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Weekly Test Lesson 22

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Dad's Book

Misaki hated winter. She hated everything about it. She hated getting out of a nice, warm shower in the morning only to get into a freezing cold car to go to school. She hated having to wear a hat that made her hair all messy. She hated the way the exhaust fumes from cars in the city turned pretty white snow into dirty gray slush overnight. Misaki silently counted down the days until spring arrived.

To top it off, Misaki was not at all happy that her family had decided to visit her cousins in Colorado for their winter vacation this year. Normally, they went to Florida. Once they had even traveled to San Diego, California. The San Diego trip had been fun. They'd gone to the zoo and the beach and for a long drive along the stunning Pacific coast. Misaki wanted to go back to San Diego this year, but she'd been outvoted by her two brothers, who wanted to travel to the Centennial State to visit their cousins, hike the mountains, and see some of the nearby tourist attractions.

"Great," Misaki groaned to herself after she realized the region they were visiting outside of Boulder, Colorado, had received its fourth snowstorm in the past three weeks. "The only thing that would make this vacation more fun is if I catch the flu."

The fact that the trip involved four days of driving didn't make Misaki any happier. Mom and Dad had decided that it would be fun to rent a van and drive to Colorado. The only benefit Misaki could see about the van was that there was enough room in the back to stretch out and sleep.

When the departure day arrived, Misaki was decidedly unenthusiastic. "Cheer up, grumpy!" Misaki's dad said as he loaded up the van with an assortment of bags and backpacks. "We're going to have a great time!"

Misaki knew that her attitude could ruin everyone's fun, so she decided to keep her feelings to herself for the remainder of the trip. She had several books packed in her bag. Maybe Mom and Dad would let her stay at her cousin's house while they were out hiking in the mountains and visiting different sites.

Once settled in her seat in the van, Misaki pulled out one of the books she'd brought. She'd barely started to read when Dad, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, pulled out a book of his own. "Okay," he said with excitement ringing from his voice. "Chapter 1."

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Misaki rolled her eyes in frustration ever so slightly as her father began to read the book aloud. Then, she decided it would be rude to read her own book. She put it away and listened. Dad's book turned out to be a mystery novel that started off with an unusual crime. The pace of the story and the adventures of the detective captivated Misaki, and soon she found herself getting absorbed in the novel. When it was Dad's turn to drive, Mom would begin reading where he left off. Every hour or so, whoever was reading would stop. The family would discuss what they thought would happen next. Her brothers kept coming up with wild predictions that made Misaki laugh.

Dad kept reading after dark, using a teal clip-on book light so that he could see. The faint, slightly eerie glow of the light heightened the spookiness of the mystery. He finished the book right before the family stopped for the night. Misaki was surprised to realize she felt disappointed.

"Ah, but don't get too down," Dad announced when he noticed his daughter's expression. "That was just the first book in a series of six. I brought the entire set so we can continue to enjoy the stories on our trip."

When Misaki woke up the next day, she found that she didn't have to pretend to be enthusiastic anymore. Sure, she still wished they were going somewhere warm—and a little less snowy—but she'd been wrong about the car trip being boring. And now she had something else to look forward to—sharing her newest favorite book with her cousin Emily.



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- 1 Read the paragraph from the text.

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How does the author convey Misaki's feelings about winter? Use details from the text to support your answer.

- 2 Read the sentence from the text.

They'd gone to the zoo and the beach and for a long drive along the stunning Pacific coast.

Underline the **two** meanings from the dictionary entry below that **best** define the word stunning as it is used in the text.

stunning *adjective* **1.** causing a loss of strength. **2.** amazing or spectacular. **3.** capable of causing an electric shock. **4.** unexpected. **5.** impressive or beautiful.

- 3 Read the sentence from the text.

The faint, slightly eerie glow of the light heightened the spookiness of the mystery.

What does the description of the light help the reader understand?

- (A) It helps the reader understand that Dad doesn't want to read anymore.
- (B) It helps the reader understand how the light looked in the dark car.
- (C) It helps the reader understand that the light should be turned off.
- (D) It helps the reader understand that Misaki is tired.

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

Part A

By the end of the text, what does Misaki learn from her experience traveling with her family?

- (A) to be less selfish
- (B) to be more creative
- (C) to be less frustrated
- (D) to be more open-minded

Part B

Choose the detail that supports the answer to part A.

- (A) Once settled in her seat in the van, Misaki pulled out one of the books she'd brought.
 - (B) Misaki rolled her eyes in frustration ever so slightly as her father began to read the book aloud.
 - (C) Her brothers kept coming up with wild predictions that made Misaki laugh.
 - (D) When Misaki woke up the next day, she found that she didn't have to pretend to be enthusiastic anymore.
- 5 How does the illustration contribute to the reader's understanding of the text?
- (A) The reader can see how Misaki will share the book with her cousin.
 - (B) The reader can see that Misaki is still grumpy about the trip.
 - (C) The reader can see that Dad brought a whole stack of books.
 - (D) The reader can see how Dad could keep reading after dark.
- 6 Which statement is a theme from the text?
- (A) Differences often arise in families.
 - (B) Frustration can be a helpful emotion.
 - (C) Families can always count on each other.
 - (D) Being flexible can lead to unexpected surprises.

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Writing

- 7 Choose the sentence that contains a spelling error.
- (A) The voyige was long and tiring.
 - (B) It is enjoyable to learn another language.
 - (C) The detective wanted to ask him some questions.
 - (D) Knowledge is not the same thing as understanding.

- 8 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?
- (A) We has gone to Lake Powell before.
 - (B) She had eaten lunch before she came.
 - (C) He has taught swimming for three years.
 - (D) I have read three books so far this month.

- 9 Laura is writing an opinion article about roller coasters. Underline the **two** sentences that contain errors in grammar usage.

Mike and I have visited the Rocky Peaks Amusement Park to try the newest roller coaster. The coaster have been compared to the fastest roller coasters in the world. It has been clocked at 100 miles per hour. We enjoyed the coaster so much that we will have been making plans to visit again.

- 10 Sasha is writing a response-to-literature essay about *The Three Little Pigs*. Read the draft of her essay and complete the task that follows.

There are three pigs building houses to protect themselves from a wolf. One pig builds a house of bricks, and the wolf can't blow it down with all of them in there. One pig builds a house of straw. The wolf knocks it down, so the pig runs to the next house. One pig builds a house of sticks, and the wolf knocks it down, so the two pigs run to the brick house. The pigs are safe!

Rewrite the essay to order the information correctly. Be sure to include transition words.
