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# Weekly Test Lesson 4

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## The Bicycle Rodeo

*Scene I: Greene Elementary School cafeteria. Students are finishing lunch.*

**Todd:** Hey, Josie, are you going to sign up for the bike rodeo on Saturday?

**Josie:** What's a bike rodeo?

**Maria:** It's a bicycle-riding course where you ride around a special path and avoid obstacles. Whoever has the fastest time is the winner. It's a lot of fun.

**Josie:** (*shaking her head*) Umm . . . I don't think so.

**Maria:** There is going to be a bike-decorating contest, too.

**Josie:** (*head down*) I can't . . . I mean, I am going somewhere that day.

**Todd:** Gee, Josie, you will miss out on everything.

**Josie:** (*picking up her tray and moving away*) Sorry . . . I just . . . I can't do it.

**Todd:** What does she mean, "I can't do it"?

**Maria:** (*shrugs*) I don't know.

*Scene II: After school, in Ms. Choi's room, Josie is packing up her backpack and Ms. Choi is grading papers at her desk.*

**Ms. Choi:** Josie, are you coming to the bike rodeo this Saturday? I'll be judging the bike-decorating contest.

**Josie:** (*sadly*) I can't, Ms. Choi.

**Ms. Choi:** I'm sorry to hear that. It's going to be lots of fun.

**Josie:** Yeah, but . . . (*Josie looks as if she is about to cry.*)

**Ms. Choi:** (*looks at Josie with concern*) What's the matter, Josie?

**Josie:** The truth is . . . I can't ride a bicycle! We used to live in the city, in an apartment building, and there was nowhere to keep a bike, so I just never learned. It seems like everyone here knows how to ride a bike except me!

**Ms. Choi:** Lots of people never learn to ride a bike, Josie. In fact, I never learned to ride a bike until a few years ago.

**Josie:** Really?

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**Ms. Choi:** (*places her arm around Josie's shoulders*) Really. It wasn't a Herculean task, and I learned very quickly. You're never too old to learn something new.

(*Todd and Maria enter the classroom.*)

**Todd:** We overheard what you said, Josie, and you don't have to worry—Maria and I can teach you to ride in no time!

**Maria:** (*nodding*) You can borrow my sister's old bike and enter it in the bike-decorating contest.

**Josie:** Well . . . maybe. I'll think about it.

*Scene III: Saturday morning. The bike rodeo is set up on the school playground. Todd and Maria are busy decorating their bikes with streamers and balloons, and Ms. Choi is handing out supplies.*

**Todd:** I wonder where Josie is.

**Maria:** She said she was coming yesterday when I gave her my sister's bike.

**Ms. Choi:** I hope she will be here soon and didn't misunderstand the time or place.

(*Josie enters from the far side of the playground, slowly riding a red bicycle.*)

**Todd:** Josie, you're riding a bike! Who taught you?

**Josie:** My dad gave me some tips last night after Maria gave me her sister's bike, and it wasn't that hard! Although it did take me forever to ride up the hill!

**Ms. Choi:** But you made it!

**Todd:** Look—the rodeo is starting! Are you going to take part, Josie?

**Josie:** I think I will just watch this time.

(*Todd and Maria ride their bikes around the obstacle course. Josie and Ms. Choi sit on the sidelines, cheering them on.*)

**Josie:** Wow, look at Todd go! He is really good, and so is Maria.

(*Todd and Maria return to the sidelines. Todd is holding a blue first-place ribbon.*)

**Todd:** Look, I won! I can't believe it!

**Josie:** You were great. Can you teach me how to ride that fast?

**Todd:** Sure, just as soon as we finish the bike-decorating contest.

**Josie:** (*grinning*) I can't wait!

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- 1 Read the selection from the passage. Underline the sentence that shows where this scene takes place.

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- 2 Read these sentences from the passage.

**Ms. Choi:** Really. It wasn't a Herculean task, and I learned very quickly. You're never too old to learn something new.

What does the phrase wasn't a Herculean task tell the reader?

- (A) It is fun to learn to ride.
  - (B) It is not fun to learn to ride.
  - (C) It is difficult to learn to ride.
  - (D) It is not difficult to learn to ride.
- 3 Why is the setting of Scene III important?
- (A) It enables Josie to reveal a secret.
  - (B) It allows Josie to show that she has given up.
  - (C) It sets the stage for Josie to express discomfort.
  - (D) It provides a place for Josie to reveal what she has learned.

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## Reading

- 4 Read the sentence from the passage.

**Ms. Choi:** I hope she will be here soon and didn't misunderstand the time or place.

What does the word misunderstand **most likely** mean?

- (A) stand
  - (B) arrive
  - (C) decline
  - (D) confuse
- 5 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

**Part A**

Which idea **best** describes the theme of the passage?

- (A) It is good to have friends.
- (B) Trying new things can be fun.
- (C) Riding a bike is good exercise.
- (D) You never forget how to ride a bike.

**Part B**

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

- (A) Todd, Maria, and Josie are friends.
- (B) Ms. Choi learned how to ride a bike when she was an adult.
- (C) Josie learns to ride a bike and has a good time at the bike rodeo.
- (D) Maria lends her sister's bike to Josie for the bike-decorating contest.

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- 6 How does Josie change from the beginning of the passage to the end of the passage? Give specific examples from the play to support your answer.

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## Writing

- 7 Which sentence has an error in spelling?
- (A) Juanita likes to bost when her baseball team wins.
  - (B) The Chang family went to the block party.
  - (C) Her favorite breakfast is oatmeal.
  - (D) We must solve the mystery.
- 8 Choose the sentence that is incorrect.
- (A) He ran.
  - (B) The dog growled.
  - (C) Stars and planets.
  - (D) The little girl jumped rope.
- 9 Ahmad is writing a story about an adventure around the world. He wants to revise the draft to eliminate errors and make the writing stronger. Read Ahmad's draft. Underline the **two** sentences that need to be revised.

Hana and Amir are going on an adventure around the world! Their grandmother tells them that in the past it took many months to travel all over the globe travelers had to use boats to sail across the oceans. Hana and Amir laugh and are happy that traveling is much easier and faster they can fly across the world in hours. They are first going to fly from New York to California. From there, they are off to New Zealand!

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- 10 A student is writing a story about a missing necklace. Read these paragraphs from the story and write a beginning to the story.

Maria’s mother asked her when she had seen the necklace last. Maria could not remember. Maria and her mother decided to retrace Maria’s steps. They went upstairs and looked all around her bedroom, but did not find the necklace. They looked in the kitchen, where Maria had eaten lunch, but still could not find the necklace. They realized that Maria must have lost the necklace outside.

Maria and her mother went outside. “Where did you play?” asked Maria’s mother. Maria played on the swings, slide, and monkey bars. They searched near the swings and checked under the slide. Maria’s necklace was nowhere to be found. Then Maria’s mother suggested they look under the monkey bars. There it was!

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