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# Weekly Test Lesson 26

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Mr. Wu's Carp

Mr. Wu kept a fish pond behind his shop. The pond had fish called carp in it. It reminded him of his childhood in Japan. His parents had always had one at their house. He enjoyed carrying on the custom now. Carp were a sign of luck and good fortune. Mr. Wu needed both. His store was not making enough money.

One day, an eagle swooped down and grabbed an orange carp from Mr. Wu's pond.

The orange carp had left two eggs, and Mr. Wu watched over them closely. One day, the eagle landed near the pond.

"To show you I am sorry for taking your carp," said the eagle, "I have given these two carp magical powers."

The next day the eggs hatched. Each carp was pure white with a red spot on its head.

"These are very rare!" said Mr. Wu. "They will make me rich!"

When people heard about the rare carp, the store became busier than ever. People would come to see the fish, and they would buy things from the store while they waited.

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One night, the first fish spoke. “Please, Mr. Wu, do not have the shop open every day. We need a break. There are too many visitors.”

Mr. Wu was amazed.

“A talking carp! I must be open tomorrow! Everyone will want to see this!”

When he went to the pond next morning, the first fish had disappeared.

A few days later, the second fish said, “Please, Mr. Wu, I am very tired of talking. Can I have a break tomorrow?”

Mr. Wu would not allow it.

“If you don’t allow me to rest, your fortune will disappear,” warned the second fish.

To be safe, Mr. Wu slept with his money in his arms. When he awoke, it was all still there.

“Ha,” cried Mr. Wu, “that carp was wrong!” He headed down to the pond. But when he got there, it was empty.

Mr. Wu sat and cried. Now no one would visit his store.

His pond was so plain now, when before it had been beautiful. He thought of his parents. How sad they would be when they heard he had not kept the family custom. Mr. Wu wished his carp were home. He would give all of his money to have them back.

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Just then an eagle flew overhead and two carp fell into his pond. They were plain orange, but Mr. Wu was certain they were his.

“My friends,” he said, “have you come back now that I know that I was wrong to be so greedy?”

The carp did not answer, but they did both wink.

As Mr. Wu sat and enjoyed the beautiful day, he had an idea. Mr. Wu bought benches for outside and opened up a small cafe inside his shop. Everyone loved it, and his shop was busier than ever, except for the weekend, when the shop was closed.

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1 Read these sentences from the passage.

One night, the first fish spoke. “Please, Mr. Wu, do not have the shop open every day. We need a break. There are too many visitors.”

Why does the fish ask for a break?

- Ⓐ Mr. Wu enjoys talking with visitors.
- Ⓑ The shop sells all kinds of fish things.
- Ⓒ Too many visitors make the fish tired.
- Ⓓ The fish want Mr. Wu to feed them more.

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- 2 Read these sentences from the passage.

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

- Ⓐ rest
  - Ⓑ tool
  - Ⓒ hole
  - Ⓓ crack
- 3 Why does the second fish warn Mr. Wu that his fortune will disappear?
- Ⓐ to give Mr. Wu a chance to nap
  - Ⓑ to help Mr. Wu make more money
  - Ⓒ to thank Mr. Wu for caring for the fish
  - Ⓓ to give Mr. Wu a chance to do what is right

- 4 Read the sentences from the passage. Underline the phrase that **best** tells where the passage takes place.

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

**Part A**

What **best** describes what Mr. Wu's fortune is?

- Ⓐ the carp
- Ⓑ the pond
- Ⓒ the eagle
- Ⓓ the eggs

**Part B**

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

- Ⓐ Mr. Wu kept a fish pond behind his shop.
- Ⓑ The eagle gives Mr. Wu's carp magical powers.
- Ⓒ Mr. Wu watched over the eggs closely.
- Ⓓ Mr. Wu says he would give all his money to have the carp back.

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**Reading**

6 What is Mr. Wu's problem at the beginning of the passage, and how is it solved? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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**Writing**

7 Which sentence is written incorrectly?

- Ⓐ I'll run in the race.
- Ⓑ It isn't in my backpack.
- Ⓒ That's a very good book.
- Ⓓ I do'nt think I should go.

8 Which sentence is written incorrectly?

- Ⓐ That's' the dog who saved the cat.
- Ⓑ I missed school because I'm sick.
- Ⓒ He will only come if we're there.
- Ⓓ My apartment isn't near here.

9 Read the sentences. Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

I gathered a crew to make some stoo. I was going to stir,  
but I could not find a spoon. Will you find one for me?

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**Writing**

- 10 Quentin wrote a poem about his family’s garden. Read his draft of the poem. Then complete the task that follows.

The garden has flowers.

They grow with rain showers.

The flowers are red and blue.

Bees fly around and so do birds.

You can hear the birds sing.

They like it when it’s spring.

Rewrite the poem to better use rhyme and sense words.

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