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# Weekly Test Lesson 13

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Schools in China

China is a huge country. Children go to school in China to learn. In China, the schools are not the same in all parts of the country. Some things might be different. But all schools in China are the same in some ways. All schools have classrooms. All schools have teachers and students.

Children get to school in China in different ways. Children can walk to school in some places. Some children ride to school on a bicycle. Other children ride a school bus.

Many schools in China are much like your school. But there are a few big differences. Children usually start school at age 5 or 6 in the United States. Children can start school as early as age 2 in China. Most classes are very large in China. They can have 50 children in each class. In the United States, there are about 20 children in a class. In China, some schools begin the day at 7:30 a.m. They don't end until 4 p.m. Children in the United States do not go to school for as long.

Children in China may begin school in kindergarten. Children learn to read and write Chinese in kindergarten. They learn letters and numbers. Chinese does not use the same letters and numbers as English. They look different. Children also learn songs and dances in kindergarten. This can be a lot of fun.

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## Reading

Chinese students have one teacher for all subjects until third grade. The teacher stands in front of the class. Children sit in their chairs. They raise their hands. They take tests just like you do. They have a different teacher for each subject after third grade.



Children in China learn different subjects while in school. They learn science, math, and history. All children learn about Chinese history. Children study hard.

Learning English is important in China. So all children begin to learn English as a second language in third grade. They have to learn a new way to write words and numbers. Children in China study English in school every year. Some even take English lessons after school. That is why many people in China can speak some English.

Children in China and the United States all go to school. Some things are the same. Some things are different. All children in both countries learn in school.

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## Reading

- 1 Read the dictionary entry.

huge (hyüj) *adjective* very large

*The building was huge.*

Read the sentence from the passage.

China is a huge country.

What is the meaning of huge?

- Ⓐ hyüj
  - Ⓑ adjective
  - Ⓒ very large
  - Ⓓ the building
- 2 Read the paragraph from the passage. Underline the **two** sentences that tell how schools in China are the same.

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- 3 Which detail from the passage does the picture help the reader understand?
- A how Chinese children raise their hands
  - B why Chinese children read their books
  - C how Chinese children get to school
  - D when Chinese children start school
- 4 What is the second paragraph **mostly** about? Support your answer with details from the passage.

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## Reading

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

**Part A**

What is the fourth paragraph **mostly** about?

- Ⓐ when Chinese students start school
- Ⓑ how English is different from Chinese
- Ⓒ what Chinese students learn in kindergarten
- Ⓓ why Chinese children love to sing and dance

**Part B**

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

- Ⓐ Children in China may begin school in kindergarten.
- Ⓑ Children learn to read and write Chinese in kindergarten.
- Ⓒ Chinese does not use the same letters and numbers as English.
- Ⓓ This can be a lot of fun.

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**Reading**

- 6 According to the passage, how are Chinese schools the same as schools in the United States?
- Ⓐ Children learn at school.
  - Ⓑ Children leave school at 4 p.m.
  - Ⓒ Children learn about Chinese history.
  - Ⓓ Children take English lessons after school.

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## Writing

- 7 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- Ⓐ Mom said “don’t worry.”
  - Ⓑ “I’m hungry, too,” I said.
  - Ⓒ My brother said, “I am hungry.”
  - Ⓓ “Would you like some of it?” he asked.
- 8 Which sentence has an error in spelling?
- Ⓐ The car could not move because of the wheel.
  - Ⓑ Mara has sheap and goats on the farm.
  - Ⓒ Did you lose any of your front teeth?
  - Ⓓ My baby brother cannot speak.
- 9 Henry is writing a report about a snowstorm. Read his paragraph. Underline the sentence that has an error in grammar usage.

I turned on the news. The reporter said “many roads are closed.”

“The police are telling people to stay home,” my mother said.

My little brother asked, “When can we go out and play in the snow?”

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**Writing**

- 10 Read the first paragraph of Erica’s essay about her school’s playground. Then complete the task that follows.

I think our school needs a new playground. I think that there are not enough swings, and the jungle gym is old. I think our playground needs more space. We want to play ball outside. I know that even our teachers think we need a new one.

Rewrite Erica’s paragraph so that her sentences begin in different ways. Also include more exact words that would make her paragraph more interesting.

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