins in the palm of her hand. "He kept his promise! He knew just what my family needed!"

Lily awoke to the same wonderful surprise under her pillow every morning for the next ten years. Lily's family never worried again about food, and her parents were happy.

Lily walked happily to the schoolhouse. She was now a teacher there. She liked all of the students she taught. All of a sudden a rat jumped in her path. "Miss Lily?"

"Y-y-yes?" she stammered.

"You probably don't remember me. I'm the rat you met years ago. I hope you and your family have been doing well," said the rat in a hopeful voice.

"Why yes! I don't know how I could ever thank you enough!"

"You could thank me by speaking kindly of rats, and treating us fairly whenever you see one of us," said

the rat.

"I promise to always be nice to rats in memory of your great kindness, sir." Lily bowed politely to the rat, and they each went on their way.

13. Which sentence would not belong in the story?
- A. After the rat got home, he took a bath, ate dinner, and he decided to doze off and take a nap.
 - B. "I will help your family, if you promise to help me someday in return," said the rat.
 - C. "My father has lost his job, and my mother is too ill to work," Lily told the rat.
 - D. Next week in school, Miss Lily taught her students about being kind to rats and other animals.
14. How does the story end?
- A. The girl kisses the rat and it turns into a prince.
 - B. The rat gives the girl a chest filled with gold.
 - C. The girl goes to work on her family's farm.
 - D. The girl promises to be kind to rats.
15. When Lily met the rat ten years later, why was she going to the schoolhouse?
- A. The story didn't say.
 - B. She liked all of her students.
 - C. She was going to meet the rat as she had promised.
 - D. She was a teacher there.

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

One day a handsome white owl landed in a tree. The owl's name was Edmund. He was a very wise owl who watched carefully over the forest and the animals. Having just caught two mice and a mole for his dinner, he needed a rest.

"Hello up there! Who is resting in my beautiful green branches?" asked the tree.

The owl opened his sleepy eyes wide and replied, "I am Edmund, a wise owl. I have come to rest in your branches, sir."

The tree replied, "You should be honored to be resting in my beautiful green branches. My beauty is greater than anything else in nature. Nothing can compare to my lush green leaves and strong straight trunk."

"Be careful, Mr. Tree," warned Edmund. "It is not wise to put yourself above others in nature. Everything in nature is beautiful."

The tree angrily shook its branches. "YOU can't tell me I am not the most beautiful thing in nature. I know that I am greater than those boring bushes and those skinny flowers."

Edmund the owl had heard enough of the tree's vain attitude. He needed to teach the tree a lesson. Edmund spread his wings wide and fluttered them quickly. Suddenly the tree's leaves turned brown and fell off its branches. The tree was left bare.

"What have you done? My leaves! They are gone!" the tree cried out.

"Mr. Tree, you are too proud of your beauty. Every winter you will lose your leaves, but they will grow back in the spring. This is to remind you there are other beautiful things in nature beside yourself. While you are bare and skinny in the winter, look around you and notice the beautiful bushes, birds, and badgers. If you

do, I promise that your leaves will grow back again." With that, Edmund flew out of the tree.
This is how the tree came to lose its leaves every year.

16. For whom is the story written?
- A. college students
 - B. people who have a garden
 - C. math teachers
 - D. school children
17. Which word best describes how the tree feels after losing its leaves?
- A. angry
 - B. happy
 - C. shy
 - D. proud
18. What is the name of the owl?
- A. Edward
 - B. Albert
 - C. Mr. Owl
 - D. Edmund

Read the story and then answer the questions that follow.

Every day as she walked home after school Rosa would see the same little black dog. This dog had a stubby tail and big floppy ears. Every time she saw the dog it was sitting on the same corner. As soon as it saw Rosa it would wag its tail and bark a few times. Then it would run over to Rosa. On hot days the dog's big wet tongue would be hanging out of its mouth. It always tried to lick Rosa's feet and knees.

When Rosa saw the dog she would yell at it to go home, but the dog would just sit and stare at her. When she would go on her way, the dog would happily follow her with its tail wagging. It always stayed right at her side as if they were best friends. As soon as Rosa reached her house and began to walk up the driveway, the little dog would bark a few times, wag its tail, and return in the direction it came from. Within minutes the dog would be a black speck in the distance.

In the beginning it bothered Rosa that the dog tagged along. But after awhile she got used to it. She even began to look forward to their walks.

One day Rosa was on her way home like any other day. When she got to the corner there was no little black dog. The next day the dog wasn't there again. This went on for the rest of the week. Rosa began to miss the black dog's silly bark. She wanted to see its cute stubby tail and floppy ears. Suddenly she heard a bark. Surprised, she looked up. But it was only her neighbor walking his poodle. She looked down sadly. Rosa wondered what had happened to the little dog. She was worried that something bad had happened.

That night at dinner, Rosa told her mother about the disappearance of her walking friend. Her mother smiled and said, "Rosa, I think I know what happened to your friend. I was at the grocery store last week and I ran into Mrs. Pacheco. She told me that they are moving to another house where there is a big backyard for their dog. As I was leaving the store, I saw Mrs. Pacheco get into her car. Her dog was in the car. It had a stubby tail and big floppy ears. It must be your walking friend."

It suddenly made sense to Rosa. The little dog must belong to the Pachecos. She was sad and happy at the same time. Although she would no longer get to walk home with her little friend, it made her happy to think of the dog in a big yard with a loving family and children to play with. Rosa could almost hear the dog's silly bark. She would never forget her little furry friend.

19. What made Rosa think she had found the little dog after it disappeared?
- A. She saw a black speck in the distance when she was walking home.
 - B. She saw a dog in Mrs. Pacheco's car.
 - C. She heard a dog bark when she was walking home from school.
 - D. She heard a man calling for his dog.
20. When the dog first saw Rosa, what did it do before it barked?
- A. It licked her feet.
 - B. It jumped around.
 - C. It wagged its tail.
 - D. It sat quietly.
21. How did Rosa feel when she realized the dog had moved with the Pachecos?
- A. sad and angry
 - B. sad and happy
 - C. happy
 - D. confused

Read the story and then answer the questions that follow.

Shari was excited about today's game. It was her first game since she hurt her ankle last summer. Her teammates were excited about her return, too.

However, when the referee blew his silver whistle something inside of Shari changed. She froze on the field. All she could think of was the pain of her broken ankle. The ball raced by her, but she didn't follow. Someone on the other team got to the ball and headed for the goal. Without Shari's help, the goalie was alone. The other team scored the goal.

Shari sulked back to the bench. She was angry with herself for being afraid. She decided to quit and go home. Just then, her coach called her name. He wanted her back in the game. She was sure that he had made a mistake. Then he called her name again.

As she slowly walked back on the field, the coach called her once more. He told her to remember how much she loves soccer. Shari smiled at the memories she had of other games. This time when the whistle blew, Shari wasn't afraid.

22. What do you think made Shari freeze on the field?
- A. anger
 - B. jealousy
 - C. fear
 - D. confusion
23. In the beginning of the story, how did Shari's teammates feel about her return?
- A. scared
 - B. angry
 - C. excited
 - D. tired
24. If Shari's coach hadn't given her a second chance, what do you think would have happened?
- A. She would have gotten over her fear.
 - B. She would have quit.
 - C. She would be angry with the coach.
 - D. She would try out for a different soccer team.

Read the story and answer the questions that follow.

The hot sun beamed down on the enthusiastic crowd. The state championship softball game was in the seventh inning. The Titans and the Red Hots were the two competing teams; both teams were undefeated for the season. The Titans were ahead by one run, but the Red Hots were up at bat.

The Titan pitcher had played an incredible game, but was weak from throwing the ball. The Titans could not afford to let the Red Hots score any runs, so they were forced to pull their weary pitcher out of the game and put in the second string pitcher. Dana was the second string pitcher, and she had been warming up in the bullpen since the fourth inning. She had been anxiously awaiting an opportunity to pitch.

Dana's first pitch went wild and missed the plate completely. The Titan fans were extremely nervous. Dana took a deep breath and threw her next pitch. The umpire yelled, "Strike One!" The crowd screamed with delight. Dana smiled to herself as she continued to send strikes across the plate.

The Red Hots had two outs and the player at bat had two strikes. Dana wound up and threw her best curve ball of the game. The player swung, but missed the ball. The game was over. The Titans had won the state championship. The team raced to the pitcher's mound to congratulate Dana.

25. Why was it necessary for the Titans to pull their weary pitcher out of the game?
- A. They wanted to prevent the Red Hots from scoring.
 - B. The coach had promised to let Dana pitch.
 - C. The Red Hots would have been angry otherwise.
 - D. The crowd would have had to sit in the hot sun too long.

26. Dana was the Titan's _____ pitcher.

- A. first string
- B. oldest
- C. second string
- D. youngest

27. What do you think might happen next?

- A. The Red Hots have a championship party.
- B. Dana and her teammates celebrate.
- C. The Titans go home unhappy.
- D. It starts to rain.

Read the story carefully and answer the questions.

Kristin has a tiny dog named Daisy. For years, Kristin would play with Daisy every day after school. They would play together for hours. After dinner, Daisy would watch Kristin do her homework. When Kristin finished her homework, she would take Daisy outside for a long walk before bed. They would then drift off to sleep, with Daisy always at the foot of the bed.

One day this routine suddenly changed. Kristin got her first job so she could buy a new bike. She would be baby-sitting a two year old boy named Ben. Daisy would still anxiously wait for Kristin by the door each day, but Kristin would not get home until very late. By that time, she was much too tired to play with Daisy. Daisy, on the other hand, was full of energy and confused by Kristin's attitude.

One night, as Kristin said, "Good night, Daisy," the dog reacted with a wild fit of barking. Kristin laughed and said, "Oh, I guess you're not tired. I'm sorry I have been neglecting you. I promise to make it up to you. From now on I'll play with you before school."

Unfortunately, in the morning, Kristin forgot all about her promise to Daisy. When Kristin returned home from baby-sitting, again, late in the evening, Daisy felt even sadder than before. The next day while Kristin was away, Daisy was so bored that she dug a hole in the backyard. She discovered that she could fit under the fence, and that's just what she did. As Daisy ran down the street, out of her yard for the first time, she enjoyed the freedom! She chased a cat, followed a little boy, and dug a hole in a lady's flower bed.

When Kristin came home that evening, she was surprised that Daisy was not there to greet her. When she went into the backyard to call Daisy, she discovered the hole and realized what must have happened. She quickly got a flashlight, and began looking around the neighborhood, loudly calling Daisy's name. She was very relieved when she saw her neighbor heading toward her with Daisy, asleep in his arms! Kristin knew right then that she had learned a valuable lesson.

28. Why did Kristin get an after school job?

- A. She wanted to buy a new bike.
- B. She wanted to pay for Daisy's food and care.
- C. She wanted to get a puppy to keep Daisy company.
- D. She wanted to help out her Mom and Dad.

29. At the beginning of the story, when would Kristin play with Daisy?

- A. Kristin would play with Daisy every morning before school.
- B. Kristin never played with Daisy.
- C. Kristin would play with Daisy every day after school.
- D. Kristin would play with Daisy in the middle of the night.

30. How does Kristin plan on making up her lost time with Daisy?

- A. by going for a walk with Daisy every Sunday
- B. by giving Daisy more toys while Kristin is away
- C. by staying up later and playing with Daisy
- D. by playing with Daisy before school every day

31. Use the recipe to answer the question.

<u>Better Than Your Average Oatmeal</u>	
1 cup oatmeal	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2/3 cup cold water	1/4 cup raisins
1 teaspoon brown sugar	1 cup milk
1 tablespoon sugar	

In medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add oatmeal and stir. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 2 minutes. After the 2 minutes, add raisins and stir. Cook for 2 more minutes. Then add sugar, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat, cover and let stand for 2-3 minutes. Serve with milk.

How many eggs are needed?

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 0

32. Use the instructions to answer the question.



TO RECORD:

1. Place video tape in slot marked VIDEO TAPE SLOT.
2. Press both the RECORD and PLAY buttons.
3. Press the STOP button when finished.

TO SET TIME:

1. Press the TIME button twice.
2. The TIME DISPLAY will blink.
3. Hold the TIME button down until correct time appears in TIME DISPLAY.

What is the second step in recording a video?

- A. Place video tape in slot marked VIDEO TAPE SLOT.
- B. Press the STOP button when finished.
- C. Press both the RECORD and PLAY buttons.
- D. Press the TIME button twice.

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What does the recipe suggest you serve with the oatmeal?

- A. a healthy breakfast
- B. milk
- C. cream
- D. nothing

Read the story and then answer the questions that follow.

It grows over eight feet tall and weighs over 1,500 pounds! What is it? It is a grizzly bear. Grizzly bears are also called Alaskan brown bears. Grizzlies are huge creatures! In fact, they are the largest meat-eating animals that live on land. Grizzly bears maintain their terrifying size by eating eighty to ninety pounds

of food each day. They like to dine on fish, berries, leaves, and small animals.

Grizzlies are flat-footed, just like humans. Their heels rest on the ground. On the end of a bear's toes are large claws. These claws are used to dig out small animals.

Fortunately, humans do not walk like bears. Bears have a clumsy looking walk because they move both legs on one side of the body forward at the same time. But bears are not clumsy. They can even stand on their hind legs.

Bears should wear glasses, because they do not have good eyesight. They cannot hear well either. They do, however, have a sharp sense of smell. They use those long noses of theirs to sniff out danger and food.

Hikers in western states, like Alaska, need to beware that they just may run into one of these furry creatures in some dark, shady corner of the woods. Grizzlies usually run away when they see a human being, but sometimes they attack. It is helpful to know that grizzlies do not climb trees. So the next time you run into an unfriendly grizzly, head for the nearest tree!

34. Why do bears look clumsy?

- A. They stand on their hind legs.
- B. They are flat-footed and the heel of the foot rests on the ground.
- C. They use large claws to dig out small animals.
- D. They walk using both legs on one side of the body at the same time.

35. How should you try to escape from a grizzly bear?

- A. run
- B. hide
- C. climb up a tree
- D. play dead

36. How much food do grizzly bears eat daily?

- A. 8 pounds
- B. 150-200 pounds
- C. 1500 pounds
- D. 80 to 90 pounds