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Reading

Weekly Test Lesson 9

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Lost and Found Cat

“Mom, look!” Marissa called as she looked out of the window into her backyard. She could see something orange and white moving through the grass. “It looks like a cat is outside, and I think it might be injured!” Marissa and her mom hurried outside. Sure enough, there was a chubby orange cat lying in the grass. It meowed sadly as Marissa inched closer.

“Hey, buddy,” Marissa said softly, holding out her hand slowly so she didn’t scare him. The cat stood up and limped toward her, then butted his head against her palm. “Mom, he’s friendly, but I think he hurt his leg.”

Marissa’s mom carefully picked up the cat and brought him onto the front porch. “It does look like his front leg is injured, but I don’t think it’s too bad.”

Marissa rubbed the cat’s head, delighted to hear him purr. “Can we keep him, please, Mom?” she begged.

Her mom shook her head. “I’m sure he belongs to someone. Let’s make some posters and ask if anyone knows who he belongs to. Meanwhile, we can take care of him.”

Marissa grabbed her camera and took some great pictures of the cat, then printed lots of flyers to post around the neighborhood. She rang doorbells with her parents and showed the cat’s picture to everyone they could find. Days went by with no response to any of Marissa’s efforts.

Meanwhile, she and Buddy, as she named the cat, were becoming great friends. Every day, Buddy greeted her at the door when she came home from school. He happily chased a ball all over the house and curled up on the chair next to her while she did her homework. Best of all, his big purr filled the room whenever Marissa petted him. “You are my cat now, Buddy,” Marissa whispered in his furry ear.

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Then one night, a week after she found Buddy, the phone rang after dinner. “Hello. Yes, yes we did,” Marissa’s father said. “I see. Well, of course. Tonight will be fine.” He hung up, a serious look on his face. “Marissa, that was a woman named Mrs. Clark. She saw your poster and says she is Buddy’s owner. She is coming right over to get him.”

“No,” Marissa said as she started to cry. “Buddy is my cat now. She didn’t even call for a week. If she wanted Buddy, why did it take her so long to call?”



“She said she was out of town. Her neighbor was watching the cat and somehow he got outside.” Marissa ran into the living room. Buddy jumped on her lap and started to purr. “Marissa, I’m sorry, but if the cat belongs to someone, we have to give him back,” her dad said. Just then, the doorbell rang. She held on to Buddy tightly as an elderly woman came into the room.

“Chester!” Mrs. Clark called. “My Chester.” Instantly, the cat meowed loudly and jumped off Marissa’s lap right into Mrs. Clark’s arms. “I am so glad to see you,” she said. “I thought you were lost forever.” Then she turned to Marissa. “Thank you so much for taking care of Chester for me. I can see you did a wonderful job.” Marissa managed to smile as she watched Mrs. Clark and her cat leave.

“I know that was hard for you,” Marissa’s mom said. “But you took wonderful care of Buddy—I mean, Chester—during this past week. Your dad and I can see you are a very responsible girl. Maybe it’s time we visited the shelter and got a cat of our own.”

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- 1** What happens when Mrs. Clark sees Marissa's flyer?
- (A) Mrs. Clark contacts Marissa's family.
 - (B) Marissa's parents let her get a cat of her own.
 - (C) Mrs. Clark's cat got out while a neighbor was watching him.
 - (D) Marissa decides to take care of Buddy and spend time with him.
- 2** This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

What was the effect of Mrs. Clark being away when Marissa put up her posters?

- (A) The posters were down by the time Mrs. Clark came home.
- (B) Someone else saw the posters and did not tell Mrs. Clark.
- (C) Mrs. Clark did not care that her cat was missing.
- (D) Marissa thought she could keep the cat.

Part B

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

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- ③ Read the dictionary entry.

shelter *verb* 1. to take cover from danger. 2. to prevent someone from having to do something unpleasant. *noun* 3. a place that protects animals who need homes. 4. a place giving temporary protection from bad weather.

Read the sentence from the passage.

Maybe it's time we visited the shelter and got a cat of our own.

Which meaning **best** fits the way the word shelter is used in the passage?

- Ⓐ meaning 1
- Ⓑ meaning 2
- Ⓒ meaning 3
- Ⓓ meaning 4

- ④ Which word **best** describes the feeling created by the illustration?

- Ⓐ excitement
- Ⓑ loneliness
- Ⓒ sadness
- Ⓓ joy

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- 5 At the end of the passage, Marissa's parents say she can get a cat of her own. Write a brief paragraph explaining how Marissa's actions lead to this. Be sure to use examples from the passage to support your ideas.

- 6 Mark the boxes to match each effect with its cause.

	To Use Them on a Poster	To Find the Cat's Owner	Because Marissa Proved She Is Responsible
Marissa puts up posters.			
Marissa took pictures of the cat.			
Marissa's parents think she can have a cat.			

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- 7 Read the sentence.

Her heart was filled with happiness when she saw that she won first prize.

Which is the **best** replacement for the word happiness?

- Ⓐ delight
- Ⓑ bravery
- Ⓒ tranquility
- Ⓓ compassion

- 8 Read the sentence.

Pablo tried to hide his hatred for broccoli.

Which is the **best** replacement for the word hatred?

- Ⓐ taste
- Ⓑ disgust
- Ⓒ feelings
- Ⓓ appreciation

- 9 Bella is writing a story for class. She wants to revise to eliminate any misspelled words. Read her story and underline the **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

George fownd a brown bow tie. He put it around his neck. The tie looked great! George left his hawse and got in his mom's car. He arrived at the theater and searched for his friends in the crowd.

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- 10 Violet wrote an opinion passage about a story she read in school. Read the paragraph from her report and complete the task that follows.

I think this story was very good. It was exciting to read. I had two favorite parts. I also liked the message of the story.

Revise the paragraph to add details to support the reasons.
