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Reading Quiz 2.1

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Read this story about Calvin’s race and then answer the questions that follow.

Calvin Wins

The starter yelled to the runners, “Take your lanes!” Calvin slowly walked up to lane six, the outside lane. Although this lane wasn’t the best position, Calvin felt good about the race.

Calvin looked at the faces of the other runners. They looked like they wanted to win too. But Calvin knew he could win because he had worked hard. He was ready.

“On your mark! Get set! Go!” shouted the starter. Calvin took off like a shot. Later, his family and friends were looking at his first place trophy and ribbon. His friend Lou asked him, “When did you know you had won?”

Calvin handed an old picture of himself to Lou. The picture showed a smiling child holding himself up with a pair of crutches. Metal leg braces were around both tiny legs. Calvin grinned and said, “Every time I run, I’m a winner.”

1. Who was in the old picture?

- A. Lou

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- B. Calvin
 - C. the starter
 - D. Calvin's family
2. What happened AFTER Calvin's family and friends looked at his trophy?
- A. Calvin walked to the outside lane.
 - B. Calvin looked at the faces of the other runners.
 - C. The starter yelled to the runners.
 - D. Calvin showed Lou a picture.
3. Why did Calvin think he could win the race?
- A. He took off like a shot.
 - B. The other runners looked nervous.
 - C. He had worked very hard.
 - D. He was in lane six, a good position.
4. Which word in the passage means almost the same as *location*?
- A. trophy
 - B. position
 - C. outside
 - D. winner

Read the article about toads and then answer the questions that follow.

Toad in Your Garden

by Priscilla Y. Huff

There's a nice little warty animal that lives in gardens and flower beds. To most people it's a plain old toad, nothing to get excited about. That's because they haven't watched one.

A toad is a remarkable hunter. It can eat 10,000 insects and 2,000 cutworms during one summer. But a toad doesn't stalk its prey the way a lion or a tiger does. It waits quietly in the dark for a bug to pass by. Then ZAP. Its tongue darts out about half the length of its body and the bug disappears. It's almost too fast for your eyes to see.

Of course, you may have to wait for quite a while for a bug to come by. One way to hurry things up is

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to find some insects for the toad. But don't try a dead fly or grasshopper. Anything that doesn't move won't work. A toad wants to see motion. A wiggly worm or anything that creeps will get attention. And when it gets within tongue's length it will disappear into the toad. It doesn't even get chewed, because a toad has no teeth.

Even though it's not very cuddly, a toad is a valuable friend to have in your garden, because it eats bugs that could damage crops.

5. A toad will not eat a dead fly or grasshopper because they
- A. are too big.
 - B. have wings.
 - C. do not move.
 - D. are too small.
6. How does a toad get food?
- A. A toad sits and waits for it to come by.
 - B. A toad hides and then it jumps out at its prey.
 - C. A toad chases its prey until it is caught.
 - D. A toad catches its prey in a pool of water.
7. The writer of this story thinks that if you watch a toad for a while you will be
- A. tired.
 - B. angry.
 - C. sad.
 - D. surprised.
8. What is the MAIN reason a person would read "Toad in Your Garden"?
- A. to tell how frogs and toads are different
 - B. to find out how to get rid of garden bugs
 - C. to learn more about the life of a toad
 - D. to find out how to care for a pet toad
9. "Then ZAP. Its tongue darts out about half the length of its body and the bug disappears." Why is the word ZAP written in capital letters?

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- A. It is the name of a kind of toad.
- B. It is the sound a toad makes.
- C. It shows that something happens suddenly.
- D. It is the sound a bug makes.

Frog Life

Hopping from place to place . . .

With great ease

With great haste . . .

Traveling from one pond to another

With a sister or a brother

Or a friend

From one end

To another . . .

Frogs can walk with their four legs

But would rather jump

From land to stump . . .

Wouldn't you?

4 fingers on their front feet

5 on their back feet

Sticky tongues to eat

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Their treats

A fly, a spider, a worm,

Small animals and more . . .

Watch it roll out its tongue and

Catch one for lunch!

10. All of the following describe frogs EXCEPT

- A. they have five fingers on the back feet.
- B. they have four fingers on the front feet.
- C. they have five legs with which to move.
- D. they have sticky tongues that roll out.

11. According to the passage, frogs hop around

- A. in their own pond.
- B. in their friends' ponds.
- C. in their brother and sisters' ponds.
- D. in many ponds.

12. According to the passage, frogs can walk but would rather

- A. roll.
- B. jump.
- C. land.
- D. search.