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**DIRECTIONS**

Read the text and then answer the questions.

One morning, Travis came downstairs for breakfast. On the table were some tickets. When Mom came into the kitchen, Travis asked her about them.

“Those are airline tickets,” Mom said. “Our family is taking a vacation.”

“Seriously? Where are we going?” asked Travis. He was getting excited.

“We’re going to visit Aunt Sondra and Uncle Pete,” Mom answered happily.

“That’s totally awesome!” Travis shouted. Aunt Sondra and Uncle Pete were his favorite relatives. He hadn’t seen them in months, and he missed them. He missed his cousin, Jason, too. Now he could start to plan all kinds of things he and Jason could do together.

**SCORE**

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1. How does Travis feel when Mom tells him about the vacation?

- (A) afraid
- (B) jealous
- (C) upset
- (D) happy

2. What is the setting?

- (A) a kitchen
- (B) Aunt Sondra’s house
- (C) Travis’s bedroom
- (D) Jason’s bedroom

3. Which words share the same suffix?

- (A) *together* and *her*
- (B) *shouted* and *excited*
- (C) *answered* and *awesome*
- (D) *missed* and *months*

4. Which word is a synonym for *answered*?

- (A) asked
- (B) replied
- (C) shouted
- (D) wondered

5. The word *airline* tells that Travis and his family will travel by

- (A) bus.
- (B) train.
- (C) car.
- (D) airplane.

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Travis needed a new suitcase. He and his family were planning a vacation, and Travis only had a backpack. His backpack was too small for everything he wanted to pack. So Dad took Travis shopping for a suitcase.

"I'd like a duffel bag," Travis said. "Duffel bags have straps. I can put the strap across my shoulder. Then, I can carry the duffel bag on my back."

"Excellent idea," Dad said. "We'll see if they have a good one."

In just a few minutes, Dad and Travis found exactly the kind Travis wanted—a green duffel bag with a black strap. Now Travis could start packing!

1. Why does Travis want a duffel bag?

- (A) His best friend has a duffel bag.
- (B) He wants a backpack.
- (C) He wants a bag with a strap.
- (D) Dad says that duffel bags do not cost much money.

2. What is Travis's problem?

- (A) His backpack is too small.
- (B) He does not want to go on vacation.
- (C) He is angry with Dad.
- (D) Duffel bags are too expensive.

3. Which word has three syllables?

- (A) suitcase
- (B) backpack
- (C) planning
- (D) excellent

4. Which is a compound word?

- (A) suitcase
- (B) everything
- (C) backpack
- (D) all of the above

5. Which phrase tells the reader that Dad agrees with Travis?

- (A) *...could start packing!*
- (B) *excellent idea*
- (C) *His backpack was too small.*
- (D) *Duffel bags have straps.*

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Hi Travis,

I can't believe you'll be here in only eight days! Mom says you'll be staying for a week. I've thought of a million things we can do while you're here. Dad says you'll be flying on an airplane. You're so lucky! I want to know everything that happens on your flight, so don't forget anything, okay? I heard that pilots sometimes let kids go up into the flight deck of the plane where the pilots sit. Kids get to see the instruments that the pilots use to fly the plane. Maybe you will get to have your picture taken with the pilots!

See you before you know it.

Jason

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1. Jason wants Travis to

- (A) think of things to do.  
 (B) remember everything that happens on the flight.  
 (C) stay away from the cockpit.  
 (D) go on a business trip.

4. Which is an antonym of *lucky*?

- (A) fortunate  
 (B) unfortunate  
 (C) privileged  
 (D) happy

2. Which title best fits the text?

- (A) Eight Days until Summer  
 (B) Playing Instruments  
 (C) Business Trips  
 (D) Visiting Cousins

5. *I've thought of a million things we can do while you're here* is an example of

- (A) alliteration.  
 (B) hyperbole.  
 (C) simile.  
 (D) metaphor.

3. Which shows the correct pronunciation of *instruments*?

- (A) in-STRUH-muhnts  
 (B) in-struh-MUHNTS  
 (C) IN-struh-muhnts  
 (D) none of the above

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## A SMOOTH RIDE

Travis and his family were going on vacation. They would be visiting Travis's Aunt Sondra, Uncle Pete, and his cousin Jason for a week. His dad loaded all the suitcases in the car. Then, it was time to leave.

"Dad," Travis asked anxiously, "did you remember to put my duffel bag in the car? I didn't see you load it."

"Don't worry, Travis," his dad told him. "Everything's packed, including your duffel bag."

When the family got to the airport, they unloaded their suitcases. Next, they found the right place to check in for their flight. Then, it was time to get boarding passes. The passes would let them get on the plane. Once everyone had boarding passes, the next step was to go through the security line so everyone would have a safe flight. Finally, Travis and his family got to their gate—the waiting area for their plane.

The plane arrived on time. When the pilot and crew were ready for them, everyone boarded and Travis and his family found their seats. Travis gazed at everything. He wanted to remember every detail so he could describe it to Jason. When the flight was ready to take off, Travis and his family buckled their seat belts. Then, they watched a safety video.

Suddenly, Travis felt the plane jerk and then start to move. "We're taking off!" he said.

"That's right," his mom said. "Soon we'll be in the air."

Later, Travis was looking out the window when his mom nudged him. He turned around. A crew member was standing there. She said, "Would you like to see the flight deck after we land?"

"I'd love to!" Travis said. After they landed, Travis went up to the flight deck and met the pilots while the other passengers got off the plane. He even got his picture taken in the pilot's seat. "Wow!" he thought. "Wait until I tell Jason about this!"



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**DIRECTIONS**

Read "A Smooth Ride" and then answer the questions.

1. The title tells the reader that the text is about

- (A) a family pet with soft fur.
- (B) riding on a bumpy roller coaster.
- (C) riding bikes on a trail.
- (D) a pleasant airplane ride.

2. From which point of view is the text written?

- (A) third person
- (B) first person
- (C) second person
- (D) multiple points of view

3. Whom is Travis going to visit?

- (A) his mom
- (B) his uncle, aunt, and cousin
- (C) his dad
- (D) his brother

4. Which happens first?

- (A) Everyone goes through the security line.
- (B) The family finds the right place to check in for their flight.
- (C) The family boards the plane.
- (D) Everyone gets boarding passes.

5. Travis's experience most closely relates to someone who

- (A) rides a bike for the first time.
- (B) travels on a train for the first time to visit a relative.
- (C) travels on an airplane frequently.
- (D) always travels by car to visit relatives.

6. Why is Travis anxious at the beginning of the story?

- (A) He is afraid Dad forgot to pack his duffel bag.
- (B) He does not want to go on vacation.
- (C) He is afraid to go on an airplane.
- (D) He forgot all of his money.

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