

Read the story “Food for Thought” before answering Numbers 1 through 10.

Food for Thought

Ronelle and Deon tagged along after their father at the grocery store. Ronelle was in charge of watching her excitable little brother. Her father did not want him knocking things over or wandering off in the busy store. With cans stacked almost ceiling high and walls of boxes blocking her view, it was not an easy task.

“Dad, hey Dad,” Deon said as he tugged on his father’s sweater. “Can we buy something good to eat too?”

“Sure,” his father mumbled, as he carefully inspected the label on a box of cereal. “Just be sure it’s healthy for you.”

“Yay!” Deon cheered. Almost immediately he pulled a box of Cheesy Potato Doodles from the middle of a stack. Ronelle dove to keep the top boxes from tumbling over. Then she looked at Deon.

“Don’t you remember the time you ate almost a whole bag of those at Sam’s birthday party? They made you sick!” she reminded him.

“Oh, right,” Deon spoke thoughtfully. He handed the box to Ronelle, who replaced it lightly on top of the others.

In the next lane, Deon spotted bags of Crunchy Cracker Sticks piled in a pyramid. This time, just lifting the top bag caused the others to begin sliding downward on the slippery slope. Ronelle jumped into action and stopped the slide.

Now it was her turn to recall an unpleasant memory. “I ate those once,” she told Deon. “They’re so salty, and they made me really thirsty. I had to drink a million glasses of water afterward!”

“Oh,” Deon said. He handed the bag to Ronelle, who didn’t even try to put it atop the others. Instead, she leaned it on the side of the pile.

Then, Deon’s eyes widened when he saw the frozen food section. He darted over to it, almost knocking into a woman and her cart.

“Juicy Poparoos! Juicy Poparoos! I saw them on TV! I want them!” Deon shouted.

Ronelle took a carton out of the freezer and read the label to Deon. “The very first ingredient is sugar. In fact, Juicy Poparoos are nothing but sugar, water, and food coloring,” said Ronelle.

“Do you remember the last time you went to the dentist? You had to have a cavity filled. Do you want to go through that again?”

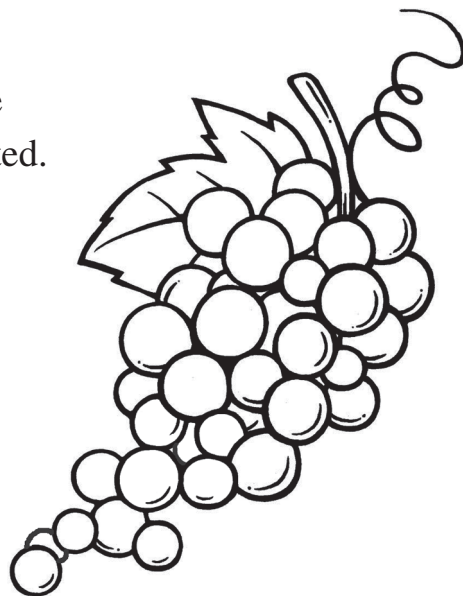
“No,” Deon said.

Then Ronelle noticed the fruit section nearby. Bunches of plump red grapes caught her eye.

“How about some grapes instead? They’re naturally sweet, and juicy, too!” Ronelle suggested.

“Great!” said Deon.

“Phew!” thought Ronelle.



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Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on “Food for Thought.”

- 1 Read this sentence from the story.

Ronelle was in charge of watching her excitable little brother.

The suffix *-able* means “is able” or “can be.” An *excitable* little brother is a person who can be

- Ⓐ anxious.
- Ⓑ brave.
- Ⓒ calm.
- Ⓓ grumpy.

- 2 Who is telling the story?

- Ⓕ Deon
- Ⓖ Ronelle
- Ⓗ an outside observer
- Ⓘ Deon and Ronelle’s father

- 3 Read this sentence from the story.

This time, just lifting the top bag caused the others to begin sliding downward on the slippery slope.

You know what *down* means. That knowledge makes it MOST likely that *downward* means

- Ⓐ around.
- Ⓑ in the air.
- Ⓒ sideways.
- Ⓓ toward the ground.

- 4 Read this sentence from the story.

Now it was her turn to recall an unpleasant memory.

You know what *pleasant* means. That knowledge makes it MOST likely that an *unpleasant* memory is one you

- Ⓕ cannot remember.
- Ⓖ want to memorize.
- Ⓗ love to think about.
- Ⓘ do not want to think about.

- 5 What text evidence shows what Ronelle thinks about Crunchy Cracker Sticks?

- Ⓐ “The very first ingredient is sugar.”
- Ⓑ “They made you sick!” she reminded him.
- Ⓒ “They’re so salty, and they made me really thirsty.”
- Ⓓ “They’re naturally sweet, and juicy, too!” Ronelle suggested.

- 6 Read this sentence from the story.

He handed the box to Ronelle, who replaced it lightly on top of the others.

You know what *placed* means. That knowledge makes it MOST likely that something replaced is

- Ⓕ put back.
- Ⓖ given back.
- Ⓗ called back.
- Ⓘ played back.

- 7 Read this sentence from the story.

Then, Deon's eyes widened when he saw the frozen food section.

Which word has the SAME root word as *widened*?

- (A) dented
- (B) ended
- (C) wider
- (D) wisely

- 8 Based on evidence from the text, why does Ronelle think Juicy Poparoos are unhealthy?

- (F) They are very salty.
- (G) They make you sick.
- (H) They have a lot of sugar.
- (I) They are naturally sweet.

- 9 Which word BEST describes Ronelle?

- (A) bored
- (B) bossy
- (C) responsible
- (D) rude

- 10 Based on evidence from the text, Ronelle would MOST likely agree with the idea that

- (F) Juicy Poparoos are a healthy snack.
- (G) getting a cavity filled is a fun experience.
- (H) it is easy to be in charge of a younger brother.
- (I) fruits are good for you because they are naturally sweet.

Read the story “Take Time” before answering Numbers 11 through 20.

Take Time

It was Tuesday morning and Jake’s mother was driving him to school. As usual, they were cruising down busy Fortieth Street. Jake’s mother was driving as fast as the speed limit and traffic allowed. Jake sat in the back seat, daydreaming as he looked out the window. They were passing a city park. It flew past him in a blur.

“That park is blocking our way,” Jake’s mother complained. “If I could drive right through it, we’d be at school in no time. But I have to drive all the way around it.”

The next day, as customary, Jake’s mother was driving him to school. Jake was looking out the window, but his thoughts were elsewhere. Suddenly, he saw something shoot up from out of the trees. Just as quickly, it disappeared. At least, he *thought* he saw something, but they had sped by so quickly that he was uncertain.

The following day, once again Jake and his mother were on their way to school. This time, Jake tried to focus his eyes carefully as they passed the park. Tree after blurry tree rushed by, when—there! There it was again!

“Mom, I just saw something shoot up out of the park!” he exclaimed. “I think it was a huge jet of water.”

“Really, honey?” his mother murmured. She was thinking of the things she needed to do at work once Jake was dropped off safely at school.

“Can we go back and see?” he asked.

“No, we don’t have time. You’ve got a busy day at school, and I have too much to do today myself.”

The following day, Jake waited and watched until he knew they were close to the spot. Luckily, traffic had begun to slow for a stoplight up ahead. Just as the water whooshed up, Jake hollered, “Look, Mom! Look!”

His mother caught a glimpse out of the corner of her eye. “That is strange!” she said.

“Can we please go see what it is?” Jake begged.

“Not today, but tomorrow is Saturday. We’ll stop by the park on our way to your soccer practice to uncover this mystery,” she promised.

On Saturday morning, Jake and his mother strolled into the park and down a wooded path. Approaching the middle of the park, they discovered a large and lovely water fountain. Every so often, it would spurt a burst of water high into the air. “Mom, this is what I saw shooting up out of the park on our way to school!” Jake exclaimed.

Jake’s mother’s face was beaming. “What an enjoyable walk! It feels so good to stretch my legs. Let’s come here more often,” she suggested. “In fact, we don’t always have to drive to school. Let’s walk to school when the weather is nice. We can walk through this park on our way.”

“Sure!” Jake happily agreed.



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Now answer Numbers 11 through 20. Base your answers on “Take Time.”

- 11 Read this sentence from the story.

As usual, they were cruising down busy Fortieth Street.

What is the root word of *Fortieth*?

- Ⓐ for
- Ⓑ fort
- Ⓒ forty
- Ⓓ fortune

- 12 What text evidence shows that Jake’s mother feels rushed at the beginning of the story?

- Ⓕ They were passing a city park.
- Ⓖ Jake sat in the back seat, daydreaming as he looked out the window.
- Ⓗ Jake’s mother was driving as fast as the speed limit and traffic allowed.
- Ⓘ It was Tuesday morning and Jake’s mother was driving him to school.

- 13 Read this sentence from the story.

The next day, as customary, Jake’s mother was driving him to school.

Which word has the SAME root word as *customary*?

- Ⓐ accustomed
- Ⓑ costume
- Ⓒ custard
- Ⓓ marry

- 14** Read this sentence from the story.

“We’ll stop by the park on our way to your soccer practice to uncover this mystery,” she promised.

You know what *cover* means. That knowledge makes it MOST likely that *uncover* means to

- ☐ Ⓕ hide.
- ☐ Ⓖ protect.
- ☐ Ⓗ make known.
- ☐ Ⓘ keep a secret.

- 15** Read these sentences from the story.

This time, Jake tried to focus his eyes carefully as they passed the park. Tree after blurry tree rushed by, when—there! There it was again!

You know what *blur* means. That knowledge makes it MOST likely that something that is *blurry* is

- ☐ Ⓐ very tall.
- ☐ Ⓑ not clear.
- ☐ Ⓒ very green.
- ☐ Ⓓ not bloomed.

- 16** Who is telling the story?

- ☐ Ⓕ Jake
- ☐ Ⓖ an outside observer
- ☐ Ⓗ Jake’s mother
- ☐ Ⓘ Jake’s friend

- 17** Read these sentences from the story.

“What an enjoyable walk! It feels so good to stretch my legs.”

The suffix *-able* means “can be” or “is able.” An *enjoyable* walk is one that is

- Ⓐ avoided.
 - Ⓑ exhausting.
 - Ⓒ planned.
 - Ⓓ pleasant.
- 18** Based on evidence from the text, how does Jake feel when his mother does not stop the car while driving past the park?
- Ⓕ excited
 - Ⓖ frustrated
 - Ⓗ happy
 - Ⓘ loney
- 19** Which word BEST describes Jake?
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| Ⓐ curious | Ⓒ quiet |
| Ⓑ lazy | Ⓓ sad |
- 20** Jake’s mother realizes that she needs to slow down when she
- Ⓕ runs her errands.
 - Ⓖ drives Jake to school.
 - Ⓗ watches Jake play soccer.
 - Ⓘ takes a walk through the park.



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- 21** Deon and Jake’s mother each learn a valuable lesson. What lesson do they learn? Support your answer with clear text evidence.
