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Weekly Test Lesson 26

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Eddie the Batboy

Eddie Bennet, a well-known name in baseball history, had a difficult start to life. He was born in 1902 in Brooklyn, New York. As a baby, he had an accident and hurt his back. After the accident, his back stayed in a curved shape.

One of the things Eddie loved most in life was baseball. When Eddie was a teenager, he went to a New York Yankees baseball game. The Yankees played the Chicago White Sox. A player named Happy Felsch from the White Sox saw Eddie watching the game and smiling. Many baseball players then and now are superstitious. This means they think certain people or things bring them luck. Happy thought Eddie would bring him good luck. When the White Sox won, Happy believed Eddie was one of the reasons he had a great game.

After the game, Happy asked the team manager to hire Eddie as a batboy and mascot. A mascot is a person who is thought to bring luck to a team. This meant that Eddie went to the games, carried the players' baseball bats, and laid out their equipment before games. Eddie agreed to work as the White Sox batboy and mascot. There is some confusion about how long Eddie worked for the White Sox. Most people believe that he was there until 1920 when the White Sox lost the World Series.

Eddie went back to New York. He began to watch the Brooklyn Robins baseball games. Again, a player spotted him and thought he would bring the team good luck. The Robins had a great season in 1920, and they made it to the World Series. The first three games against the Cleveland team were played at the Robins' field, and the Robins won two of the games. Then the next four games were played in Cleveland. This time, the team left Eddie in Brooklyn. The Robins lost all four games. Some people said that the team lost because Eddie wasn't there.

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In 1921, Eddie was hired by the New York Yankees as a mascot and batboy. He worked for the Yankees for 12 years. During that time, they won four World Series. When Eddie was with the Yankees, he was probably the most famous batboy in baseball. His picture was often in the newspapers. Children and adults wanted to do what Eddie was doing. He got to watch baseball games and sit with some of the greatest players in the history of baseball. He was always the first to shake the hand of a batter who hit a home run.

Even though Eddie loved watching the games and talking to the players, he also worked hard. Before Eddie, people saw the job of batboy as a fun way to spend the summer. Eddie didn't see it that way. He took his job seriously. He kept the team's 100 bats straight, laid out the equipment, and did it all with joy.

The players did see Eddie as a good luck charm, but they also liked how hard he worked. One of the pitchers always threw his first warm-up toss to Eddie. Some of the players did not allow anyone else to touch or carry their bats besides Eddie. They knew Eddie would take care of them. Babe Ruth, one of baseball's greatest players, was a close friend of Eddie's. Eddie stood next to Babe before he batted and often did small jobs for him.

In 1932, Eddie broke his leg. Sadly, Eddie's leg was never the same. He wasn't able to carry bats or equipment. So Eddie gave up his job of batboy and mascot. Even though he could no longer be a part of the games, he never lost his love of baseball.

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- 1 How did Eddie hurt his back?
- (A) He had an accident when he was a baby.
 - (B) He hurt it carrying too many bats.
 - (C) He was born with a bad back.
 - (D) He was hit with a baseball.

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- 2 Which detail from the passage **best** explains what Eddie did as a batboy?
- Ⓐ A mascot is a person who is thought to bring luck to a team.
 - Ⓑ When the White Sox won, Happy believed Eddie was one of the reasons he had a great game.
 - Ⓒ This meant that Eddie went to the games, carried the players' baseball bats, and laid out their equipment before games.
 - Ⓓ He began to watch the Brooklyn Robins baseball games.
- 3 Read the sentences from the passage.

There is some confusion about how long Eddie worked for the White Sox. Most people believe that he was there until 1920 when the White Sox lost the World Series.

What is the meaning of the word confusion as it is used in the sentence?

- Ⓐ something that has order
- Ⓑ a sense of thinking clearly
- Ⓒ a time or event when things are unclear
- Ⓓ someone wrongly thinking that a person is someone else

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- 4 Read the paragraph from the passage.

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Briefly explain the main idea of this paragraph. Be sure to include specific details to support your answer.

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

Part A

Which **best** describes Eddie?

- Ⓐ He was a hard worker.
- Ⓑ He wanted to have fun at work.
- Ⓒ He disagreed with a lot of people.
- Ⓓ He only wanted to work during the summer.

Part B

Read the sentences from the passage. Underline the sentence that **best** supports the answer to part A.

Before Eddie, people saw the job of batboy as a fun way to spend the summer. Eddie didn't see it that way. He took his job seriously. He kept the team's 100 bats straight, laid out the equipment, and did it all with joy.

- 6 What **best** describes the main idea of the passage?
- Ⓐ Eddie loved to play baseball.
 - Ⓑ Eddie was the reason Cleveland beat the Robins.
 - Ⓒ Eddie was a beloved batboy who brought the teams luck.
 - Ⓓ Eddie worked for the Chicago White Sox, Brooklyn Robins, and New York Yankees.

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Writing

- 7 Jarvis made a list of things he has to do this week. Read his list.

Sept. 1–4

Mon.—Spelling Test

Wed.—Get new glasses

Fdy.—Running Club

Which change should Jarvis make to fix a grammar error?

- (A) Change Sept. to Sep.
 - (B) Change Mon. to Mdy.
 - (C) Change Wed. to Weds.
 - (D) Change Fdy. to Fri.
- 8 Leo wrote a note to his friend. Read the note.

Come to my house on Sat.

I live on Maple St.

We can watch a movie.

Our teacher, Mr. Rives, lives nearby, on Park Lan.

Which change should Leo make to fix a grammar error?

- (A) Change Sat. to Stdy.
 - (B) Change St. to Str.
 - (C) Change Mr. to Mir.
 - (D) Change Lan. to Ln.
- 9 Kit is writing a paragraph for class. Read her paragraph. Underline **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

The school softball game was on Monday. I had one problum. I forgot to bring my helmet. It was a silly misdake. The umpire said I could not play without one. I waited until my parents brought my helmet to play the game.

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Writing

- 10 Nadia is writing a compare and contrast paragraph. Read her notes. Then complete the task that follows.

Chipmunks

- live under ground in backyard
- furry
- brown
- eat seeds

Squirrels

- live in trees in backyard
- eat seeds
- brown
- furry

Use Nadia's notes to write a compare and contrast paragraph. Be sure the ideas are in an order that is easy for the reader to understand.
