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Weekly Test Lesson 27

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Sue the T. Rex

It was the end of the summer of 1990. Sue Hendrickson was looking for dinosaur bones. Sue worked at the Black Hills Institute in South Dakota. The scientists there looked for dinosaur fossils, the preserved bones of dinosaurs that lived millions of years ago.

The scientists were leaving when their truck broke down. While waiting for the truck to get fixed, Sue took a walk. She looked for dinosaur bones one last time. She walked along the base of a cliff. Suddenly, she saw some tiny bones. She thought they looked interesting. She looked for more bones. Nearby, she saw a really big bone sticking out of the side of the cliff. She picked up a few small pieces of fossil bone. She told the other scientists about what she had found. She took the bones with her to study.

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Back at the institute, scientists examined the bones. They found that these were the bones of a Tyrannosaurus rex, or T. rex. The T. rex was a huge, fierce dinosaur. This was an exciting discovery. Sue and a group of scientists went back to where the bones were. They slowly and carefully removed the rock and soil. They carefully uncovered the T. rex bones. The scientists could not believe what they were seeing. It was the most complete skeleton of a T. rex ever found. Other T. rex fossils were missing about half their bones. This fossil was almost a full skeleton. Sue had found one of the most important T. rex fossils ever!

People began to argue about who owned the fossil. The man who owned the land where the fossil was found said it belonged to him. The government said it owned the land the fossil had been on. The fight went on and on. Then it was argued in court. The judge decided that the fossil belonged to the man. He wanted to sell it for a lot of money.

In time, the Field Museum of Chicago raised a lot of money to pay the man. The museum paid more than 7 million dollars for the fossil. The T. rex was moved to the museum, where its bones were carefully put together. The T. rex skeleton was named Sue after the scientist who had found it. Sue the T. rex is the best part of the Field Museum's collection.

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The T. rex bones were held together by strong wires. Once it was standing, the public could come see it. In May 2000, people flocked to see Sue at the museum. Sue is 40 feet long and 13 feet tall. Sue has been the subject of a television show, a movie, a book, and a computer game. Sue is a very famous dinosaur.

1 Read the sentences.

The scientists were leaving when their truck broke down. While waiting for the truck to get repaired, Sue took a walk.

Which word means about the same as the word repaired?

- Ⓐ held
- Ⓑ stuck
- Ⓒ fixed
- Ⓓ broke

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2 Read the sentences from the passage.

The scientists could not believe what they were seeing. It was the most complete skeleton of a T. rex ever found. Other T. rex fossils were missing about half their bones. This fossil was almost a full skeleton. Sue had found one of the most important T. rex fossils ever!

Why does the author think that Sue the T. rex is one of the most important fossils ever? Use details from the paragraph to support your answer.

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- 3 Mark each box to show whether each statement is a fact or an opinion.

	Fact	Opinion
The Field Museum paid more than 7 million dollars for Sue.		
Sue was named after the scientist who discovered her.		
Sue is the best part of the Field Museum's collection.		

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

Part A

What is the author's opinion of Sue the T. rex?

- Ⓐ Sue was discovered by a woman looking for dinosaur bones.
- Ⓑ Sue was the most complete skeleton of a T. rex ever found.
- Ⓒ Sue was sold to the Field Museum of Chicago.
- Ⓓ Sue is a very famous dinosaur.

Part B

Which detail from the passage supports the author's opinion?

- Ⓐ Sue was found on a cliff.
- Ⓑ Sue is 40 feet long and 13 feet tall.
- Ⓒ Sue was discovered in the summer of 1990.
- Ⓓ Sue has been the subject of a television show, a movie, a book, and a computer game.

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- 5 Which detail from the passage is an opinion?
- Ⓐ Sue worked at the Black Hills Institute in South Dakota.
 - Ⓑ Dinosaur fossils are the preserved bones of dinosaurs that lived millions of years ago.
 - Ⓒ She thought they looked interesting.
 - Ⓓ People began to argue about who owned the fossil.
- 6 Why did the author write this passage?
- Ⓐ to tell a funny story about Sue the scientist
 - Ⓑ to give information about Sue the dinosaur
 - Ⓒ to answer the question about who owned the T. rex bones
 - Ⓓ to make readers want to visit museums that have T. rex bones

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- 7 Read the sentences.

Jenny swims quickly. She swims happily.

What is the **best** way to combine these sentences?

- Ⓐ She swims and Jenny is quickly and happily.
- Ⓑ Jenny swims quickly and she swims happily.
- Ⓒ She swims and swims quickly and happily.
- Ⓓ Jenny swims quickly and happily.

- 8 Read the sentence.

Ed walks home very slow.

What change is needed to correct the sentence?

- Ⓐ Change very slow to slow.
- Ⓑ Change very slow to slowly.
- Ⓒ Change very slow to slower.
- Ⓓ Change very slow to slowest.

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

The boy went to get some wood so they could cook dinner. He tok some branches from the ground. He started walking home and dropped one on his foot. It hurt!

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- 10 Tess is writing an opinion paragraph about going to the movies. Read her draft. Then complete the task that follows.

The movie was about a talking pig. I laughed a lot. I would watch this movie again. Maybe it will be on TV.

Revise the paragraph to add an opening and a closing sentence. Link Tess’s opinions with words such as *and*, *because*, and *also*.
