

3rd Grade ELA

L.3.4c

Passage (The Test)

Quite anxiously, Maddie took the stapled packet from the teacher. Glancing quickly over the pages, she realized the math test was filled with word problems that went on forever. The difficulty of the problems seemed to increase as she looked over the test. But, nights of studying paid off well for her. By the end of the test, Maddie had confidence that she had earned a passing grade. Her teacher returned the test at the end of the week. She scored 100%! Her teacher praised her for her intelligence. She grinned from ear to ear. Maddie could not wait to run home and tell her mom the news.

Question SD 1 Alternate(s)

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Read this sentence from the passage.

Quite anxiously, Maddie took the stapled packet from the teacher.

The root word in anxiously means .

Correct answers:

worried

Question SD 1 Alternate(s)

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Read this sentence from the passage.

The difficulty of the problems seemed to increase as she looked over the test.

The root word in difficulty means .

Correct answers:

hard

Read this phrase from the passage.

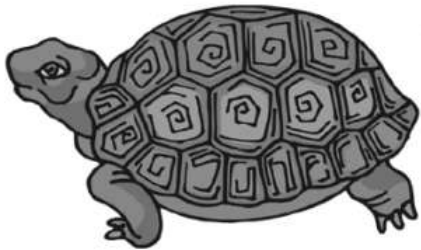
Glancing quickly over the pages,

The root word in glancing means to .

Correct answers:

1 look

Passage (Comparing Tortoises and Turtles)



1 Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a tortoise and a turtle? They both have scales. They have a hard shell covering. Both types of animals also lay eggs. So why do we have different names for these reptiles? Scientists give each reptile its special name because of a few important differences.

2 The most important difference between a tortoise and a turtle is where they live. Tortoises spend the majority of their time on land. They visit bodies of water only to drink or bathe. Tortoises that live in hot and dry areas will dig underground burrows to keep cool. In contrast, turtles live in water most of the time. Sea turtles spend their time swimming in the ocean. The females only come to shore to lay their eggs. Other turtles live in freshwater areas such as lakes and ponds. These turtles swim, but they may also

climb onto a rock nearby to bask in the sun.

3 A tortoise and a turtle have different features that help them adapt to where they live. Tortoises have strong and round feet. These help them walk on land and dig burrows. However, turtles usually have webbed feet for swimming. In fact, sea turtles have long feet that look like flippers! They also have a streamlined body made just for swimming.

4 Because a tortoise and a turtle live in different places, they have learned to eat some different foods. Tortoises are herbivores. This means they only eat plants. Foods like cactus, shrubs, and other plants with water are what tortoises like to eat. Turtles, on the other hand, are omnivores. This means they eat both meat and plants. Turtles eat insects, plants, and fish.

5 Though these reptiles are very similar, you can see that looking closer will help you notice some clear differences. Now, the next time you see one of these reptiles, try to decide if you're seeing a land-dwelling tortoise or a water-dwelling turtle.

Read the sentence from the passage.

They have a hard shell covering.

Based on the sentence, what does the root "cover" in the word covering mean?

- A protect
- B hide
- C color
- D compare