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Weekly Test Lesson 9

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Beware of the Dog!

“Since your mom has to work late today, we get to study at my house for a change,” Jorge reminded Sofia. They were walking home from school.

Sofia’s hands got clammy just thinking about going to Jorge’s house. He lived just down the street from her, so she had seen his gigantic dog racing crazily around his yard, barking his head off. If she went to Jorge’s house, Sofia just knew that dog would jump all over her and knock her flat on the ground. When that huge dog stood on his back feet, Sofia was sure that his paws would reach all the way to her shoulders!

“Well, maybe we could just stop at the park and study there for a while,” Sofia suggested. She was determined not to let Jorge know how much his dog scared her.

Shaking his head, Jorge asked, “Sofia, I don’t want to be critical, but did you notice that it’s starting to rain out here?”

“It’s only raining a little, just a little annoyance. It won’t disrupt anything!” she said, trying to sound cheerful as she pulled up the hood on her jacket.

Jorge sighed and tried again. “Why would we sit in the rain at the park when we could be dry and warm inside my house? Anyway, your mom is going to pick you up at my house, remember?”

Sofia nodded reluctantly, but she slowed her pace as they walked past her nice, safe house and headed three doors down, to where the monster dog lived.

As soon as they got close to Jorge’s house, she could hear the dog barking and making a huge commotion inside the house. Jorge grinned and yelled, “I’m coming, Charlie!”

Jorge hurried onto the front porch and opened the door. Shaking all over, Sofia stopped on the sidewalk and started to cover her eyes with her hands.

Thank goodness! Jorge’s mom stood just inside the door—with Charlie secured by a leash! Sofia took a shaky breath. His mom wouldn’t let the dog eat Sofia, would she?

“Hi, Sofia,” Jorge’s mom called. “I’ll just hold Charlie here until he settles down.”

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Jorge was laughing and hugging the dog as he said, “Down, boy, stay down now.” The dog kept trying to lick Jorge’s face. A few minutes later, Sofia noticed, Charlie did start to calm down and stood quietly while Jorge petted him.

Jorge’s mom was watching Sofia and said, “Charlie is still a puppy, Sofia, so he gets really excited sometimes, but he’s a good dog. Would you like to pet him?”

“Uh, maybe later,” Sofia whispered.

“I think the rain has stopped, so let’s go in the backyard and throw a ball for Charlie, OK?” Jorge asked Sofia. “That’s what we always do when I get home.”

Sofia nodded again and followed the two of them out to the backyard, keeping a safe distance from the dog. She did notice, nervously, that Jorge’s mom had taken the leash off the dog, but Charlie seemed happy to walk beside Jorge. The dog kept looking up at him. Sofia thought maybe he was smiling.

Jorge found a beat-up tennis ball on the ground and threw it way in the back of the yard. Charlie took off happily, catching it in the air. Then the dog trotted back to Jorge, holding the ball in his mouth, and dropped it in front of him. Jorge threw the ball two more times, and Charlie rushed to retrieve it. But the fourth time that Jorge threw the ball, Charlie brought it to Sofia and dropped it at her feet. Then he looked up at her, panting, his tongue hanging out of his mouth. Was he smiling again?

“Go ahead and throw it for him, Sofia!” Jorge urged her.

Sofia picked up the ball, trying to ignore all the dog spit, and threw it as far as she could. Charlie took off in a flash, caught it in the air, and hurried back—to her!

“Looks like you have a new friend, Sofia,” Jorge said with a grin. “Are you ready to go in and study now?”

Sofia picked up the ball again. “Maybe in a few minutes. I think Charlie still wants to play,” she said with a smile. “I wonder if we could get a dog at my house.”

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- 1 Read these paragraphs from the text. Underline the word that means break apart.

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“It’s only raining a little, just a little annoyance. It won’t disrupt anything!” she said, trying to sound cheerful as she pulled up the hood on her jacket.

- 2 Why did Jorge’s mom put a leash on Charlie before answering the door? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

- 3 How did the author show that Sofia is working to overcome her fear?

- (A) She is shaking by the time Jorge opens his front door.
- (B) She throws the ball for the dog after he drops it at her feet.
- (C) She suggests going to the park to study instead of Jorge’s house.
- (D) She gets clammy hands just by thinking about going to Jorge’s house.

- 4 Which excerpt from the text **best** shows that Jorge does not realize that his dog scares Sofia?

- (A) Jorge sighed and tried again. “Why would we sit in the rain at the park when we could be dry and warm inside my house?”
- (B) As soon as they got close to Jorge’s house, she could hear the dog barking and making a huge commotion inside the house.
- (C) Jorge hurried onto the front porch and opened the door.
- (D) Jorge was laughing and hugging the dog as he said, “Down, boy, stay down now.”

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- 5 This story is told by Sofia, using a third-person limited point of view. Which of the following tells how the story might change if it were told by Jorge, still using third-person limited?
- (A) The reader would get the same story.
 - (B) The reader might find out that Jorge likes dogs.
 - (C) The reader might learn more about what Jorge's mom is thinking.
 - (D) The reader might never realize that Sofia is frightened of Charlie.
- 6 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

In what important way does Sofia change during this story?

- (A) She learns to trust dogs.
- (B) She gets to know her neighbors better.
- (C) She decides that Jorge is a good friend.
- (D) She realizes that she has good reasons for her fears.

Part B

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

- (A) Sofia wants to play catch with Charlie.
- (B) Sofia wants to study back at her own house.
- (C) Sofia got nervous about going to Jorge's house.
- (D) Jorge and his mom live three houses away from Sofia.

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Writing

- 7 Which of the following sentences is written incorrectly?
- (A) Because it was warm, he decided not to wear his coat.
 - (B) Before he left class, he asked if there was any homework.
 - (C) After he stopped to check his backpack, he sighed because he had the wrong notebook.
 - (D) Although he had some extra time, he decided to sit down and have pancakes for breakfast.

- 8 Read the sentences.

Janell used to live in Wisconsin. She likes it better here.

What is the **best** way to combine the sentences?

- (A) Janell used to live in Wisconsin, even though she likes it better here.
 - (B) Because Janell used to live in Wisconsin, she likes it better here.
 - (C) Before Janell used to live in Wisconsin, she likes it better here.
 - (D) Janell used to live in Wisconsin, but she likes it better here.
- 9 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?
- (A) Both Jake and Kirk are in science club.
 - (B) Neither Kim but Lilly likes to play tennis.
 - (C) Whether you study now or you study later, I will help you.
 - (D) Not only do I like fiction books, but I also like history books.

- 10 A student reporter is writing a story about the school swim team. Read the paragraph from the story. Then, underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

The girls' swim team caused an uproar at its last meet! Its wellknown hero, Shana Williams, won three first places! Shana seemed awestruck by her accomplishments. She gave all the credit to her coach and teammates, who cheered her on throughout the meet.