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Category 1

What is the main purpose of this selection?

- A to turn up the heat
- B to explain global warming
- C to tell about the greenhouse effect
- D to do an experiment

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the chart in this selection?

- A to compare the readings of thermometer 1 to thermometer 2 for 10 minutes
- B to see which thermometer is the hottest
- C to create a miniature greenhouse effect
- D to try an experiment

3

Category 3

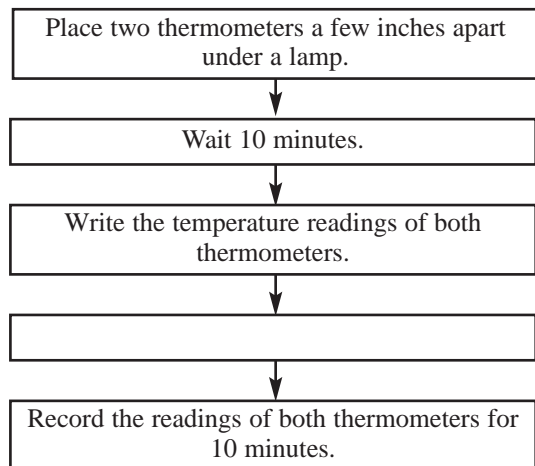
What are the effects of placing the plastic container over one thermometer?

- A There is no difference between the two thermometers.
- B The plastic container lets heat out like greenhouse gases.
- C The temperature rises faster than the uncovered thermometer.
- D The plastic container melts.

4

Category 1

The chart below shows the steps to complete the experiment in this selection.



Which information is missing from the steps?

- A Write the temperature on the chart.
- B Cover the thermometer number 2 with a clear plastic container.
- C Do not block the light.
- D Use two small thermometers.

1

Category 1

Why is “Comparing Sound Levels” a good title for this selection?

- A The author uses a graph to compare decibels of different types of sounds.
- B Both loud sounds and soft sounds are measured in decibels.
- C The faintest sound is about one decibel.
- D A decibel is a unit of measurement.

2

Category 2

The purpose of the graph is to

- A explain a bar graph.
- B compare the sound levels of many different items.
- C make the selection more interesting.
- D describe a decibel.

3

Category 3

What are the effects of increasing a sound by 3 decibels?

- A It makes the sound louder.
- B It makes a different type of sound.
- C The loudness of the sound doubles.
- D The faintest sound can be heard.

4

Category 2

What can the reader tell about the decibels of heavy traffic from reading this selection?

- A The noise it makes is louder than a rocket taking off.
- B The noise it makes is two times quieter than a rocket taking off.
- C The noise it makes is louder than thunder.
- D The noise it makes is two times louder than conversation.

1

Category 1

What is the title of this selection?

- A The Crisis of Endangered Animals
- B Chapter Three
- C The Orangutan Man of Indonesia
- D Born to be in the Wild

2

Category 2

Which of the following statements is true?

- A Orangutans are a key to the survival of the forest.
- B Smits grew up in the Netherlands in Eastern Europe.
- C Smits and his team have rescued few orangutans.
- D Smits and his team capture apes in the forest.

3

Category 3

What is the effect of saving the Kalimantan rain forest?

- A There is a safe home for the orangutan.
- B People will capture the orangutan.
- C People will cut down trees for lumber.
- D People will sell the orangutan for money.

4

Category 1

In paragraph 3, what does the statement “orangutans are a key to the survival of the forest” mean?

- A They eat the seeds of many important forest trees.
- B They distribute seeds of many important forest trees.
- C They plant a large variety of trees.
- D They contribute to the issue of diversity.

1

Category 1

Why is it important to reduce the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere?

- A** to keep our planet from getting warmer and warmer
- B** to increase heat buildup
- C** to act like the walls and ceilings of a greenhouse
- D** to improve the temperature in your home

2

Category 2

According to the selection, what is one way we can cut back on carbon dioxide pollution?

- A** Turn on your gas logs in the winter.
- B** Plant trees next to your house.
- C** Ride the school bus instead of your bike.
- D** Place paper waste in the trashcan.

3

Category 3

Why did the author most likely begin this selection with “What Can We Do”?

- A** He wants the reader to understand the effects of carbon dioxide and reduce this pollution.
- B** He wants the reader to reduce paper waste.
- C** He wants the reader to keep the air clean.
- D** He wants the reader to save gasoline.

4

Category 2

According to the selection, what is the most efficient way to reduce CO₂?

- A** Plant trees next to your home.
- B** Lower your thermostat.
- C** Drive a car that averages 30 miles per gallon.
- D** Walk or ride a bike instead of driving.

1

Category 1

According to the selection, President Bush will not sign the treaty to limit gases when the U.S. is the biggest contributor because

- A** he feels the treaty will harm the American economy.
- B** he feels that it is very inexpensive.
- C** he feels that someone else should take care of this problem.
- D** he feels that the U.S. is not causing a problem.

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the photograph in this selection?

- A** The atmospheric blanket is melting the glaciers.
- B** The author wants the reader to see the melting glaciers.
- C** The author wants the reader to understand that global warming is causing the glaciers to melt.
- D** The author wants the reader to see the beauty of the glaciers.

3

Category 3

The author included a section titled “Know the Terms” to show

- A** the meaning of important terms in the selection.
- B** the location of a glacier.
- C** how to fight pollution.
- D** the greenhouse effect.

4

Category 1

How many countries must sign the treaty before it can take effect?

- A** 55 countries
- B** 40 countries
- C** 25 countries
- D** 60 countries

1

Category 1

Which area of the earthquake is hit hardest?

- A The area closest to the focus.
- B The area away from the focus.
- C The area outward from the focus.
- D The area near the seismic waves.

2

Category 2

What is the **most likely** reason the author included a diagram in this selection?

- A to make the selection more interesting
- B to help the reader understand what happened during the earthquake in El Salvador
- C to help the reader understand how people in nearby nations felt the ground shake
- D to help the reader see that two pieces suddenly move together or apart

3

Category 3

Why did the author begin this selection with the question “What Makes a Quake?”

- A to help the reader focus on vibrations
- B to help the reader begin to focus on what happens in an earthquake
- C to help the reader focus on areas closest to the focus
- D to help the reader focus on the country of El Salvador

4

Category 2

In paragraph 2 of this selection, the word *deforested* means

- A an area cleared of trees.
- B an area with many trees.
- C an area with loose soil.
- D an area where the land crumbled.

1

Category 1

What are buckyballs?

- A soccerball-shaped molecules
- B 250 million-year-old rock
- C space rock
- D molecules from a comet

2

Category 2

Why do you think the author wrote this selection?

- A to disprove the theory about dinosaurs
- B to persuade readers that a giant asteroid collided with earth
- C to show that there is no such thing as a killer rock
- D to prove that she does not believe in the great extinction 250 million years ago

3

Category 3

The author wrote that this extinction was “the mother of all extinctions.” What was the **most likely** reason the author used this expression?

- A to show that this was the greatest extinction ever
- B to tell about meteoroids
- C to tell about the mother of Luann Becker
- D to tell how mothers of animals were wiped out

4

Category 2

Why did the author include this picture of the asteroid’s collision with Earth in this selection?

- A to show a photograph of the destructive forces
- B to create a picture of how the collision might have looked
- C to compare asteroids
- D to describe what the collision looked like

1

Category 1

What happens to lava when it cools?

- A It forms a mountain.
- B It gets hard.
- C It flows from the Earth’s crust.
- D It pours out of the Earth.

2

Category 2

Why are the steps numbered in this experiment?

- A to make the experiment more interesting
- B to remind the reader to do them in sequential order
- C to tell the reader how many steps to follow
- D to help the reader build a volcano

3

Category 3

Which of the following best describes the difference between an experiment and a recipe?

- A An experiment needs a conclusion statement but a recipe does not.
- B An experiment needs illustrations but a recipe does not.
- C An experiment needs to have numbered steps but a recipe does not.
- D An experiment has a list of materials but a recipe does not.

4

Category 2

What is the purpose of the illustrations in this selection?

- A to emphasize and illustrate the most important steps in the experiment
- B to create a picture in the reader’s mind
- C to help the reader build a volcano
- D to show the reader what happened

1

Category 1

What information does this bar graph give the reader?

- A the sleepiest animals
- B sleepy animals and hours they sleep per day
- C how sleepyheads rank
- D animals in the wild

2

Category 2

Why did the author **most likely** choose to use a bar graph to tell about sleepy animals?

- A A bar graph is a picture that takes the place of a lot of words.
- B A bar graph is easy to read.
- C A bar graph shows contrasts.
- D A bar graph gives the reader information.

3

Category 3

Why did the author **most likely** begin this selection by using the title “The Sleepiest Animals”?

- A to capture the reader’s attention
- B to make it more interesting
- C to compare animals that require the most sleep
- D to show that sleep is important to animals

4

Category 4

Who would most likely need this information about the sleepiest animals?

- A Scientists
- B Paleontologists
- C Archaeologists
- D Biologists

1

Category 1

You would like to learn about the properties of water. What page would you go to for more information?

- A Page 118
- B Page 130
- C Page 120
- D Page 152

2

Category 2

What is the significance of chapter titles in the Table of Contents?

- A tells the reader the main idea of each section
- B helps the reader find information quickly
- C gives the reader an outline of each topic
- D tells the reader the page to find out more about this topic

3

Category 3

Why did the author begin this selection with an introductory paragraph?

- A to list titles of chapters
- B to tell readers that every chapter has a review
- C to tell readers to use textbooks
- D to tell readers the purpose of the Table of Contents

4

Category 2

What do all four chapters in Unit A have in common?

- A They all have important names and activities.
- B They all have electric currents and important names.
- C They all have sounds, vibrations, and activities.
- D They all have electrical circuits and electrical magnets.

1

Category 1

What is the purpose of the Preface in a book?

- A** to introduce and explain important information about the book
- B** to appear at the beginning of the book
- C** to list all units, chapters, and lessons
- D** to list the page number that you find information

2

Category 2

What is the significance of including all of the parts of a science textbook in this selection?

- A** to help the reader find information easily
- B** to make it easier for the reader to understand and use the book
- C** to tell the page to find out more about a topic
- D** to give an outline of each topic

3

Category 3

How is the Preface most different from a Table of Contents?

- A** It introduces the book.
- B** It tells the reader where to find information about specific topics.
- C** It lists units, chapters, and lessons.
- D** It lists page numbers for each entry.

4

Category 4

How would this selection help the reader when a textbook is opened for the first time?

- A** It will help the reader use the preface to introduce the book.
- B** It will help the reader find topics easily.
- C** It will help the reader understand, learn, and be able to do homework.
- D** It will help the reader find information about Earth's weather.

1

Category 1

In the sidebar “Endangered Lives,” what does *endangered* mean?

- A no longer existing
- B in danger of becoming extinct
- C in good health
- D a habitat has been destroyed

2

Category 2

What lesson should the reader have learned from this selection?

- A Endangered animals are being cloned so future generations can learn about these species.
- B Freezing has preserved cells containing genes.
- C Bessie is carrying an Asian gaur.
- D Genes contain chemical instructions for each living thing.

3

Category 3

What is the author’s purpose for using photographs in this selection?

- A to make the reading easier
- B to help the reader visualize what a gaur looks like
- C to make the selection more interesting
- D to share information about the selection

4

Category 1

What is a gaur?

- A It is a type of wild ox that is endangered.
- B It is a cow living on a farm in Iowa.
- C It is a cloned animal taken from a cell.
- D It is an extinct goat-like animal.

1

Category 1

What are the three main types of energy sources?

- A renewable, non-renewable, and nuclear
- B sun, wind, and water
- C oil, coal, and gas
- D fuel, pros, and cons

2

Category 2

What conclusion can you draw from reading the chart?

- A Nuclear fuel causes problems for the environment.
- B No energy source is perfect—each has pros and cons.
- C There are three main types of energy sources.
- D Some energy sources are unlimited.

3

Category 3

What is the author’s purpose for the use of photographs in this selection?

- A to show the three main types of energy sources
- B to share information about the selection
- C to make the reading more interesting
- D to make the reading easier

4

Category 1

In this selection, *renewable* means—

- A can be replaced
- B unlimited
- C limitless
- D fuel

1

Category 1

Why are trout so important to the people in Lake Isabella, California?

- A People depend on trout for income, food, and sport.
- B People depend on trout because they are cute.
- C People depend on trout to keep the river clean.
- D People depend on trout to bring in tourists.

2

Category 2

What is significant about the heading “A Trout Triumph”?

- A Students made signs to line the walkway.
- B Students were successful in creating a perfect habitat for trout.
- C Students helped preserve the river.
- D Students made healthy fish.

3

Category 3

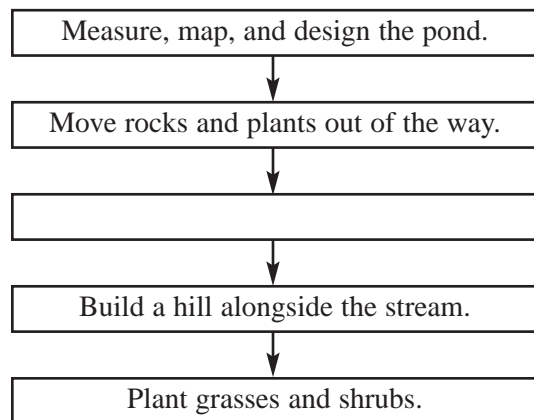
Which of the following statements is true?

- A A small trout is a fish fry.
- B One way to avoid erosion is to plant grasses and shrubs.
- C A trout is not slimy.
- D The students set up a three-year project.

4

Category 2

Read the chart below. It shows the steps taken to build a miniature trout stream.



Which information is missing from the steps for building the stream?

- A Watch for signs of erosion.
- B Begin digging.
- C Add the trout.
- D Feed the fish.

1

Category 1

What is the main idea of this selection?

- A** Not all rescue workers at the World Trade Center site were human.
- B** Small robots were a big help in the rescue mission at the World Trade Center.
- C** Sixteen robots were used at Ground Zero.
- D** Robots should not be considered heroes.

2

Category 2

How does the author of “Robots to the Rescue” feel about robots and the work they do?

- A** Robots are more important than humans.
- B** Robots are tools that humans use as a resource to save humans.
- C** Robots are heroes.
- D** Robots can collapse and get into small cracks as they search for humans.

3

Category 3

What is the most likely reason the author included a photo of the rescue robot?

- A** to show how robots can shift their shapes
- B** to help the reader understand how important this small tool was at Ground Zero
- C** to show how robots can inspect gaps in wreckage cracks
- D** to show how robots photograph their surroundings

4

Category 1

What was the job of the robots on September 11?

- A** to entertain rescue workers
- B** to search and inspect areas that dogs and humans could not reach
- C** to race to save the most people
- D** to tell students about fire safety

1

Category 1

In paragraph 2, according to legend, who had the last laugh?

- A British
- B Yankees
- C soldiers
- D opponents

2

Category 2

According to this selection, what is the mood or tone of the song “Yankee Doodle”?

- A happy
- B energetic
- C sarcastic
- D sad

3

Category 3

Why did the author include the song “Yankee Doodle” in this selection?

- A to help the reader understand that the British wore fancy uniforms
- B to help the reader understand how the British soldiers viewed the American soldiers
- C to help the British understand that the Yankees looked like country hicks
- D to learn the tune of the song

4

Category 2

In paragraph 2, what statement best matches what is happening in the photograph under the title “Yankee Doodle”?

- A Yankees stick a feather in their hat.
- B An American band played “Yankee Doodle.”
- C Americans liked the tune “Yankee Doodle.”
- D Yankees had the last laugh.

1

Category 1

On what date did Martin Luther King, Jr. win the Nobel Peace Prize?

- A 1929
- B 1963
- C 1964
- D 1968

2

Category 2

What is the significance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech?

- A Four little children will live in a free nation.
- B He had a dream that everyone would be free.
- C We will be able to work together and pray together.
- D We will be able to join hands and sing.

3

Category 3

What is the main purpose of the sidebar in this selection?

- A to share important events in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life
- B to show when King was born
- C to show when King died
- D to show when he organized the Poor People's Campaign

4

Category 1

In paragraph 2, what did Martin Luther King, Jr. preach?

- A use of nonviolence
- B equal rights for all
- C government to help poor Americans
- D one nation will rise up

1

Category 1

What is another name for Veterans Day?

- A Armistice Day
- B Memorial Day
- C Soldiers Day
- D World War II Day

2

Category 2

Why did the author **most likely** use the subheading “Big Approval”?

- A Bob Dole supported the monument.
- B President Clinton felt that this would finally give World War II soldiers recognition.
- C Bob Dole is helping raise money to build the memorial.
- D Bob Dole is a World War II hero.

3

Category 3

Which of the following statements is true?

- A Opponents are taking legal action to stop the Memorial from being built.
- B Opponents say the site is not on historical grounds.
- C Opponents like the design of the new Memorial.
- D Builders say the new structure will ruin the view.

4

Category 2

What does each star stand for on the World War II Memorial?

- A 4,000 American soldiers who died in World War II.
- B Every 100 Americans who died in World War II.
- C Bob Dole’s service in World War II.
- D 5,000 American soldiers who died in World War II.

1

Category 1

Where can you find a glossary?

- A in the back of a textbook
- B in the back of a novel
- C in the back of a dictionary
- D in the front of a textbook

2

Category 2

What do a dictionary and a glossary have in common?

- A They both have words in alphabetical order.
- B They are both found in the back of a textbook.
- C They both include parts of speech for the word.
- D They both include several different meanings for the word.

3

Category 3

What is the purpose of the guide words at the top of each page in the glossary?

- A to grab the reader's attention
- B to tell the beginning and ending word on each page
- C to list the topics in a social studies textbook
- D to list the items in alphabetical order

4

Category 2

What can the reader tell about the word *Constitution* in the glossary?

- A It is included in the glossary because the term is found somewhere in the social studies textbook.
- B It is a term found in most science textbooks.
- C It is included in the glossary because it is capitalized.
- D It is the first word under "C" in the glossary.

1

Category 1

What is paragraph 5 mostly about?

- A** The idea of a person crossing the wilderness alone was exciting.
- B** Even though the Pony Express was a success, the telegraph put it out of business.
- C** The distance the riders traveled.
- D** The Pony Express delivered mail to California faster than ever before.

2

Category 2

In paragraph 2, the word *expedite* means

- A** to use horseback riders to carry mail.
- B** to cross the Rocky Mountains.
- C** to speed up.
- D** to slow down.

3

Category 3

What is the purpose of the sidebar “The Pony Express Arrives in Sacramento, California”?

- A** to share the firing and shouting of the people
- B** to share the newspapers feelings about the Pony Express with the reader
- C** to share the time of day when the rider arrived in California
- D** to share the location with the reader

4

Category 1

Which hardships did the riders of the Pony Express not have to face?

- A** flooded rivers, blizzards, desert heat
- B** wolves and mountain lions
- C** bandits and horse thieves
- D** sickness and bad weather

1

Category 1

What made Colin Powell an American hero?

- A He is a four-star general.
- B He successfully planned Desert Storm.
- C He fought in the Vietnam War.
- D He is Chairman of America’s Promise.

2

Category 2

In paragraph 9, what does Colin Powell’s statement, “It can be done!” mean?

- A Powell believes he must set goals for success.
- B Powell encourages others to be successful.
- C Powell fights hard and is confident.
- D Powell will be the U.S. President one day.

3

Category 3

The information in this selection is presented mainly by

- A comparing Powell’s life to Bush’s life.
- B discussing the similarities of two important men.
- C describing life in Washington, D.C.
- D providing details about Colin Powell’s life.

4

Category 2

What type of genre is this selection?

- A autobiography
- B biography
- C fiction
- D novel

1

Category 1

The main idea of this selection is that

- A President Kennedy wrote great speeches.
- B President Kennedy was the 35th President.
- C President Kennedy wrote *Profiles in Courage*.
- D President Kennedy gave a thoughtful speech.

2

Category 2

Which word **best describes** the type of person John F. Kennedy was?

- A shy
- B energetic
- C compassionate
- D lazy

3

Category 3

What was the author’s purpose for including portions of Kennedy’s most famous speeches?

- A to show the reader that Kennedy was a good speaker
- B to show the reader how Kennedy used his words to make his speeches interesting to listen to
- C to show the reader that Kennedy wanted people to listen to his important message
- D to show the reader that Kennedy worked hard on his speeches

4

Category 3

Which of the following statements is not true?

- A President Kennedy started the U.S. space program.
- B President Kennedy fought for equal rights for all Americans.
- C President Kennedy began the Peace Corps.
- D President Kennedy wrote many books to encourage Americans.

1

Category 1

What is the oldest river in the United States?

- A Mississippi
- B Columbia
- C Rio Grande
- D Colorado

2

Category 2

According to this selection, what is the chart meant to explain?

- A who discovered the five major rivers in the U.S.
- B facts about five important rivers in the U.S.
- C where the five major rivers end in the U.S.
- D the length of the five major rivers in the U.S.

3

Category 3

How are the Rio Grande and the Colorado Rivers different?

- A length and the discoverer
- B where the river starts and where the river ends
- C length and where the river starts
- D discoverer and where the river begins

4

Category 2

Choose the list that shows the U.S. rivers from the shortest in distance to the longest in distance.

- A Columbia, Hudson, Colorado, Mississippi, Rio Grande
- B Hudson, Columbia, Colorado, Rio Grande, Mississippi
- C Mississippi, Rio Grande, Colorado, Columbia, Hudson
- D Colorado, Rio Grande, Hudson, Columbia, Mississippi

1

Category 1

The first paragraph states, “more than 1,600 years ago, a rich royal court full of treasures was swallowed by the sea.” What does this mean?

- A The island was home to Cleopatra.
- B The island sank after it was hit by a huge earthquake.
- C The sea swallowed palace buildings and statues.
- D The sea protected the city with a blanket of waste.

2

Category 2

The section titled “Cleopatra: Queen of Egypt” was probably written to

- A describe Cleopatra’s life.
- B increase Cleopatra’s power.
- C compare Caesar and Antony.
- D persuade the reader that Cleopatra was a good Queen.

3

Category 3

What is the author’s purpose for including the map in this selection?

- A to show where Egypt is located
- B to share a new map of an ancient sunken city in Egypt
- C to show where Cleopatra lived
- D to show where marine archaeologists worked

4

Category 2

In paragraph 1, the word *preserved* means—

- A jam or jelly
- B unchanged
- C to float
- D to save

1

Category 1

What is the main idea of this encyclopedia article?

- A winning an Olympic Medal
- B events that occur during a gold rush
- C people who mine for gold
- D gold is a precious metal

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the photograph with the caption “Sutter’s Mill nugget”?

- A Gold was found in nearby areas.
- B The hunt for gold occurred in many states.
- C The biggest gold rush in American history started in Sutter’s Mill, California.
- D Marshall found gold nuggets in Sutter’s Mill.

3

Category 3

Why did the author include the heading “Learn More” in this selection?

- A to make it more interesting
- B to make it easy to understand
- C to show articles found in the encyclopedia related to gold
- D to compare gold jewelry to the gold rush

4

Category 2

Why does the author include the first paragraph in this selection?

- A to compare going for gold with the gold rush
- B to define the gold rush
- C to show another big strike in Canada
- D to solve the problems of the 49’ers

1

Category 1

What is the title of this selection?

- A The World’s Water Resources
- B A Warmer World
- C Comparing Regions
- D Average Temperatures

2

Category 2

What can the reader tell about the world’s water resources from the map?

- A Many regions have enough water.
- B A few areas in the region have a water shortage.
- C All regions have a surplus of water.
- D 250 million people lack water.

3

Category 3

What is the effect of including a statement under the title of each map?

- A to make it more interesting
- B to compare the maps
- C to tell the reader the main idea of each map
- D to list the items in the key

4

Category 2

You can tell from the selection that the word *average* means

- A a usual or typical degree.
- B adding numbers.
- C a regular person.
- D the most common.

1

Category 1

What does *strife* mean in the third stanza of “America the Beautiful”?

- A a hardship
- B a conflict
- C fear
- D an understanding

2

Category 2

What are some qualities of Katherine Lee Bates’s American heroes?

- A fearful soldiers that loved their country
- B faithful soldiers fighting for peace
- C successful patriotic soldiers
- D noble, refined soldiers

3

Category 3

Why did the author of this selection **most likely** include the photograph?

- A to show the reader what Pike’s Peak looks like on a sunny day
- B to show the reader where Katherine Lee Bates was standing when she was inspired to write the song
- C to show the reader the height of Pike’s Peak
- D to show the reader mountains of majesty and the shining sea

4

Category 2

The format for this selection could be called a

- A journal.
- B poem.
- C story.
- D letter.

1

Category 1

What is the main idea of the heading “Setting Goals”?

- A Bertini set a goal to help women become empowered.
- B Bertini delivers more than 60% of food to women.
- C Bertini plans to return to the U.S.
- D Bertini works in Italy, home of the WFP.

2

Category 2

How did the countries of Vietnam, Mexico, and Botswana change after the services of WFP?

- A These countries became independent providers of food for their people.
- B These countries became interested in government service.
- C These countries worked mostly in poor nations.
- D These countries got more families to send their daughters to school.

3

Category 3

What is the purpose of the last sentence in this selection?

- A Bertini is summing up the importance of her job and how it makes a difference.
- B Bertini is proud of her job.
- C Bertini gives half of the aid for schools.
- D Bertini delivers more food to women.

4

Category 1

Who named Bertini one of the World’s Most Powerful Women in 1996?

- A London Times Magazine
- B The United Nations
- C Department of Health and Human Resources
- D The Human Rights Commission

1

Category 1

Why is Florida known as the “gateway of the Americas”?

- A It is so close to Latin America.
- B Many visitors come to Florida.
- C Cuba is only 100 miles from Florida.
- D Florida’s warm weather attracts many people.

2

Category 2

Why is warm weather important to Florida?

- A Florida is the center for citrus growing.
- B Floridians work in hotels.
- C Many hurricanes occur every year.
- D Florida is a fast growing state with a strong economy.

3

Category 3

What is the effect of beginning this selection with “This Land, Our Land”?

- A to help the reader understand that Florida’s population is very diverse
- B to help the reader know what makes Florida a fast growing state
- C to help the reader know how Florida has been shaped by its climate
- D to help the reader know that Floridians are more than 55 years old

4

Category 1

In paragraph 1, which words help the reader know what *balmy* means?

- A sunshine state
- B southern-most state
- C warm and sunny
- D resorts and beaches

1

Category 1

At which website would you find information about one of the oldest and most beautiful mansions in New York State?

- A www.empirestateconstruction.com
- B www.slepianhouse.org
- C www.nytouristguide.org
- D www.ny/governors.com

2

Category 2

Based on the NY Federation of Frog Lovers site, what might the reader expect to learn?

- A information about frog jumping contests
- B information about conservation programs, events and souvenirs
- C sounds of frogs in the wild
- D videos on amphibians

3

Category 3

This page is most organized like a

- A story.
- B table of contents.
- C dictionary.
- D summary.

4

Category 2

Which of the following is an opinion?

- A fairest rates in the state of New York
- B penalties for motor vehicles
- C oldest mansion in New York State
- D Elias Slepian was a rich apple cider merchant.

1

Category 1

What is the main topic of the letters written by Victoria and Eugene?

- A proud to be an American
- B our real heroes
- C Americans take things for granted
- D workers make our lives easier

2

Category 2

From the newspaper article, which of the following is an opinion?

- A September 11 was a day of tragedy.
- B Athletes are not heroes or role models.
- C Firefighters and Police officers risked their lives for Americans.
- D Heroes are people who put their lives on the line for others.

3

Category 3

Why did the author begin this selection with the Editor's Note?

- A to give the reader information about letters received since September 11
- B to tell the number of letters received
- C to tell about the attacks on America
- D to give the opinion of the Editor

4

Category 1

How did the events of September 11 change Victoria's views on firefighters?

- A She appreciates how firefighters risk their lives every day.
- B She hears sirens of a fire engine and thinks nothing of it.
- C She is proud of people who have other jobs.
- D She takes things for granted.

1

Category 1

In paragraph 9, how is a growth plate defined?

- A an area in the arm that grows slowly
- B fast-growing areas in kids' bones
- C a place in the body that is easily injured
- D a place where the bone does not grow properly

2

Category 2

What can kids do to keep themselves from getting hurt?

- A Listen to their bodies.
- B Don't warm up or stretch before a team game.
- C Never use safety equipment.
- D Fail to follow safety guidelines.

3

Category 3

Based on what you read, why did the author most likely write this selection?

- A to inform young readers to play smart
- B to entertain young readers with sports information
- C to frighten young readers about playing sports
- D to persuade young readers to stay healthy

4

Category 4

How will this article help readers the next time they play sports?

- A It will help readers know the guidelines for safety in sports.
- B It will help readers know how to use safety equipment.
- C It will help readers learn about growth plates.
- D It will help readers win the game.

1

Category 1

Why did Sandra Markle spend a winter in Antarctica?

- A** to see something amazing in Antarctica
- B** to do research for a children’s book she is writing
- C** to experience the cold winter in Antarctica
- D** to spot a Weddell seal in Antarctica

2

Category 2

Which characteristic best describes Sandra Markle?

- A** adventuresome
- B** afraid
- C** energetic
- D** melancholy

3

Category 3

Why did the author write this selection using dates?

- A** to make the reading more interesting
- B** to show a time line
- C** to give important dates in Sandra Markle’s life
- D** to record her daily activities at the South Pole

4

Category 2

What did Sandra Markle mean on May 10 when she wrote that a “sneeze freezes in midair”?

- A** Antarctica is so cold that there isn’t much to smell.
- B** It is so cold that the moisture freezes when it comes from the nose.
- C** Tiny drops of ice come out of the nostrils.
- D** You don’t need a hanky in Antarctica.

1

Category 1

What is the main idea in the first paragraph of “Make a Tasty Log Cabin”?

- A Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States.
- B Even though Lincoln lived in the White House, he began in a simple log cabin.
- C Lincoln helped free the slaves.
- D Lincoln went very far in life.

2

Category 2

Why did the author include the information about Abraham Lincoln with the recipe?

- A to show what Lincoln looked like
- B to make a connection about a famous person who once lived in a log cabin
- C to share Lincoln’s accomplishments
- D to tell about Lincoln’s favorite recipe

3

Category 3

Why did the author put some of the information in steps?

- A to show a timeline
- B to share important dates in Lincoln’s life
- C to make the reading more interesting
- D to present the steps for making a log cabin treat

4

Category 1

Where did the author find this recipe?

- A in a log cabin in Kentucky
- B in *Exploring Nonfiction* Level 4
- C in a *Martha Stewart Living* magazine
- D in an old recipe book

1

Category 1

In paragraph 2, what excuse did Eddie give for going to the mall?

- A He was hungry for pizza.
- B He wanted a new CD.
- C He wanted to meet his friends.
- D He wanted to buy a new baseball cap.

2

Category 2

Which characteristic best describes Eddie Gomez?

- A lazy
- B hungry
- C apologetic
- D thankful

3

Category 3

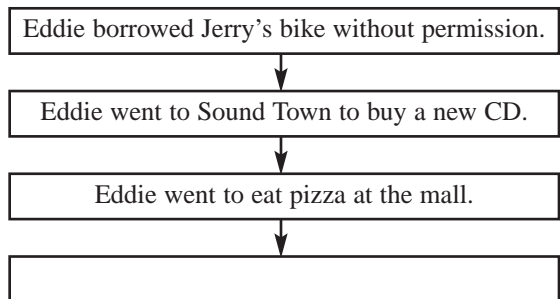
Why did the author most likely end the selection with “Your friend, Eddie”?

- A He wanted to be friends.
- B He was sorry he borrowed the bike without asking.
- C He was signing a letter.
- D He was talking to the police.

4

Category 2

The chart below shows the order in which some events happened in the story.



Which event is missing from the story?

- A Jerry was surprised when the police let Eddie go.
- B The police took Eddie and Jerry's bike in their car.
- C Eddie went to see Jerry.
- D Eddie wrote an apology letter.

1

Category 1

What would you click on to bring up this page on your computer from *TimeForKids.com*?

- A look it up
- B magazines
- C news
- D your turn

2

Category 2

According to the home page of *TimeForKids.com*, where could you find information about how to lead a healthy life?

- A A Call for Help
- B The Klein Foundation
- C “Say Yes for Children Campaign”
- D Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

3

Category 3

How is the home page for *TimeForKids.com* like a table of contents?

- A It uses page numbers to find content.
- B It links you to information about a particular topic.
- C It asks questions.
- D It has page numbers.

4

Category 2

What can the reader tell about the people who created this Web page?

- A They care about people in the world.
- B They like to write articles.
- C They want to find a perfect partner.
- D They want to earn money for special campaigns.

1

Category 1

In the first paragraph of this selection, what is the fact about Lemony Snicket?

- A Warning labels are usually found on the covers of books.
- B *The Ersatz Elevator* is the sixth book in Snicket’s *A Series of Unfortunate Events*.
- C If you just picked up the book then it’s not too late to put it down.
- D Nothing can be found in the pages but misery, despair and discomfort.

2

Category 2

Which characteristic **best** describes Lemony Snicket?

- A strict
- B mysterious
- C hard-working
- D silly

3

Category 3

The author included “Snicket’s Secrets” to

- A say his family has roots underwater.
- B list the books that Lemony has written.
- C say that he was raised in Snicket Villa.
- D convince the reader not to read his books.

4

Category 4

How would the interview with Lemony Snicket help you choose your next book for pleasure?

- A Lemony’s answers in the interview make the reader want to know more about his books.
- B Lemony’s answers in the interview make the reader want to stay away from his books.
- C Lemony’s answers in the interview make the reader nervous about his books.
- D Lemony’s answers in the interview make the reader decide to read his biography.

1

Category 1

In paragraph 8, the word *squabble* means

- A an argument.
- B a wisecrack.
- C a joke.
- D a special effect.

2

Category 2

What is the author’s tone in this selection?

- A positive and upbeat
- B negative and boring
- C slow and melancholy
- D loud and exciting

3

Category 3

How do Carmen and Juni change from the beginning of the movie to the end?

- A from regular kids to pint size spies
- B from happy kids to fearful spies
- C from happy kids to quarrelsome kids
- D from famous spies to everyday kids

4

Category 2

The author wrote this article to

- A review a movie.
- B summarize a story about Juni and Carmen.
- C tell how to become a spy.
- D encourage everyone not to see the movie.

1

Category 1

What is the main idea of the origami umbrella?

- A** This umbrella will last for about five minutes on a rainy day.
- B** This umbrella will endure for unexpected downpours.
- C** This umbrella will fold into a one-inch square.
- D** This umbrella costs \$9.95.

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the yellow text box at the beginning of the selection?

- A** to give the reader information on how to use the catalog
- B** to give the reader products that can be found nowhere else
- C** to give the reader information for ordering
- D** to give the reader some unusual products

3

Category 3

How is Robo Chimp unlike a chimpanzee?

- A** He is more fun than a barrel of monkeys.
- B** He is unfriendly.
- C** He is lazy.
- D** He doesn't eat bananas.

4

Category 2

The sequence below shows how the Pet Wash works.

1. Place pet on conveyer belt.
 2. Hoses shoot suds and warm water on the animal.
 - 3.
 4. Spinning towels do the drying.

Which information is missing from the sequence of events?

- A** Rotary brushes shine pet's hair.
- B** Blow dryers dry pet's hair.
- C** Seat belts keep pet in place.
- D** Pet cleanser cleans the pet.

1

Category 1

What is the main idea of this selection?

- A the pluses and minuses of bringing athletes to the city
- B the pluses and minuses of bringing a sports arena to the city
- C bringing new energy to the tired town
- D learning about professional sports

2

Category 2

From the newspaper article, which of the following is an opinion?

- A John Cleve hopes to buy a professional basketball and hockey team.
- B We believe the new sports arena is vital to the growth of our city.
- C The arena will be built downtown.
- D John Cleve is asking the city for money to build the new sports arena.

3

Category 3

What do the pluses and minuses of bringing in the new sports arena have in common?

- A traffic jams
- B money issues
- C team spirit
- D image issues

4

Category 2

The “Our View” heading of *The Daily Journal* can best be described as a

- A definition.
- B opinion.
- C sequence of events.
- D description.

1

Category 1

What is the most popular sport for kids?

- A slow-pitch softball
- B soccer
- C basketball
- D baseball

2

Category 2

The purpose of the “Top 5 Team Sports for Kids” bar graph is to

- A describe team sports.
- B give examples of the equipment.
- C solve problems about sportsmanship.
- D compare the number of kids who play the sports.

3

Category 3

Why did the author of this selection include an introductory paragraph?

- A to explain Michael Jordan’s popularity with kids
- B to speculate about the connection between Michael Jordan and basketball’s popularity
- C to estimate the number of kids who play basketball
- D to tell why Michael Jordan decided to return to basketball

4

Category 2

Which of the two sports combined would approximately equal the number of kids who play basketball?

- A soccer and baseball
- B soccer and touch football
- C touch football and slow-pitch softball
- D baseball and slow-pitch softball

1

Category 1

According to the selection, what is an archaeologist?

- A a scientist who digs up gold
- B a scientist who looks for old objects made by humans
- C a scientist who finds mosaics
- D a scientist who reads about old buildings

2

Category 2

Which clues in this selection help you know that Joseph Severn enjoys his work as an archaeologist?

- A caught a flash of gold
- B gently cleaned, find of a lifetime
- C digging at a site
- D turning up surprising results

3

Category 3

What is the meaning of “heavily embellished” in paragraph 8 of this selection?

- A treasures full of jewels
- B adding interesting but untrue details to a story
- C find of a lifetime
- D clothed in gold

4

Category 2

Why do you think the author of this selection included the sidebar “Wonders of the Past”?

- A to describe the greatest finds in the history of archaeology
- B to inform the reader about the greatest finds in the history of archaeology
- C to compare King Tut’s tomb and the Titanic
- D to define what an archaeologist does

1

Category 1

In stanza number two of this selection, what **best describes** what the pencil wears?

- A a pink eraser
- B a tight silvery belt
- C a metal clamp
- D brown lead

2

Category 2

In stanza number three, what is meant by “thin brown leaves”?

- A The pencil has leaves falling off of it.
- B The pencil shavings are compared to leaves on a tree.
- C The brown crayon shavings are compared to a leaf.
- D The lead of the pencil is compared to a leaf.

3

Category 3

How does the description of the pencil change from the beginning to the end of this selection?

- A yellow banana to soft type of carbon
- B long and blunt to short and sharp
- C writing machine to creamy as butter
- D long and blunt to diamond’s gentle cousin

4

Category 2

Which genre best describes this selection?

- A autobiography
- B fiction
- C poetry
- D song

1

Category 1

What did Michael Jordan have to do to play for the Wizards?

- A He had to get in shape.
- B He had to sell his share of the Wizards.
- C He had to share his salary.
- D He had to come out of retirement.

2

Category 2

In this selection, which characteristic best describes Michael Jordan?

- A basketball player
- B arrogant
- C athletic
- D risk-taker

3

Category 3

Why did the author begin the first paragraph with “He’s baaack!”?

- A Because he is coming out of retirement to play professional basketball again.
- B Because he is such a good basketball player and people are excited.
- C Because he went on a vacation and he is returning to the Wizards.
- D Because he was injured and now he is focused on the challenge ahead.

4

Category 2

Which sentence from the selection best shows that fans were glad that Jordan returned to basketball?

- A Jordan will face many trials playing with the Wizards.
- B Sales of Wizards season tickets shot through the roof after Jordan’s announcement.
- C The greatest player in the history of the game is joining our team.
- D He’s got game, again.

1

Category 1

What is an anagram?

- A** A word made by mixing up letters of another word.
- B** Letters in a can of alphabet soup.
- C** Fancy words for everyday words.
- D** A definition for a telegram from an aunt.

2

Category 2

What is the writer’s opinion of Lemony Snicket’s book *The Hostile Hospital*?

- A** It is pretty ghastly.
- B** It is popular with young readers.
- C** This book is full of jokes.
- D** This book can be found in hospital gift shops.

3

Category 3

Based on what you read, why did the author most likely write this selection?

- A** to entertain the reader with funny jokes
- B** to persuade the reader to buy the book
- C** to inform the reader about Lemony Snicket
- D** to frighten the reader about hospitals

4

Category 2

In the Book Review, under the heading, “A Book for Word Lovers,” the author

- A** asks a question and answers it.
- B** states the main idea and gives examples of it.
- C** uses words in different ways to make his book funny.
- D** begins with a problem and solves it.

1

Category 1

What is the main purpose of the lesson headings in this selection?

- A tests the reader’s understanding
- B gets the reader ready for a math lesson
- C labels the diagrams
- D introduces each paragraph

2

Category 2

Why do you think the author included the lesson heading “For Instance”?

- A to add all the lengths of the walls
- B to give the reader an example of how to find the perimeter
- C to count the number of squares on the grid
- D to learn how to add

3

Category 3

What is the **most likely** reason the author included additional problems?

- A so the reader can add wallpaper border to a room
- B so the reader can do math homework correctly
- C so the reader can help Damon with his game
- D so the reader can practice solving problems using perimeter

4

Category 1

What does each square on the grid represent?

- A 1 foot
- B 42 feet
- C 14 feet
- D 7 feet

1

Category 1

Which of the following has school uniforms improved?

- A greater attendance
- B improved grades
- C more competition
- D a variety of colors

2

Category 2

Based on the graph “Fire Damage in Western States,” which two states averaged more than 800,000 acres burned?

- A Alaska and Idaho
- B Idaho and Montana
- C Montana and Alaska
- D Nevada and Montana

3

Category 3

Which of the following statements is true?

- A The color khaki is the second most popular color for school uniforms.
- B The color purple is the most popular color for school uniforms.
- C The color black is the most popular color for school uniforms.
- D The color hunter green is the third most popular color for school uniforms.

4

Category 1

Which of the following did not cause the worst wildfires in the U.S. in 50 years?

- A weather conditions
- B human error
- C too much underbrush
- D strong winds

1

Category 1

What is the most expensive item in this chart?

- A sweater
- B long sleeve shirt
- C pleated jumper
- D pants

2

Category 2

Which of the following sentences is most likely true from this selection?

- A It costs more to buy a boy's uniform.
- B Long sleeve shirts for girls and boys cost about the same.
- C Sweaters can be bought for both boys and girls.
- D A short sleeve top costs more than a skirt.

3

Category 3

This selection was written **mainly** to

- A compare the price of uniforms for boys and girls.
- B show that children must wear uniforms to school.
- C show types of clothing.
- D show the price of individual pieces of clothing.

4

Category 3

What do the uniforms of the boys and girls have in common?

- A short sleeve shirt and pants
- B long sleeve shirt and sweater
- C short sleeve top and sweater
- D pleated jumper and tie

1

Category 1

What is the setting of this selection?

- A the *Roosevelt*
- B the Arabian Sea
- C a still beach
- D on deck

2

Category 2

Which characteristic best describes Lieutenant J.G. Sara?

- A a young navy journalist
- B a young determined woman
- C a young exhausted sailor
- D a young experienced nurse

3

Category 3

Why did the author most likely begin this selection with the title “A Courageous Crew”?

- A The *Roosevelt* is a powerful weapon against terrorism.
- B The sailors on the *Roosevelt* are ready to make any sacrifice for their country.
- C The *Roosevelt* is nearly the height of the Empire State Building.
- D Pilots must land on a very short runway.

4

Category 1

How is the runway in an airport different from the runway on the *Roosevelt*?

- A You can land in less than three seconds.
- B It is 14 times longer.
- C It is 750 feet long.
- D It has more lights.

1

Category 1

How many slices of pie does the average American eat per year?

- A 13 slices
- B 6 slices
- C 3 slices
- D 20 slices

2

Category 2

What did the author mean by the term “gobble up the information”?

- A Eat the information quickly.
- B Read and understand the information.
- C Gulp down the information.
- D Taste all the pies.

3

Category 3

Why did the author include questions about the graph in this selection?

- A to make the selection more interesting
- B to help the reader understand how to use the information in the graph
- C to give the student some busy work
- D to encourage students to think

4

Category 2

Why did the author include a photograph of the Whale Shark on the graph?

- A to show its color
- B to show its unusual mouth
- C to show that it is the largest shark
- D to show its fang-like teeth

1

Category 1

What is the name of the person stacking cans of tuna in Kilmer's Grocery Store?

- A Ken
- B Carleton
- C Mr. Riverez
- D Jerry

2

Category 2

What key words in problem six help you solve the problem?

- A equal number
- B average
- C all have the same number
- D which is cheaper

3

Category 3

What is the most likely reason the author used illustrations with the word problems?

- A to make it more interesting
- B to trick the reader
- C to help the reader better understand the word problem
- D to help the reader think about the problem

4

Category 2

What will most likely happen when Jerry and his friends get to the park?

- A They will get into a fight.
- B They will each get six pretzels.
- C They will play football.
- D Jerry will not share the pretzels.

1

Category 1

Which pair of shoes would you purchase if you wanted to feel like you were walking on water?

- A Marsupials
- B Badidas
- C Dunk-a-Matic 500
- D Agitator

2

Category 2

What did the author want the reader to do after reading the advertisement?

- A Find the same model of shoe at a different store.
- B Select a pair of athletic shoes to purchase.
- C Make them go out of business.
- D Decide which model is the best deal.

3

Category 3

Why did the author **most likely** begin this selection with “our sales are crazy”?

- A to inform the reader that all sales people are crazy
- B to inform the reader about the extremely low prices of athletic shoes
- C to inform the reader that the sales staff will steer you out of the building
- D to inform the reader that the sales staff will check you out

4

Category 4

If you were a marathon runner, which shoe would you **most likely** purchase?

- A Streeters
- B Dunk-a-Matic 500
- C Road Runner 88’s
- D The City Slicker

1

Category 1

What is the Web address that the reader would use to find out about the Great Greek Mathematician?

- A *www.mathbyeuclid.com*
- B *www.womenmath.com*
- C *www.paselemen.org*
- D *www.muchmath.com*

2

Category 2

Which is the best clue that females as well as males have worked in the math field?

- A Mathematics is not just for boys.
- B Many women have done important work in the field throughout history.
- C Learn about women who worked in the field.
- D Learn what women have done in the field.

3

Category 3

This Web page is organized most like a

- A dictionary.
- B table of contents.
- C summary.
- D story.

4

Category 1

What is the name of the children's book of the year?

- A *The Math Gang*
- B *Tales of Matthew the Math Rabbit*
- C *Women in Mathematics*
- D *Mathamazing*

1

Category 1

What is the purpose of this selection?

- A to practice solving problems using pizza
- B to solve problems using fractions
- C to learn about different pizza toppings
- D to compare the price of pizza

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the blue box under the title of this selection?

- A It is the menu for Patsy’s Pizza Palace.
- B It is the main idea for all the story problems.
- C It lists the cost of all of the pizzas.
- D It lists the price of extra toppings.

3

Category 3

Which information in the selection do you think is **most** important?

- A the size of each pizza
- B the number of slices in each pizza
- C the cost of each pizza
- D the cost of extra toppings

4

Category 4

How would this selection help you the next time you order pizza?

- A to read about students eating pizza
- B to decide what toppings you want on your pizza
- C to find out which pizza is a better deal
- D to use fractions to decide how much pizza to order

1

Category 1

According to the selection, all of the entries would be found in a

- A math textbook.
- B science textbook.
- C nonfiction book.
- D textbook on counting.

2

Category 2

The author wrote this selection to

- A help the reader understand how to use an index.
- B help the reader find an index in the back of a book.
- C help the reader decide on a page to locate a topic in the book.
- D help the reader use a tool.

3

Category 3

How is an index different from a dictionary?

- A It lists only the main ideas with page numbers.
- B It gives a meaning for each word.
- C It tells how to pronounce the word.
- D It tells what part of speech the word is.

4

Category 1

If a reader wanted to learn about facts that are missing, where would he/she go?

- A Pages 71–80
- B Page 365
- C Page 339
- D Page 676

1

Category 1

In paragraphs 1 and 2, what point is the author trying to make?

- A It is the hottest way to get around.
- B Kids are getting hurt riding scooters.
- C Small wheels cause accidents.
- D One pebble will take you down.

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the caption “Is he crazy?” under the photograph?

- A He is not following scooter safety rules.
- B He is having fun on the sidewalk.
- C He is riding on a busy street.
- D He is riding alone without a friend.

3

Category 3

What is the **most likely** reason the author gives grim statistics in this sidebar?

- A to provide statistics about scooter accidents
- B to help the reader understand the importance of safety rules for scooters
- C to explain how to ride a scooter
- D to tell about scooter accidents

4

Category 3

Which of the following scooter safety rules would not pertain to bicycle safety?

- A Always wear a helmet.
- B Always wear elbow pads and knee pads.
- C Always obey the same rules that cars follow.
- D Don’t ride on surfaces that are bumpy or uneven.

1

Category 1

The hottest part of the Earth is

- A the crust.
- B the mantle.
- C the inner core.
- D the outer core.

2

Category 2

What is the significance of the diagram in this selection?

- A The diagram describes the different layers of the Earth.
- B The diagram shows different parts.
- C The diagram helps the reader create a picture.
- D The diagram shows that the center is like an egg yolk.

3

Category 3

What does the author mean in the selection by saying “Earth is a hot onion”?

- A It has layers like an onion and is hotter in the center.
- B The onion is made of different substances.
- C The onion peels.
- D The onion is not solid like an apple.

4

Category 1

What is the title of the diagram?

- A The Earth
- B Inside and Out
- C Anatomy of the Earth
- D Mantle

1

Category 1

This selection is mainly about

- A the history of math.
- B a math time line.
- C the Middle East contributions to math.
- D many cultures over time.

2

Category 2

By using the time line, what can the reader tell about mathematics?

- A It changes every 20 years.
- B It changes slowly.
- C Math today is very different from long ago.
- D Europeans are better mathematicians.

3

Category 3

The information in this selection is presented mainly by

- A comparing math history.
- B discussing European cultures.
- C describing the contributions to math.
- D providing details about math history over time.

4

Category 2

According to the selection, mathematics developed

- A all over the world over thousands of years.
- B in the 17th century.
- C mostly in China.
- D over 3,000 years ago by Americans.

1

Category 1

This selection is mainly about

- A** how to pick out candy bars.
- B** how to spin the Wheel of Fortune.
- C** how to choose a hat.
- D** how to understand and apply the concept of probability

2

Category 2

The purpose of the heading “Your Turn” is to

- A** give the reader an opportunity to pick hats from a bag.
- B** give the reader an opportunity to practice the concept of probability.
- C** give the reader a chance to describe the probability concept.
- D** give the reader the opportunity to explain the concept of probability.

3

Category 3

How is the “Final Word” like the end of a chapter?

- A** They both have a beginning.
- B** They both have a conclusion.
- C** They both grab the reader’s attention.
- D** They are both at the end of the story.

4

Category 2

In this selection, which word means that something could not happen?

- A** certain
- B** likely
- C** impossible
- D** unlikely

1

Category 1

What is the main idea of the section titled “Price War”?

- A to compare the prices of Super Duper Market to Food Empire
- B to compare the prices of milk and bread
- C to compare the prices of pork chops and milk
- D to figure out who will win the argument about prices

2

Category 2

The section titled “Women’s World Basketball League Statistics” can best be described as

- A a definition.
- B a description.
- C an explanation.
- D a comparison.

3

Category 3

The author organizes this selection by

- A telling four stories using decimals.
- B comparing rainfall to road trips.
- C explaining a price war.
- D presenting cause and effect examples.

4

Category 2

What does the word *difference* in problem 2 of “Rainfall Last Year” tell the reader to do?

- A add
- B subtract
- C multiply
- D divide

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