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# Weekly Test Lesson 19

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

## Where There's a Will

Ernesto peered through the store window at the adorable guinea pigs in the pet shop. As he admired them, he favored the cute multicolored one the most, and it made a lump rise in his throat to know that he would not be able to purchase it, nor could he bring home any other animals he desired. His little sister, Catarina, was allergic to just about everything, so Mama had laid down the law long ago: “No pets in the house!” Ernesto dragged himself home to his apartment building as he agonized over his predicament.

An unexpected knock at the door startled him out of his daydreams, and he ambled over to the door to see who it was.

“Hello! Anybody home?” someone called from behind the closed door. Ernesto recognized the familiar voice right away; it was Jozef, the landlord’s assistant, stopping by. “I came to repair that window pane on the back porch that was cracked yesterday when the baseball flew into it.”

“Come on in,” hollered Ernesto. “The door’s unlocked.”

Ernesto met Jozef a few months ago, and he thought Jozef was nice. A distant relative of Ernesto’s landlord, Jozef had emigrated from Poland about six months ago to attend college in Atlanta, and he was earning extra money by helping out around the apartment building.

Opening the door, Jozef clambered through it lugging a shiny new window pane. “What’s up, Tater Tot?” he said, ruffling Ernesto’s hair. Ernesto followed Jozef to the back porch, hoping to discuss his recent dilemma with him.

“Nothing much. I was just thinking how amazing it would be to have a guinea pig, but my sister’s allergic to just about everything on Earth, so my mom will never allow it.” Ernesto sighed loudly, and observed as Jozef leaned over and carefully removed the broken glass from the window frame, lowering it slowly to the floor.

“She is? How about that! My sister is allergic to all types of animals as well. Of course, she’s back in Poland, but I could never have pets at home either. What a coincidence!” Jozef picked up the piece of new glass, handling it easily, and deftly slid it into the space previously occupied by the cracked pane.

Ernesto, much more interested in what Jozef was relating to him about his sister than the window replacement, asked, “But didn’t you miss having pets at home?”

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“Oh, sure,” was Jozef’s reply. “But you Americans have a motto I try to live by: ‘Where there’s a will, there’s a way.’ Well, I had the will, so I found a way.” As he talked to Ernesto, Jozef applied putty to the window to hold the pane securely in place.

“What did you do?” Ernesto persisted. “Did you find a way to have a pet in your house?”

“Not exactly,” answered Jozef. “My folks wouldn’t allow it because of my sister, but there was a woman in my neighborhood who took in injured animals and nursed them back to health. When they were healthy and strong again, she released them back into the wild, so I went to her and offered to help with their care—mostly cleanup and feeding. She agreed to let me assist her, and thanks to her kindness, I guess you could say I had more unique pets than any of my friends—squirrels, owls, sometimes a fox. It was very satisfying to know I was helping them, too.”

Ernesto was impressed. “Wow! I never thought of searching for a pet outside of my house, but I’ll bet there’s some place right here in town where I could volunteer my time helping animals.”

Jozef nodded and said, “There’s the pet shelter and the local animal aid, and I’ll bet the state of Georgia has a wildlife refuge or animal rescue station near here if you’re interested in getting acquainted with some more exotic animals. If you really want to do that kind of work, I’ll bet you can find a place that needs your help.”

His dark mood evaporating, Ernesto found himself smiling as he thought about consulting the telephone directory for ideas and then discussing those ideas with his mother.

“Thanks, Jozef,” said Ernesto. “You’ve really been a help. What are you studying in college, anyway?”

Jozef laughed. “Why, veterinary science, of course. What else?”

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## Reading

- 1 Read the sentence from the text.

Ernesto peered through the store window at the adorable guinea pigs in the pet shop.

What does the word adorable mean?

- (A) one who is being adored
  - (B) worthy of being adored
  - (C) belief in being adored
  - (D) craft of being adored
- 2 Read these sentences from the text.

“She is? How about that! My sister is allergic to all types of animals as well. Of course, she’s back in Poland, but I could never have pets at home either. What a coincidence!”

What do Jozef’s words imply about him?

- (A) He feels a connection to Ernesto.
  - (B) He is content with his life in America.
  - (C) He wants to be able to visit his sister in Poland.
  - (D) He wishes that he could have had a different home life.
- 3 Read the paragraphs from the text. Underline the sentence that shows Jozef is fond of Ernesto.

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- 4 What does Jozef’s story about helping the woman in his neighborhood care for animals reveal about his character? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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

**Part A**

What does Ernesto’s reaction to seeing the guinea pigs in the store window reveal about him?

- (A) He likes animals.
- (B) He looks up to animals.
- (C) He thinks animals are sad.
- (D) He thinks animals shouldn’t be pets.

**Part B**

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

- (A) Ernesto’s sister is allergic to animals.
- (B) Ernesto’s mother will not let him have a pet.
- (C) Ernesto agonizes over not having a pet.
- (D) Ernesto wants to be a veterinarian.

- 6 Which of the following **best** explains the author’s purpose for writing the text?

- (A) to inform readers about guinea pigs
- (B) to persuade readers to take care of animals
- (C) to explain to readers how to convince your family to get a pet
- (D) to entertain readers with a story about one person helping another

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## Writing

- 7 Choose the sentence that contains a spelling error.
- (A) He could not contain his excitement for the release of his favorite author's book.
  - (B) He was easily able to make time to bake a cake in time for the surprise party.
  - (C) They loved to go hiking in the wildernes on the weekends.
  - (D) She had been hopeful that she would win the competition.

- 8 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?
- (A) Anyone can come to the show.
  - (B) Neither was able to catch the ball.
  - (C) Someone was knocking at the door.
  - (D) Everything volunteered to take pictures.

- 9 Read the sentence.

River brings River's bag to school.

What revision should be made to the underlined word?

- (A) Change River's to his.
  - (B) Change River's to mine.
  - (C) Change River's to yours.
  - (D) Change River's to theirs.
- 10 Read the paragraph. Underline the sentence that contains an error in grammar usage.

My sister asked to borrow my favorite book. I gave it to her reluctantly. Then I reminded her it's still my. She smiled and said, "Don't worry, I'll take good care of your book."