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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Carrie and her family had just eaten dinner. Carrie's mother said, "Carrie, your birthday is coming up. How would you like to celebrate?"

Carrie thought about it. "I like going to the zoo, but we went there last year. I'd rather do something different this time. Maybe we could go to a baseball game. I love baseball."

"I think that's a terrific idea!" Carrie's mother said.

"I agree," said her father. "Let's order tickets so we can get good seats."

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1. (Y) (N)

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5. (Y) (N)

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1. Which sentence best helps the reader preview the text?

- (A) the first sentence
- (B) the second sentence
- (C) the third sentence
- (D) the last sentence

2. Where does Carrie want to go for her birthday?

- (A) the zoo
- (B) a baseball game
- (C) out to dinner
- (D) a basketball game

3. Which word makes a new word by adding the suffix *-ing*?

- (A) celebrate
- (B) zoo
- (C) idea
- (D) thought

4. Which is a compound word?

- (A) birthday
- (B) baseball
- (C) something
- (D) all of the above

5. Which contains a simile?

- (A) How would you like to celebrate?
- (B) I like going to the zoo, but we went there last year.
- (C) I love playing baseball.
- (D) none of the above

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Carrie was getting excited. She and her family were going to a big baseball game for her birthday. Carrie's parents paid for the tickets. They would also buy snacks and drinks. But Carrie wanted a souvenir (soo-vuh-NEER) from the game to help her remember the day. She counted her money. Her grandma had sent her twenty dollars. She had also saved ten dollars on her own. That made thirty dollars. "I bet I have enough for something nice," Carrie thought. "I could buy a T-shirt or a hat."

1. What is this text about?

- (A) a rich grandma
(B) a girl who likes T-shirts
(C) a family playing baseball
(D) a girl thinking about what to buy at a baseball game

2. Which part of the text does the second sentence tell about?

- (A) climax
(B) falling action
(C) conflict
(D) plot

3. Which word is a compound word?

- (A) souvenir
(B) counted
(C) baseball
(D) paid

4. Which two words have similar meanings?

- (A) *buy* and *dollars*
(B) *paid* and *bought*
(C) *saved* and *counted*
(D) *ten* and *twenty*

5. Which sentence shows that Carrie is responsible?

- (A) Carrie was getting excited.
(B) Carrie's parents paid for the tickets.
(C) But Carrie wanted a souvenir from the game to help her remember the day.
(D) She had also saved ten dollars on her own.

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It was the day before Carrie's birthday. Her parents had bought tickets to a baseball game, and Carrie couldn't wait. Baseball was her favorite sport. She was even on her school's softball team. At practice, she told her coach how excited she was to go to a major-league game.

"Bring a score card so you can remember everything," the coach said.

"But I've never used a score card," Carrie said. "I don't know how."

"It's not difficult," the coach said. "I can teach you if you're interested."

"Thanks!" Carrie said. "I'd really like to learn."

The coach showed Carrie how to record stats on a score card. Soon, she understood. She was ready for the game.

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1. What does Carrie learn to do?

- (A) throw a baseball
(B) use a score card
(C) catch a baseball
(D) buy tickets to a game

4. Which is a synonym for *actual*?

- (A) sharp
(B) fun
(C) big
(D) real

2. What is the setting?

- (A) the bus
(B) softball practice
(C) Carrie's house
(D) choir rehearsal

5. *Carrie couldn't wait* is

- (A) an onomatopoeia.
(B) a simile.
(C) a hyperbole.
(D) a metaphor.

3. Which word makes a new word by adding the prefix *un-*?

- (A) sure
(B) had
(C) wait
(D) not

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AN AMAZING BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Carrie and her family were on their way to the big baseball game to celebrate Carrie's birthday. The traffic was heavy, so it took them an hour to get to the stadium. After her dad parked the car, the whole family went into the stadium. They showed their tickets at the gate and then found their seats. Carrie's mom and dad had gotten good seats, so they could see everything on the field. When they sat down, Carrie thought of something.

"I forgot to get a score card! Can I go get one now?"

"I'll go with you," said Carrie's mother.

Just as Carrie and her mother returned to their seats, the game started. The two teams played well. Both teams soon scored several home runs. Carrie watched everything and kept score on her card. At the end of the fourth inning, the score was tied. "This is a good game," Carrie said. "The score's even, and both teams are playing really well."

Carrie's dad said, "Games like this are exciting because you can't be sure who's going to win."

The seventh-inning stretch came. Carrie decided that it would be a good time to choose a souvenir. Carrie and her dad went to one of the T-shirt stands to pick out a shirt for Carrie. Her mom and Scott, Carrie's little brother, went to get snacks and drinks. Everyone got back to their seats in time for the rest of the game.

When the game started again, Carrie couldn't take her eyes off the action. She kept careful score for the rest of the game. Everyone cheered loudly when the home team scored the winning run. What a great game! As Carrie and her family left the stadium, Carrie saw some of the players. Dad saw them, too, and whispered something to Mom. Then, he asked Carrie to borrow her new T-shirt. Carrie wondered what was going on, but she gave him her shirt. Then, Dad took it over to the players. Suddenly, Carrie understood what Dad was doing. He was getting the players to sign her shirt! When Dad got back with the shirt, Carrie hugged him and said, "This is the most amazing present I ever had!"



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Read "An Amazing Birthday Present" and then answer the questions.

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1. The title indicates that the text takes place

- (A) on the Fourth of July.
 (B) on someone's birthday.
 (C) during the winter.
 (D) on the weekend.

2. From whose perspective is the text written?

- (A) Carrie's mom
 (B) Carrie's
 (C) Carrie's dad
 (D) Scott's

3. What is Carrie's "amazing birthday present"?

- (A) a score card
 (B) snacks and drinks
 (C) an autographed T-shirt
 (D) tickets

4. Which sentence shows that Dad has a surprise for Carrie?

- (A) Dad saw them, too, and whispered something to Mom.
 (B) The traffic was heavy, so it took them an hour to get to the stadium.
 (C) Just as Carrie and her mother returned to their seats, the game started.
 (D) Dad and Carrie went to one of the T-shirt stands to pick out a shirt for Carrie.

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

- (A) loses a soccer game.
 (B) watches TV shows at home.
 (C) plans a party for a friend.
 (D) receives a surprise gift.

6. Which book title would you expect to share a similar theme with the text?

- (A) Watching the Big Game
 (B) Baseball and Its History
 (C) The Perfect Birthday Surprise
 (D) My Big Day

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Reread “An Amazing Birthday Present.” Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

What is the best birthday gift you have ever received or given? What would you like to receive or give for a birthday?

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