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## Reading Quiz 2.2

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*Doug Nordquist is a high jumper with some good ideas about winning. Read about his ideas in the story, and then answer the questions that follow.*

## Is Winning Everything?

*by Jan M. Van Pelt*

Imagine you're a world-class high jumper. You've trained for years to make the Olympic team. Now you're in the Olympics. The eyes of the whole world are on you. It seems as though everyone is trying to win that gold medal. You jump seven feet, six inches! That's your best ever! But you don't win a gold medal. In fact, you come in fifth place. How do you feel now?

"I came away from there feeling like a winner," says Olympic high jumper Doug Nordquist. In the 1984 Olympics, he jumped his best ever—seven feet, six inches. He came in fifth place.

Doug says being a winner doesn't mean coming in first. It means doing your personal best. Sometimes doing his best earned Doug gold and silver medals. Sometimes doing his best earned him fifth place. As long as he has worked hard and done his best, though, Doug feels good about himself. Even though he wants to take home a gold, silver, or bronze medal, he knows he's always a winner, no matter what happens.

Doug thinks about his other job—teaching high school band—the same way. He believes that "if you put yourself into your work, you can accomplish whatever you want." One of his students explains, "Mr. Nordquist says, 'think higher and you can reach it.'"

His students at Santa Fe High School know Doug is right. They've taken his advice. They've won many awards in Los Angeles and Orange County band competitions. But he reminds them that "it's not the trophies and awards that are as important as all the things we do to get there." The students are winners. That's because they've learned to play their instruments and work with one another the best that they can.

That's not always easy. For Doug, being a good musician and teacher takes practice and education.

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1. The writer uses the first paragraph MAINLY to make the reader think about

- A. being in the Olympics.
  - B. being a high jumper.
  - C. trying hard and still not winning.
  - D. wanting to win a gold medal.
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2. Why did Doug Nordquist feel like a winner in the 1984 Olympics?

- A. He jumped his best ever.
  - B. He came in fifth place.
  - C. He liked being at the Olympics.
  - D. Everyone said he was the best.
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3. Doug Nordquist tells students that it is most important to

- A. always come to band practice.
  - B. play better than other bands.
  - C. win trophies and awards.
  - D. do the best that they can.
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4. Think about these words from the story.

high jumper    teacher    musician

How are they alike?

- A. They all describe people who win awards.
  - B. They all describe Doug Nordquist.
  - C. They all describe jobs at a school.
  - D. They all describe people who teach others.
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5. Which sentence means the same as the phrase “think higher and you can reach it”?

- A. You must be the best to be a winner.
  - B. If you dream about winning, you will win.
  - C. If you want to jump higher, you can.
  - D. You must set hard goals for yourself.
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6. Doug says teaching high school is like being a high jumper. In which way is this true?

- A. Neither is easy.
  - B. You can do well at both if you work hard.
  - C. In both, you can enjoy seeing somebody else win.
  - D. You have a chance to win awards in both.
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7. If the band members competed and did not win, Mr. Nordquist would MOST LIKELY say that

- A. they should feel good because they tried hard.
  - B. they must practice more and work harder.
  - C. the judges were unfair.
  - D. he is disappointed in them.
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8. In the word *they’ve*, the *’ve* stands for

- A. have.
  - B. give.
  - C. believe.
  - D. leave.
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9. Which sounds the same as the word *whole*?

- A. whale
  - B. hall
  - C. who'll
  - D. hole
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10. Which word means the OPPOSITE of *never*?

- A. best
  - B. many
  - C. not
  - D. always
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11. Doug Nordquist is a teacher of

- A. sports.
  - B. music.
  - C. shop.
  - D. reading.
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12. Which word contains four syllables?

- A. imagine
  - B. sometimes
  - C. education
  - D. important
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13. Is this story fiction or nonfiction? Explain your answer.

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14. Is winning everything? How would Doug Nordquist answer this question? Tell why you think so.

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