

READING TEST RED

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Time strictly 9 minutes.

Sample questions

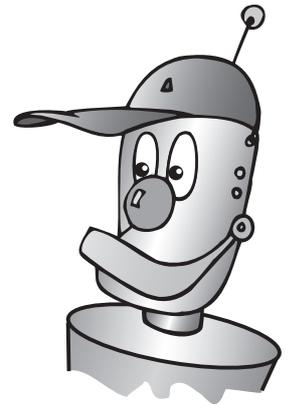
a Jim has a dog. It is brown with a white star. It is three years old. It sleeps in its kennel.

How old is the dog?

b On the way to the zoo we passed a farm with lots of animals. The cows were all munching on grass while the dogs watched them.

Choose the word that best describes what the cows were doing.

watching eating playing walking



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1 My name is Patches. I sleep on a mat. I have black and white fur. I drink milk.

Where does Patches sleep? Patches sleeps on a _____ .

2 Jack likes to play. He plays hide and seek. When he plays cricket he likes to bowl. He also likes to play soccer.

When Jack plays cricket he likes to:

catch bat kick bowl

3 Last week we went to the park. We spent a lot of time feeding bread to the ducks in the small pond. There was a mother duck and six ducklings.

What did they feed the ducks?

4 When it was getting dim, Jim and Kate went for a long walk. They had to stop walking and head back home because of a storm. Dark clouds were over their heads and rain started to fall. They walked quickly towards home.

Did Jim and Kate walk in bright light?

yes no cannot tell

5 Mat sang some songs at the local mall. At first, nobody put any money in his bag and he was sad. After about an hour of playing his happy songs, many people had given him money. When he had finished, he skipped home with a bag full of money.

Did Mat become happy?

yes no cannot tell

6 Tina has taught her dog some tricks. One clap means to sit. Two claps means to roll over. When the dog is in trouble, Tina claps three times and the dog runs to his kennel.

If the dog ran to his kennel Tina may have clapped:

once twice three times four times

7 Liz was an author who worked very hard for many hours each week. She wrote many children's books but was still very poor. She had to get a job selling shoes but still wrote stories in the evenings.

Choose the word that describes Liz.

lazy dishonest hardworking rich

8 I like to spin a web and my bite may hurt you. I have eight legs. Some people are scared when they see me.

What am I?

9 Mr Kent had been ill for many days. When he first got out of bed he sat up slowly, dangling his legs over the side. He sat there for a minute because he was a bit dizzy. He then raised himself with the help of both hands because his legs were weak.

Choose the word that best describes how Mr Kent got out of bed.

carefully madly quickly normally

10 Alexis is a friend of mine who lives on a quaint farm. She is a girl that is very skilled with her saws, hammers and nails.

Write the word Alexis on your answer paper. If you think she has carpentry skills draw a line under her name. If you think she is not skilled at carpentry put a cross through her name.

11 At dinner, Granddad was telling a story and, when he laughed, his false teeth fell into his bowl of fresh soup.

“You’ve lost your teeth, Granddad!” I giggled.

“No I haven’t, Tina,” said Granddad “They are at the _____ of my bowl.”

Write the word that is missing.

12 “Enjoy these six cakes,” said Jack’s mum.

“May I share them with Jessie and Sam?” asked Jack.

“Yes,” answered Mum.

How many cakes would each child receive?

one two three six

13 On holiday long weekends, many people take the opportunity to get away from the city that they live in. On the Monday afternoon, large amounts of traffic stream back home at a snail’s pace.

Choose the words that best describe the traffic on Monday afternoons.

heavy and quick light and slow heavy and slow

14 Sarah’s hair was everywhere,
Long and wavy in the air.

It flowed behind her, sweeping floors,
Got caught in cupboards and slamming doors.

It dipped in soups and stuck in pies,
Wrapped around poles and flicked in eyes.

Sarah’s hair can best be described as:

short wavy a nuisance useful

15 When a steam train leaves the station you can hear the engine and see the train clearly. As it gets farther away you cannot hear it. When it gets even further away you can only see a little train and some smoke. The last sighting of the train is smoke only.

If you were watching a steam train arrive, what would be the first thing that you would see?

train sound smoke carriages

16 At the very back of our long, thin yard is an orange tree. In front of the orange tree is a barbeque. Between the back of the house and the barbeque is a very tall gum tree.

You are looking at this backyard from the rear of the house. Is the gum tree in front of the barbeque or behind it?

- 17 Jack lived in the busy city but his best friend Sam lived in the quiet of the country. Jack invited Sam to stay over for the weekend at his place.

Where did the two boys spend their weekend?

in the city in the country in their own homes

- 18 Three water skiers had a joyous afternoon skiing behind their powerboat. When they had finished for the day they tied their boat up beneath a wharf. When they returned the next day, their boat had sunk after being crushed below the wharf because of the rising _____.

Choose the word to complete the story.

boat skies tide sun

- 19 Clay is mined from the earth and mixed with water so it can be moulded. The clay and water mixture can be put into a mould to make a brick. The bricks are then left to partially dry out before they are put into a kiln and fired. When they are fired, steam can often be seen coming from the top of the kiln. This gives the impression the kiln is on fire. This steam is called water _____.

Choose the best word to complete the report.

brick clay mould smoke

- 20 Many years ago, the Titanic set off on a voyage. It was a marvellous ship and full of luxury trimmings. One night it hit an iceberg which was mostly submerged. The iceberg tore huge holes in the ship's _____. As the passengers enjoyed the delights of the cruise, the crew could hear the horrible sound of tearing metal below them.

Choose a word below to complete the report.

deck funnel hull lifeboats

