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# Weekly Test Lesson 21

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Tiesha's Room

Tiesha looked around her bedroom and sighed heavily. There was no getting around it; it only happened once in a blue moon, but she had to clean her room. Her mother had been very firm about Tiesha getting the job done today.

There were puzzle pieces scattered all over the floor in one corner of her room. She put them back in the box, but when she went to put the box on the shelf where it belonged, she found that there was no room because the shelf was filled with toys and stuffed animals. She tried to make her bed, but her bed was covered with dirty clothes. Tiesha decided that she should sit down for a minute and think of a plan, but she couldn't find a place to sit that wasn't covered with books.

As she stood bewildered in the middle of her room, Tiesha heard a knock on the door. "Come in," she called.

Her mother opened the door, and looking around at the lack of progress, said, "Tiesha, you really need to do something about this mess. At the rate you're going, this room won't be clean until pigs fly! It doesn't look like you will ever get this done. Are you making any progress?"

"Not really," Tiesha replied. "I don't know where to start because whenever I try to put anything away, there's no place to put it because everything's a mess. I feel like I have bitten off more than I can chew."

"Part of the problem is that you have so many things in here," her mother advised her. "Maybe the best place to start is to figure out how many of these things you really need and then to get rid of those things you no longer want or use."

Tiesha glanced around, looking at her room with a new perspective. "I have a lot of stuffed animals that I haven't played with in ages. I guess I don't need all of them. And I have a lot of toys and games that I don't play with anymore."

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## Reading

“You start sorting out what you don’t need, and I’ll be right back,” her mother said walking out of the room. A few minutes later, Tiesha’s mother returned with a large box. “I’ll help you fill this with the things you don’t need anymore,” she explained. “Then we can donate them to the community center. They run a thrift shop to earn money to pay for community programs.”

“That’s an amazing idea!” Tiesha said with a new excitement for completing the job. She and her mother began with the cluttered shelves. Most of the toys and stuffed animals went into the box. Next, they put all the dirty clothes in a laundry basket, which Tiesha took down to the laundry room for washing later. When she returned, she and her mother began to go through the clothes in her drawers and closet. When she realized many of these clothes no longer fit, Tiesha added them to the box. Then they sorted through a collection of books that were much too easy for her. Soon, the box was full to the brim. Tiesha looked around her room and was thrilled at what she saw. There were a few books scattered on the bed, along with a few special stuffed animals she had decided to keep, but her shelves were almost empty, and everything looked much neater.

“I’m finished!” Tiesha called.

“See? Now that wasn’t too hard was it?” Tiesha’s mom asked.

“It was a piece of cake!” Tiesha said with a smile. Her mom shook her head and laughed.

Tiesha and her mother loaded the box in the car. A few minutes later, Tiesha stood in the middle of the community center while several volunteers unpacked the box. “The children will love these picture books and stuffed animals!” one volunteer told her. “And people can always use clothes. Thank you so much for donating all of this.”

Tiesha smiled. She had never imagined that cleaning her room could give her such a good feeling.

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- 1 Which statement **best** describes what Tiesha’s mom thinks about the mess in Tiesha’s room?
- (A) It is messy because Tiesha is not a neat person.
  - (B) It is messy because Tiesha does not have enough empty shelves.
  - (C) It is messy because Tiesha does not have a big enough bedroom.
  - (D) It is messy because Tiesha has too many things she doesn’t use anymore.
- 2 How does the point of view of the story affect what the reader knows about the characters? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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- 3 Read the sentence from the passage.

Her mother had been very firm about Tiesha getting the job done today.

What does the word firm mean as it is used in this sentence?

- (A) unchanging
- (B) encouraged
- (C) strengthening
- (D) solid to the touch

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- 4 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A**

Read the sentence from the passage.

At the rate you're going, this room won't be clean until pigs fly!

What does the author mean by the phrase this room won't be clean until pigs fly?

- (A) The room will never be clean.
- (B) The room will be cleaned slowly.
- (C) Tiesha is making a little progress cleaning.
- (D) Tiesha is making a lot of progress cleaning.

**Part B**

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

- (A) There were puzzle pieces scattered all over the floor in one corner of Tiesha's room.
- (B) Tiesha tried to make her bed, but it was covered with dirty clothes.
- (C) Tiesha's mom thinks Tiesha should really do something about the mess.
- (D) Tiesha's mom says it doesn't look like Tiesha will ever get the room clean.

- 5 Mark each box to show what each phrase means.

|                                 | <b>Taken a Job that Is Too Big</b> | <b>An Easy Job</b> | <b>Not Very Often</b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Once in a blue moon             |                                    |                    |                       |
| Bitten off more than I can chew |                                    |                    |                       |
| A piece of cake                 |                                    |                    |                       |

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**Reading**

- 6 What is the theme of the passage?
- Ⓐ It is important to clean your room.
  - Ⓑ Being organized is the key to success.
  - Ⓒ Community centers are good places to donate things.
  - Ⓓ Sometimes things we don't need can help other people.

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## Writing

7 Read the sentences.

Leonardo is tall. In fact, he is tallest than his older brother, Jim.

What change is needed to correct the sentence?

- (A) Change tallest to more tallest.
- (B) Change tallest to more taller.
- (C) Change tallest to taller.
- (D) Change tallest to tall.

8 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?

- (A) Joan is the tallest of all my sisters.
- (B) The golf ball is the smallest ball of all.
- (C) The blue dress is pretty than the purple one.
- (D) Naysa's notebook is bigger than Tom's notebook.

9 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?

- (A) Tess is shortest than Kate.
- (B) I feel more terrible today than I felt yesterday.
- (C) The weather is wetter this week than last week.
- (D) The soft quilt was more comfortable than the scratchy blanket.

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**Writing**

- 10 Read the paragraph. Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

Have you ever stayed in a hotel at the seashore? The seashore is my favorite place to visit on the planet. At first I was frozen in fear because of the big waves, but my parents took me out into the water and we ended up having a lot of fun. We're going to make visiting the seashore a habbit now!