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Reading

# Weekly Test Lesson 21

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## An Apple Named Able

There once was an apple named Able. He lived in a tall apple tree with many other apples. Able was small and greenish. In fact, he was the smallest apple on the tree. No one seemed to notice him.

All the other apples on the tree were big, red, brave, and bold. They bragged to each other about how beautiful they were and admired each other's gleaming skins. They turned up to face the sun so it could make their shiny coats even more red and sparkling, and they even stayed out when it rained so they would keep clean and bright.

The sun and rain couldn't reach Able because all the other apples got in the way. He stayed pale green and small. He was too shy to speak to the other apples. He also knew he couldn't brag about his beautiful skin, so he lived quietly among the leaves of the apple tree.

One day Able noticed furry worms crawling up the side of the tree. He looked at the other apples to see if they were worried. They were busy shining their coats in the sun and didn't see the worms. Able looked down and saw the worms getting closer and closer. He took a deep breath and yelled to the apples, "Worms are wiggling their way up the tree!"

"Leave us alone and stop shouting nonsense," said the other apples. "Can't you see we are enjoying the sun?"

Able didn't want the worms to eat him, so he tried to think of what to do. He called out to all the leaves, who were his friends, and told them his plan.

The leaves fluttered down and scattered out over the branches. They began weaving a net, stem to stem, around the trunk of the tree.

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Suddenly the other apples cried, “Help! Worms are crawling up to get us!”

Able and the leaves finished the net just in time. Just as the worms were about to reach the apples, they were caught by the net. In disgust, they crawled back down the tree.

The apples cheered, “Hurrah for Able! We are sorry we did not listen to you. You may be little, but you had a great, big idea!”

The apples moved to the side so the bright sun and sprinkling rain could reach Able. Pretty soon Able became the brightest and reddest of all the apples!

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1 What **best** describes where the passage takes place?

- (A) on a leaf
- (B) on a worm
- (C) on an apple
- (D) on a tall tree

2 Read the paragraph from the passage. Underline the **two** sentences that show how Able feels about himself.

The sun and rain couldn't reach Able because all the other apples got in the way. He stayed pale green and small. He was too shy to speak to the other apples. He also knew he couldn't brag about his beautiful skin, so he lived quietly among the leaves of the apple tree.

3 Why did Able try to warn the other apples in the tree?

- (A) Leaves were making a net.
- (B) Rain was beginning to fall.
- (C) Worms were climbing up the tree.
- (D) Stems were wrapping around the tree.

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- 4 Read the sentence from the passage.

“Leave us alone and stop shouting nonsense,” said the other apples.

What does the word nonsense mean as it is used in the passage?

- (A) something that has no meaning
  - (B) able to understand something
  - (C) a good decision
  - (D) a feeling
- 5 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A**

Which action stopped the worms?

- (A) The leaves made a net.
- (B) Able turned bright red.
- (C) The apples yelled for help.
- (D) Able warned the other apples.

**Part B**

Which detail from the passage **best** supports the answer to part A?

- (A) He took a deep breath and yelled to the apples, “Worms are wiggling their way up the tree!”
- (B) Suddenly the other apples cried, “Help! Worms are crawling up to get us!”
- (C) Just as the worms were about to reach the apples, they were caught by the net.
- (D) Pretty soon Able became the brightest and reddest of all the apples!

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- 6 How do the red apples feel about Able at the end of the passage?  
Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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## Writing

7 Read the sentence.

Sara danced most elegantly than the other girls.

Which change is needed in the sentence to correct an error in grammar?

- (A) Change most elegantly to elegantly.
- (B) Change most elegantly to eleganter.
- (C) Change most elegantly to more elegant.
- (D) Change most elegantly to more elegantly.

8 Read the sentence.

Mia ran most fast than Tom.

Which change is needed in the sentence to correct an error in grammar?

- (A) Change most fast to fast.
- (B) Change most fast to faster.
- (C) Change most fast to fastest.
- (D) Change most fast to more fast.

9 Read the sentence.

Randy was sorry for being the late person to arrive at the party.

Which change is needed in the sentence to correct an error in grammar?

- (A) Change late to later.
- (B) Change late to latest.
- (C) Change late to more later.
- (D) Change late to most latest.

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## Writing

- 10 Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** words that contain a spelling error.

Hector thought his mom was joking when she told him that his cousin Danielle was coming to his birthday party. When his mom planned the party last month, she invitted Aunt Felicia and Danielle. They said they couldn't come because Danielle was swimming in a swim meet. Danielle told her mom that she didn't want to miss Hector's party because he was her favorite cousin.