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Weekly Test Lesson 27

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Diego Goes to Roanoke

Scene I: Diego and his sister, Carmen, have traveled to North Carolina to spend time with their aunt Maria, an amateur historian. They are all walking on a beach.

Aunt Maria: So, if you look out over the water there, you will see a collection of islands called the Outer Banks.

Carmen: It looks really pretty out there.

Aunt Maria: Indeed, it is. The actual spot we are looking at in the distance is Kitty Hawk, the place where the Wright brothers made their famous first flight in 1903.

Diego: (*bored*) It just looks like an ordinary beach to me.

Aunt Maria: (*laughs*) Sure, it might just look like your typical beach, but if the Wright brothers didn't test out their airplane there, who knows when the first airplane would have been invented?

Carmen: Why did they choose a beach as the place to test their plane in the first place?

Aunt Maria: Well, the Wright brothers needed a place that had steady winds that went over 15 miles per hour. They also needed a soft landing spot and a location away from other places, in case their plane had trouble.

Diego: (*shrugs shoulders*) I guess it sort of makes sense why they'd choose a beach.

Aunt Maria: (*looks at Diego and senses his boredom*) Now, I know history is not your favorite subject, but I think the next place will be interesting to you because it is the site of a famous mystery.

Scene II: Diego, Carmen, and Aunt Maria are traveling in a car heading away from the beach area.

Diego: (*enthusiastically*) Aunt Maria, what do you know about this mysterious place we are visiting?

Aunt Maria: Well, my adventuresome nephew, the place we're going might not appear to be mysterious. However, one of the greatest mysteries in America actually happened there.

Carmen: (*eyes wide*) Are you sure we should be visiting this place?

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Aunt Maria: (*chuckles*) Yes, it is perfectly safe to visit now because the mystery actually happened in the late 1500s.

Diego: Wow! That is a long time ago.

Aunt Maria: Yes, because it happened when the first settlers arrived on these shores centuries ago. (*She parks the car and then turns to face her niece and nephew.*) Well, here we are, at the Fort Raleigh National Historical Site.

(*Diego looks out the window, uncertain if this will actually be an adventurous visit.*)

Scene III: Aunt Maria, Carmen, and Diego are walking inside the visitor's center museum, which is filled with a variety of exhibits.

Diego: It looks like a lot of different things happened on this site.

Aunt Maria: (*nods her head in agreement*) Yes, this place was the site of an old colony, a settlement made by freed slaves, and the site of early experiments in the creation of radio.

Carmen: Wow. It really was a busy place. No wonder it is so mysterious.

Aunt Maria: Well, the mystery is actually related to the disappearance of the first colony that was here.

Diego: What do you mean?

Aunt Maria: A long time ago, when a new colony was being started in the New World, a group of English settlers actually ended up here by accident.

Carmen: (*cautiously curious*) What happened to them?

Aunt Maria: Fortunately, there was an English fort that had already been built here, so the settlers moved in temporarily. They planned to later move a little farther to the north.

Diego: Then what happened to them?

Aunt Maria: Well, they were running low on supplies, so their leader, John White, returned to England to get supplies. He was delayed because England was involved in a war and needed ships for its navy.

Carmen: That doesn't sound too good.

Aunt Maria: It wasn't. By the time John White returned, the colony had totally disappeared with only a few hints of where they went.

Diego: (*eyes wide*) Did anyone ever find where the settlers went?

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Aunt Maria: No, but some people think they may have died, and others think they moved north. Some historians even believe that they joined a tribe called the Croatoans that lived nearby.

Diego: You mean they were lost forever?

Aunt Maria: Yes, they were, and this is why they call the colony of Roanoke the “Lost Colony.” Now, let’s check out the rest of the exhibit and see if you can form your own solution as to what might have happened to the colonists of Roanoke.

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- 1 How does Diego feel about visiting the Outer Banks?
- (A) He thinks the islands are boring.
 - (B) He wants to visit the Outer Banks.
 - (C) He is interested in the history of the islands.
 - (D) He wants to learn more about the Wright brothers.
- 2 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

What is the theme of Scene I?

- (A) Vacations are a necessity.
- (B) Beaches are a source of relaxation.
- (C) Wind is a vital component of flight.
- (D) History can be found in unexpected places.

Part B

Underline the **two** sentences that **best** support the answer to part A.

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- 3 What is the theme of Scene II?
- (A) Mysteries are exciting.
 - (B) Mysteries are dangerous.
 - (C) Families must learn to get along.
 - (D) Families should enjoy history together.

- 4 Read the sentence from the text.

Aunt Maria: (*nods her head in agreement*) Yes, this place was the site of an old colony, a settlement made by freed slaves, and the site of early experiments in the creation of radio.

What does the word settlement mean as it is used in the sentence?

- (A) the act of moving
 - (B) a decision or action
 - (C) payment given to a person
 - (D) a town or village made by people
- 5 What is the theme of Scene III?
- (A) Mysteries can be solved with enough detective work.
 - (B) Some mysteries may never be solved.
 - (C) Colonists were adventurous.
 - (D) Colonists were mysterious.

- 6 What is the theme of the entire text? Use details from the play to support your answer.

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Writing

- 7 Which sentence contains a spelling error?
- (A) My brother was a finalist for the award.
 - (B) He left an urgent message for his mother.
 - (C) We both have tickets to hear my favorite novelest speak.
 - (D) Her sense of optimism disappeared as the rain clouds moved in.
- 8 Which sentence contains an abbreviation error?
- (A) Model Trains, Inc. has the model train I want.
 - (B) My favorite library is on Harrison Av. in Pittsburgh.
 - (C) Mr. Jung contacted the office to change his appointment.
 - (D) The Lost Mine is open to tourists on Sat. during the summer.
- 9 Which sentence contains an abbreviation error?
- (A) The dining room table was 7 ft. long.
 - (B) Marnie won the school's 100 met. dash.
 - (C) My favorite holiday is in the month of Nov.
 - (D) Dr. Edward Blake spoke to our class about the mystery of Stonehenge.
- 10 Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** sentences that contain abbreviation errors.

Today, Dtr. Elena Prokorov spoke to our class. According to her, there are many interesting places to visit in our hometown in the state of CA. Mystery Hill on Maple Ave. is a place where cars seem to roll up a hill. Singing Beach on Anderson Str. is home to sand that seems to hum on windy days. We visited on Sat. and heard it for ourselves. Cranmore Caves is the site of unusual lights made by glowworms, but it's about a 100 ft. hike from the cave's opening.