



## **English-Language Arts Test 2**

Fifth Grade English/Language Arts  
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### **Instructions:**

Paragraph Content and Organization

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1. Which phrase or sentence in the paragraph is repeated?

- A. Jill was eating a sandwich when her mom walked in and surprised her.
  - B. Bob always obeys mom's rules.
  - C. stuffed the peanut butter and jelly sandwich in her pocket.
  - D. That was not going to solve anything.
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Every morning I get ready for school in one hour. The key to getting ready for school in one hour is preparation. First of all, I pack my book bag for school before I go to bed. Next, I lay out the clothes that I am going to wear to school the next day. Then, in the morning when I wake up, I follow the same routine each day. I brush my teeth, wash my face, shower, get dressed, and comb my hair. Sometimes I sleep with the light on. I have a daily breakfast menu that I follow, so I look on the menu and then eat an instant breakfast before I go to school. Finally, I am ready for school. It is hard to believe that I do it all in just an hour!

2. Which sentence is NOT related to the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Then in the morning when I wake up, I follow the same routine every day.
  - B. I brush my teeth, wash my face, shower, get dressed, and comb my hair.
  - C. Sometimes I sleep with the light on.
  - D. Finally, I am ready for school.
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1 Baseball practice had to be rescheduled three times. 2 On Tuesday, it rained. 3 On Wednesday, our coach drove to the wrong practice field—with all our bats and balls. 4 On Thursday, it was so foggy that no one could find the outfield.

3. Where should the following sentence be added in the paragraph above? Explain your answer in the space provided below.

Every day something unexpected happened.

The sentence should be added after sentence \_\_\_\_\_.

Explain why

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Mary went to the beach with her friends. Mary and her friends are members of the church choir. They picked up shells as they walked along the shore. The girls ate ice cream after they left the beach.

4. Which sentence does NOT belong in the paragraph above?
- A. Mary went to the beach with her friends.
  - B. Mary and her friends are members of the church choir.
  - C. They picked up shells as they walked along the shore.
  - D. The girls ate ice cream after they left the beach.
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1Their new house was smaller than their old one. 2However, Jana did not really mind sharing her room with Marie. 3Jana had her own room in the old house, but here she had to share one with her younger sister. 4What Jana did mind was leaving behind all her friends in the old neighborhood, which was too far away to visit more than a few times a year. 5All of her friends had promised to write, but she knew that would not be enough. 6She would not be able to visit them very often. 7Now she was expected to make new friends as if the old ones had never existed. 8The day they moved, Jana refused to speak to her parents, though she knew that was not fair to them.

5. Which two sentences in the passage are in the wrong order?

- A. 1 and 2
  - B. 2 and 3
  - C. 6 and 7
  - D. 4 and 6
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6. A sentence in a paragraph that summarizes the topic is called a

- A. topic sentence.
  - B. run-on sentence.
  - C. closing sentence.
  - D. supporting sentence.
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Selena went shopping with her mom at the grocery store. First, they picked out some vegetables and fruits. After that, they stopped at the frozen dinners section. Her mom bought some milk, bread, and eggs.

They checked out and went home to put the groceries away.

7. Which are transition words and phrases in the paragraph above?

- A. out, away
  - B. first, away
  - C. first, after that
  - D. stopped, checked
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Each spring our school schedules a field day. Every class has a special event. Kindergarten and first-grade students run relay races. Also, the second and third graders compete in sack races and tug-of-war. Then the upper grades challenge each other in volleyball. You never know who will win! In addition, there are other nice things about our field day. We all get to enjoy spending the day outside. It's usually sunny and just the right temperature. At lunchtime, we get to have special treats like ice cream. All the students enjoy the day of fun.

8. Which sentence in the passage above is used as a transition?

- A. Each spring our school schedules a field day.
  - B. You never know who will win!
  - C. In addition, there are other nice things about our field day.
  - D. At lunchtime, we get to have special treats like ice cream.
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A large caterpillar may be ready to make its chrysalis right away. A small caterpillar may need to feed and grow for a while first. Each day, remove the tissue and drop in a couple of leaves from the plant on which you found the caterpillar. If you found the caterpillar in the grass, try different leaves until you find out which one your caterpillar will eat.

After some time, the caterpillar will stop eating. It will quit eating the leaves you drop in. It will climb the stick and make its cocoon. It may stay in the cocoon for up to two weeks! Finally, you will notice the cocoon breaking open. Gently remove the tissue and place the open jar outside. Your new butterfly will emerge, but it will stay by the cocoon until its wings are dry enough to fly. Some species take up to two days to dry their wings. If you are patient, you will be lucky enough to witness its first flight!

9. Which sentence or phrase from the passage is redundant?

- A. A small caterpillar may need to feed and grow for a while first.
  - B. try different leaves until you find out which one your caterpillar will eat.
  - C. It will quit eating the leaves you drop in.
  - D. Finally, you will notice the cocoon breaking open.
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1Our field trip to the zoo was fun. 2First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas. 3Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats. 4Joey did not come to the zoo, because he was sick. 5Finally, we saw the snakes, and I got to touch one. 6We did a lot of fun things at the zoo. 7We saw a lot of different animals at the zoo.

10. Which of the sentences above contains an idea that is repeated from another sentence?

- A. 1
  - B. 3
  - C. 4
  - D. 6
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Every summer Sharon's family spent two weeks at the beach, renting a house right on the water. In addition, they knew several other families that went to the beach at the same time, so Sharon and her brothers had friends to play with. They spent most days playing in the sand and water, building sandcastles and tunnels, and swimming in the ocean. However, when it rained they stayed home and played games or cards. Afterwards, they often took long walks on the beach. During these walks Sharon learned a lot about astronomy from her mother. Spending two weeks at the beach was Sharon's favorite part of the summer.

11. Which is NOT a transitional word or phrase used in the passage above?

- A. in addition
  - B. however
  - C. afterwards
  - D. in contrast
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Tetras, which come primarily from South America, can be found in a wide variety of colors. The cardinal tetra has neon blue and red stripes, while the lemon tetra is a semi-transparent yellow. Tetras are freshwater fish and are relatively strong and easy to keep. They are very peaceful, undemanding fish and can be kept with other non-aggressive fish of the same size. Most tetras need a diet of live food, preferably fruit flies, although some will also eat vegetables, such as lettuce. All tetras need plenty of open space in the tank to swim. Lighting in their aquarium should be moderately bright.

12. Which sentence would NOT add new information to the paragraph above?

- A. The bleeding-heart tetra has a red spot on its side.
  - B. Other fish in the tank should not be bigger or smaller.
  - C. If no other food can be found, they will eat dried food.
  - D. The water in the aquarium should be about 75 degrees.
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Selena went shopping with her mom at the grocery store. First, they picked out some vegetables and fruits. After that, they stopped at the frozen dinners section. Selena does not like her mom's cooking. Her mom bought some milk, bread and eggs. They checked out and went home to put the groceries away.

13. Which does not belong in the paragraph above?

- A. Selena does not like her mom's cooking.
  - B. First, they picked out some vegetables and fruits.
  - C. After that, they stopped at the frozen dinners section.
  - D. They checked out and went home to put the groceries away.
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Later, after my papers were delivered, I went to the bike store. I checked the price tag on a shiny green bike. It was exactly like the one my brother had shown me in his bike magazine, but the price was higher. The store bike was \$229.00. That was \$25.00 more than the same bike in the magazine. I checked the price tag, sighed softly, and turned to head home.

14. Which phrase in the paragraph is redundant?

- A. the price was more
  - B. I checked the price tag
  - C. my brother had shown me
  - D. after my papers were delivered
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Our field trip to the zoo was fun. First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas. Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats. Joey did not come to the zoo because he was sick. Finally, we saw the snakes, and I got to touch one. We did a lot of fun things that day at the zoo.

15. Which sentence is not related to the topic?

- A. First, we saw the monkeys and gorillas.
  - B. Next, we got to pet some sheep and goats.
  - C. Joey did not come to the zoo, because he was sick.
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16. Which would be the BEST closing sentence for the paragraph below?

Leonard watched as two of his classmates were shooting baskets on the court outside their school. He wished he could join them, but wasn't sure exactly how to ask if he could play. As he stood there thinking, suddenly the basketball bounced near his feet. As he caught the ball, the other kids smiled at him and asked him to join.

- A. Leonard had learned how to play basketball when he was in third grade.
  - B. Basketball is Leonard's favorite sport to watch on television.
  - C. Leonard lives about five blocks away from the school.
  - D. Leonard played basketball with his new friends for the rest of the afternoon.
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17. Which would be a good topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. Volleyball is our school's best sport.
  - B. Each spring our school schedules a field day.
  - C. Gym class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
  - D. The second and third grades have a pretty good rivalry going.
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Like many other people, Jack's favorite books were the Harry Potter books. He had read them all so many times he felt like he knew them by heart. When the fourth book came out he ordered it ahead of time so he could pick it up on the first day. Jack was one of the first people at the bookstore that day. Though his older brother teased him, Jack went straight home and read all day.

18. Which BEST describes the topic of the paragraph above?

- A. Jack wants to buy as many fantasy books as possible.
  - B. Jack is completely different from the rest of his family.
  - C. Jack spends all of his free time playing outside with his brother.
  - D. Jack wants to read all of the Harry Potter books because he is a big fan.
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19. Sentence number 4 is

- A. a closing sentence.
  - B. an opening sentence.
  - C. a transition sentence.
  - D. a supporting sentence.
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20. In what order should these sentences be arranged in order to create a logical paragraph?

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4
  - B. 2, 4, 3, 1
  - C. 3, 1, 4, 2
  - D. 4, 2, 1, 3
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Mr. Lester ordered coffee and muffins for himself and his wife. Mrs. Lester used to work at a coffeehouse just like this one. The children had cinnamon buns and hot chocolate. After enjoying their treats, the Lesters decided it was time to go home and left.

21. Which is the BEST topic sentence for the paragraph above?

- A. Coffee is not always the best thing to bring a family together.
  - B. The Lesters would some day like to own their own coffeehouse.
  - C. The Lester's neighborhood is getting larger every day with new businesses opening all the time.
  - D. Early Saturday morning, the Lesters went to the new coffeehouse in their neighborhood.
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