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# Weekly Test Lesson 6

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Ant Cities



You are on a walk. You see a pile of dirt. There are ants coming in and out. You have found an anthill. An anthill is the entry to an ant city under the ground.

### The Queen and Her Babies

Ants live in large colonies. There can be more than a million ants in one group. Each ant in the colony has a job. The queen's job is to lay eggs. Worker ants take care of the eggs and babies.

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**Reading****Builders**

Other worker ants expand the colony. They burrow into the ground. As they make a tunnel, they carry the soil up to the surface. They put the bit of soil near the opening. These bits of soil make the anthill you see. If you step on it, the soil falls into the ant city. The ants will have to rebuild!

**Protectors**

There are soldier ants. Like soldiers in the army, these ants keep the colony safe. They may attack another colony. If they win, they take the eggs.

**Food Delivery**

There are ants that find food. They leave a scent along the way. They follow the smell in order to bring the food back to the colony. Other ants in the colony follow the trail to get more food.

The ants in a colony work together. This helps them survive.

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

**Part A**

What does the first photograph in the passage show?

- Ⓐ soldier ants attacking a colony
- Ⓑ an anthill above an ant city
- Ⓒ ants leaving a scent trail
- Ⓓ millions of ants

**Part B**

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

- Ⓐ An anthill is the entry to an ant city under the ground.
- Ⓑ There can be more than a million ants in one group.
- Ⓒ Other worker ants expand the colony.
- Ⓓ They leave a scent along the way.

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## Reading

- 2 Read the sentences from the passage. Underline the word that **best** helps you understand what the word colony means.

Ants live in large colonies. There can be more than a million ants in one group. Each ant in the colony has a job. The queen's job is to lay eggs. Worker ants take care of the eggs and babies.

- 3 Read these sentences from the passage and the question that follows.

Other worker ants expand the colony. They burrow into the ground. As they make a tunnel, they carry the soil up to the surface. They put the bit of soil near the opening.

What does the word burrow mean in the passage?

- Ⓐ dig
- Ⓑ eat
- Ⓒ work
- Ⓓ plant

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4 Read these sentences from the passage.

If you step on it, the soil falls into the ant city. The ants will have to rebuild!

What does the word rebuild mean?

- Ⓐ not build
- Ⓑ build again
- Ⓒ repair a building
- Ⓓ build under the ground

5 Why does the author use the heading “Food Delivery”? Support your answer with details from the passage.

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Reading

- 6 A student wants to find information about which ants take care of the ant eggs. Under which heading would the information **most likely** be found?
- Ⓐ The Queen and Her Babies
  - Ⓑ Builders
  - Ⓒ Protectors
  - Ⓓ Food Delivery

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## Writing

7 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?

- (A) The mice scared the kids away.
- (B) Their foots touched the ground.
- (C) The children were walking in a line.
- (D) They use their teeth to chew the food.

8 Deena is writing a story for her class. Read this paragraph from her story. Then read the directions that follow.

I dream of living on a farm someday. Farms are full of great animals. My farm will include horses and sheeps. I'll make sure to have cats to chase the barn mice, too!

What revision is needed in this paragraph?

- (A) Change the word animals to animal.
- (B) Change the word horses to horse.
- (C) Change the word sheeps to sheep.
- (D) Change the word mice to mouses.

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## Writing

- 9 Julio is writing a story. Read this paragraph from his story and the question that follows.

I went to camp with my family. I learned how to swim. We saw many fishes in the pond. I can't wait until we sing around the campfire again!

What revision is needed in this paragraph?

- A Change the word camp to camps.
  - B Change the word family to families.
  - C Change the word fishes to fish.
  - D Change the word pond to ponds.
- 10 Read the sentences. Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

First, I will bring you the stamp. Neckst, we will look for a mailbox. I hope it is not a long walk.