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Weekly Test Lesson 25

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

A Trip to Zonar

Sada and Banu were talking while perched atop their favorite climbing wall at the park when suddenly something sparkling in the sunshine caught Sada's eye. Pointing out the object to her friend, she said, "Banu, what's that over there?"

Banu said, "I'm not sure, but let's check it out."

The girls carefully climbed down from the wall, approached the object, and then came to a halt next to it. Banu said, "Whoa! Dude, it looks like a crashed drone."

"It actually looks more like a cross between a helicopter and a drone," replied Sada.

Banu saw a door, carefully opened it, peered inside, and said, "Wow! It's spacious enough for us to fit inside. Look!" She crawled inside, and Sada spotted another door, opened it, and joined her. The girls sat in the two seats they found inside. Just as Sada leaned back in the seat, the doors closed and locked, and a robotic voice said, "Please buckle your seat belts."

The girls looked at each other with excitement and a little trepidation, and quickly followed the voice's directions. "Thank you. Your trip will begin shortly," said the voice.

Suddenly, the drone left the ground and skyrocketed the girls up into the clouds. Then the robotic voice said, "Preparing to leave Earth's atmosphere."

The girls looked at each other in shock. "I think we are going to space!" shouted Banu. "I am really frightened but also really excited."

After what seemed like a short trip, they felt the drone slow down, and the voice said, "Prepare for landing."

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The drone made a perfect landing. Sada and Banu peered out the window and saw what looked like an airport with more drones like the one they were in parked on runways all around them. The doors slid open, and Sada and Banu climbed out of the drone. Banu suddenly grabbed Sada's arms and said in a barely audible voice, "I think aliens are walking toward us."

The girls stared as the group of aliens walked closer to them and then stopped. They looked like humans, except their skin was orange, they had purple stripes, and their hair was bright blue.

"Greetings, Earthlings," said one of the aliens. "Welcome to the planet Zonar. We are pleased that you chose to visit our planet."

The girls looked at each other in surprise and then looked back at the aliens. All Banu could say was, "Oh boy, this is nuts!"

"My name is Radion. What are your names?" asked an alien.

"I'm Sada, and this is Banu," said Sada.

"We have been expecting you," said Radion. "Would you like a tour of our home?"

The girls nodded their heads excitedly, as another alien brought what looked like a floating skateboard over to the girls. He gestured at the board, and the girls warily climbed aboard it, and before they could blink, they were in front of a large, round building. Other kids were zooming around on boards like the one the girls stood on. Radion explained that it was a school, and the students were getting ready for pod races. He took the girls behind the building to see the pods and the race track.

The next stop on the Zonar tour was a bean-shaped building. "This is one of our best feeding stations," said Radion.

The girls walked inside and were amazed by glass cases with all kinds of fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, and breads. Radion explained that they should pick some ingredients, and a robot chef would make them something special. "The chefs make original dishes for each person," explained Radion.

After the girls ate a delicious meal, Radion continued the tour by taking them to a high-rise building. "The fourth floor of this building is my home," he said.

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Then Radion said, “Sadly, it is time for you to return home.”

Radion took the girls back to their drone, and Sada and Banu climbed inside and buckled their seat belts. They waved to Radion, the drone lifted into the Zonar sky, and soon, they were back on Earth.

The girls raced home and told their families about their amazing adventure. Their families seemed skeptical, but everyone ran back to the park to see if they could find the drone. When they arrived at the spot where the drone had landed, it was no longer there.

“Very funny, girls,” grumbled Sada’s dad.

Sada looked at Banu and said, “I know we both didn’t have the same dream, so it must have happened, right?”

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- 1 Read the sentence from the passage.

Banu suddenly grabbed Sada’s arms and said in a barely audible voice, “I think aliens are walking toward us.”

What is the **most likely** meaning of the word audible?

- (A) silent
- (B) scared
- (C) loud and noisy
- (D) able to be heard
- 2 Read the excerpt. Underline the dialogue that is an example of informal language.

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- 3 Which of the following contains an example of dialogue with informal language?
- (A) Banu said, “Whoa! Dude, it looks like a crashed drone.”
 - (B) Then the robotic voice said, “Preparing to leave Earth’s atmosphere.”
 - (C) After what seemed like a short trip, they felt the drone slow down, and the voice said, “Prepare for landing.”
 - (D) “We have been expecting you,” said Radion.

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

Part A

Which genre does this passage **best** fit into?

- (A) biography
- (B) informational
- (C) science fiction
- (D) realistic fiction

Part B

Choose the sentence that **best** supports the answer to part A.

- (A) The girls stared as the group of aliens walked closer to them and then stopped.
- (B) The next stop on the Zonar tour was a bean-shaped building.
- (C) The girls walked inside and were amazed by glass cases with all kinds of fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, and breads.
- (D) The girls raced home and told their families about their amazing adventure.

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- 5 Why can't this story happen in real life? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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

- (A) to entertain the reader
- (B) to persuade the reader
- (C) to inform the reader about a topic
- (D) to explain to the reader how to do something

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- 7 Read the sentence.

Mr. Hill's students read a book about amphibians called unusual Life Cycles.

What revision is needed to correct the underlined portion?

- Ⓐ Change unusual Life Cycles to unusual life cycles.
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- 8 Which sentence is written correctly?
- Ⓐ "Did I win" asked Jamie as she crossed the finish line.
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- 9 Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

In January, there was a meteir shower. It was the brightest in the country of India. One fourth grade student there had a good idea. She took a video of the shower for her sciunce class.

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10 Byron is writing a report about giraffes at the zoo for his class. He found the following information.

- six giraffes at zoo
- in open enclosure
- eat the lettuce that children feed them
- can be 15 feet tall, long neck, spots
- eat leaves off tops of trees in wild
- blue tongue

Write an opening paragraph for Byron's report using the information above.
