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# Weekly Test Lesson 6

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Playground Problems

*(The scene opens in a playground. Students are playing in the background and the two main characters, Suchita and Lavani, have to talk loudly over the playground noise.)*

**Suchita:** *(loudly)* I'm so excited about recess! The sun is shining and it is a perfect day to play monkey bar tag. It's my favorite! Running in the wind, trying so hard to be as fast as you can. It's the best!

**Lavani:** *(stops suddenly)* We aren't playing monkey bar tag today. Remember, you promised last week that this week we would play on the swings. That was our deal. It's the perfect day for swinging. Nothing like flying through the air on a sunny day. We talked about this, remember? You agreed!

**Suchita:** There is no way I agreed to that! Playing on the swings is my least favorite thing ever! All you do is go forward and back, forward and back. I couldn't have said I'd spend the whole week doing that.

**Lavani:** *(growing increasingly upset)* You did, too! You said if I played monkey bar tag with you all week last week, that you would swing with me this week. Oh, great! I spent a whole week running my legs off just for you and you don't even remember it. You aren't going to go back on what you promised, are you?

**Suchita:** I can't go back on a promise that I **never** made! *(growing angry as well, her voice reaching a furious pitch)* Why would I agree to something so silly? Listen, Lavani, I don't know where you are getting this deal, but you've lost it. No way am I swinging my whole recess away on this perfect day for monkey bar tag!

*(Mrs. Aspen, the recess teacher, approaches the girls.)*

**Mrs. Aspen:** *(in a concerned voice)* Pardon me for interrupting, but do you children need some help settling this quarrel?

**Suchita:** *(calming down slightly)* Nah, it's all good Mrs. A. This nightmare will be over once Lav stops telling stories.

**Lavani:** *(in a hurt tone)* I can't believe you think I'd make that up. That really hurts my feelings. Just go right ahead and play monkey bar tag. But I'm going to the swings. *(begins to walk away)*

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## Reading

**Mrs. Aspen:** *(to Suchita)* Ms. Patel, if memory serves, you and Ms. Gupta are quite good friends. Are you certain that this quarrel is worth damaging that friendship?

**Suchita:** It's definitely not! Thanks Mrs. A! *(yelling after Lavani and walking the same direction)* Wait, Lavani! I'll come swing with you. I didn't mean to hurt your feelings, and we did play monkey bar tag all last week. I really don't remember making that promise, but I definitely want to make sure that you get a chance to play on the swings. I know they are your favorite. Thanks for playing monkey bar tag with me last week. Maybe we can each take a turn picking what we do at recess every week.

**Lavani:** *(voice softening)* Thanks, Suchita! That would be great. I know we can work out a compromise. That's what good friends do. And we are definitely very good friends.

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1 What is the setting of the play?

- Ⓐ a school playground
- Ⓑ a public park
- Ⓒ a backyard
- Ⓓ a house

2 Read the sentences from the passage.

**Suchita:** I can't go back on a promise that I **never** made! *(growing angry as well, her voice reaching a furious pitch)* Why would I agree to something so silly?

What does the word furious mean as it is used in the passage?

- Ⓐ like anger
- Ⓑ full of anger
- Ⓒ without anger
- Ⓓ some degree of anger

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- 3 How is Mrs. Aspen's speech different from Suchita's speech? Who is more formal? Use examples from the passage to support your answer.

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

**Part A**

How do Suchita and Lavani resolve their disagreement?

- (A) Lavani agrees to play monkey bar tag.
- (B) The girls refuse to play on the swings.
- (C) Lavani refuses to play with Suchita.
- (D) The girls agree to a compromise.

**Part B**

Which evidence from the text **best** supports the answer to part A?

- (A) Suchita says she will play on the swings.
- (B) Suchita says swinging is her least favorite thing ever.
- (C) Lavani says they are not playing monkey bar tag today.
- (D) Lavani says she ran her legs off playing monkey bar tag.

- 5 How does the reader learn the **most** about the characters in the play?

- (A) through the way the characters move
- (B) through the characters' actions
- (C) through stage directions
- (D) through the dialogue

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- 6 Label each event from the passage in the order in which it happened. The first event will be labeled 1, and the last event will be labeled 4.

\_\_\_ Suchita denies making a promise.

\_\_\_ Lavani played monkey tag with Suchita all week.

\_\_\_ Lavani decides to play by herself.

\_\_\_ Suchita and Lavani come to an agreement.

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## Writing

- 7 Which sentence contains a spelling error?
- (A) She liked putting up a tent, and making a campfire.
  - (B) One day, she hoped to see a cute bear cub for real.
  - (C) In fact, sometimes, camping could be tugh.
  - (D) But mostly it was fun!
- 8 Which sentence has an error in grammar usage?
- (A) The puppy very excited.
  - (B) The puppy is a great pet.
  - (C) This week, we will teach him to sit.
  - (D) Last week, the puppy learned to play fetch.
- 9 Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** sentences that have errors in grammar usage.

William is excited for the day. The weather sunny, and the air smells clear. William thinks he call his friend Jerome. William likes playing with Jerome.

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**Writing**

- 10 Nathan has written a news report. Read his report and complete the task that follows.

Isn't there another answer? This just in! This is a new rule. The gates to the playground will be locked after 4:00 p.m. Last week, someone broke the playground slide. It is too bad because many students like to play after school.

Help Nathan improve the organization of his report. Briefly revise the paragraph so it presents ideas and events as clearly as possible.

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