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# Weekly Test Lesson 24

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Carmelita's Surprise

Carmelita stood at the window in her apartment and gazed out sadly, wishing she could be somewhere else. The streets below were filled with honking cars and shouting people, and Carmelita could not see a tree or a blade of green grass anywhere. There was nothing but noise and gray shadows. She sat down at the kitchen table and sighed.



“Carmelita, what is the matter?” her mother inquired.

“I just don’t like it here,” Carmelita replied. “Back on the farm, everything was colorful and quiet and fresh, but the city is so noisy and grimy.”

“I know you’re homesick, but there are many positive things about a city life,” her mother said. “There are many different things to do and interesting places to go, so you will never be bored living here.”

“I wasn’t bored living on the farm,” Carmelita muttered. “We can’t even have pets in this apartment, but back home, I had horses and rabbits and chickens. It was so much better there.”

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## Reading

“Just because something is different doesn’t mean it is better or worse,” her mother comforted her, but Carmelita did not want to listen. She spent the rest of her Sunday moping around the apartment, missing her country life.

When Carmelita returned to school on Monday, she was still in a bad mood. She slumped down in her desk, trying to ignore the chatter of the classmates around her. Then she overheard something surprising.

“Wasn’t it fun picking apples on Saturday?” Megan said to Zane.

“It sure was,” Zane agreed as he sat down in the desk next to Carmelita. “I have one in my lunch today, and I can’t wait to eat it. For breakfast, my mother cooked the eggs we gathered; they were so much more delicious than the eggs we buy at the supermarket. We’re lucky to have a farm so close to home.”

Perking up, Carmelita turned to stare at her classmates. “Excuse me,” she said shyly. “I didn’t mean to listen in, but were you talking about picking apples and collecting eggs here in the city?”

“Sure,” Megan said with a genuine smile. “We went to Franny’s Farm on 51st Street, near the big community center. They have apple trees and chickens and even horses you can ride.”

“You mean there is a farm right in the middle of the city?” Carmelita said, her voice rising in excitement. “You must be making that up!”

“No, it’s true,” Zane said. “Come with us next weekend and see for yourself.”

Carmelita could not wait to get home from school and tell her parents about the farm. Her father jumped on the computer and sure enough, he found information about the city farm. “We can definitely join your friends there this weekend,” he said. “We’ll make a day of it—I want to witness this for myself as well!”

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Saturday morning Carmelita skipped ahead of her parents as they walked to the bus stop. On the way, they passed a movie theater, but Carmelita did not pay much attention. As they rode the bus past museums and a big library, she scanned the horizon for signs of a farm, and it wasn't long before she saw green trees and open space. When the bus stopped, she spotted Zane and Megan and their families. "Welcome to the farm!" Megan gushed.

Just as Megan promised, farm animals and vegetation were everywhere. There were vegetables to pick, animals to feed, and games to play. "This is terrific!" she said. For the first time since they moved, she forgot to be homesick.

Later that day, Carmelita's mother asked, "How do you like the city now?"

Carmelita exclaimed, "I'm glad that there are some familiar things to do in the city. There sure is a lot more to city living than I ever imagined! I believed I would not be happy here, but now I know I can be!"

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- 1 Why does the author begin the passage with Carmelita talking about missing the farm? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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## Reading

2 What does the illustration **best** show about Carmelita?

- Ⓐ She is in a bad mood.
- Ⓑ She feels like she is sick.
- Ⓒ She is ready to eat dinner.
- Ⓓ She wants to talk to her mother.

3 Read the sentences from the text. Underline the detail that **best** matches the illustration.

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4 Read the sentence from the passage.

There sure is a lot more to city living than I ever imagined!

Which word means about the same as the word imagined?

- Ⓐ wished
- Ⓑ believed
- Ⓒ dreamed
- Ⓓ wondered

5 What **most likely** is the author's purpose for writing this passage?

- Ⓐ to entertain readers with a realistic story
- Ⓑ to describe what it is like to live in a city
- Ⓒ to explain what it is like to live on a farm
- Ⓓ to persuade readers not to move with a sad story

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## Reading

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

**Part A**

What is the author's purpose for showing Carmelita's change of heart at the end of the passage?

- Ⓐ to persuade readers that there is a lot to do on a farm
- Ⓑ to persuade readers to look for the good wherever they are
- Ⓒ to persuade readers that the city is a wonderful place to live
- Ⓓ to persuade readers that life on a farm is better than life in a city

**Part B**

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

- Ⓐ Carmelita and her friends pick vegetables, see animals, and play games at the farm.
- Ⓑ The city has a movie theater, museums, and a big library.
- Ⓒ Carmelita likes the city better once she sees the farm.
- Ⓓ Life on the farm was colorful and quiet.

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## Writing

- 7 Read the sentences.

Tom wanted to go to the movies. He missed the bus.

Which revision **best** combines the two sentences?

- Ⓐ Tom wanted to go to the movies as he missed the bus.
- Ⓑ Tom wanted to go to the movies, but he missed the bus.
- Ⓒ Since Tom wanted to go to the movies, he missed the bus.
- Ⓓ Before Tom wanted to go to the movies, he missed the bus.

- 8 Read the sentences.

We got to the theater early. We got great seats.

Which revision **best** combines the sentences?

- Ⓐ We got to the theater early if we got great seats.
- Ⓑ We got to the theater early because we got great seats.
- Ⓒ Because we got to the theater early, we got great seats.
- Ⓓ Although we got to the theater early, we got great seats.

- 9 Read the paragraph. Underline **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

Some sun and some clouds are in the sky. It is unclear if it will be a nice day, but my friends and I want to go to the beach. We change into our bathing suits. We get to the beach. The girls reemove their sandals. The boys intie their shoes. Some of us play in the sand. Some go to the water. It is really cold! We rejoin the group on the beach. Then it starts to rain. It would be unsafe to stay out in the rain. We go back home.

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**Writing**

- 10 Sura is writing a story. Read her story. Then complete the task that follows.

Yesterday I got to my classroom early. I wanted to pet our class pet, Harry the Hamster. Harry is fun to pet. But when I took him out of his cage, Harry jumped down and ran under a desk. I had to lie flat on the floor to reach him. Luckily, he jumped right back into my hand. Just then my teacher, Mrs. Jordan, came in and asked me what I was doing on the floor.

Rewrite this story and add vivid details to paint a clear picture for readers.

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