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# Critical Thinking Reading Comprehension Grade 3

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## Read the following passage and answer the questions :



Seagulls live on the beach. They eat small fish, bread, and seaweed. Seagulls run quickly on the sand and fly quickly in the sky. Seagulls will run or fly away if you try to catch them. There are many seagulls on the beach. Crabs also live on the beach. They eat shrimp, ocean plants, and small fish. Crabs crawl quickly on the sand and in the ocean. Crabs will crawl away if you try to catch them.

There are many crabs on the beach, but it is not always easy to see them. Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish. Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean. Starfish will not move away if you try to catch them. There are few starfish on the beach.

### Questions :

- 1) Seagulls, crabs, and starfish all eat
  - A. clams
  - B. bread
  - C. fish
- 2) Which animal does not move quickly?
  - A. starfish
  - B. seagulls
  - C. crabs
- 3) The passage does not talk about
  - A. what starfish eat
  - B. how crabs catch food
  - C. how fast beach animals move
- 4) Based on information in the passage, which animal would you be most likely to see at the beach?
  - A. crabs
  - B. seagulls
  - C. starfish



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## Read the following passage and answer the questions :

There are many kinds of boats. One kind of boat is called a sailboat. A sailboat uses the wind to move. Wind makes a sailboat move in the water. The wind pushes the sailboat. Wind fills the sails. The sailboat moves when the wind blows.



One kind of boat is called a motorboat. A motorboat uses a motor to move. The motor gives power to the boat. The motorboat moves when the motor is running. The motorboat makes a loud noise.

One kind of boat is called a rowboat. A rowboat needs people to move it. People make a rowboat move in the water. People use oars to move a rowboat. Oars are long and flat. Oars go into the water. A rowboat moves when people use the oars.  
As you can see, there are many kinds of boats.

## Questions :

- 1) Which boat uses the wind to move?
  - A. a sailboat
  - B. a rowboat
  - C. a motorboat
- 2) Which boat makes a loud noise?
  - A. a sailboat
  - B. a motorboat
  - C. a rowboat
- 3) What is used to move a rowboat?
  - A. wind
  - B. a motor
  - C. oars
- 4) According to the passage, oars are
  - A. short and fat
  - B. long and flat
  - C. big and heavy



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## Read the following passage and answer the questions :

Christmas is my favorite holiday. My grandmother makes ham, salad, and cupcakes on Christmas. I also get a present on Christmas! Last year I got a new set of paint brushes. This year I hope to get new pencils and a drawing pad. I always have fun on Christmas.



Halloween is another good holiday. My grandmother makes candy corn and cupcakes on Halloween. People wear costumes during Halloween. Last year I wore a skeleton costume. This year I am going to wear a zombie costume.

July 4 is a good holiday. July 4 is the birthday of the United States of America. My grandmother makes hot dogs and salad on July 4. I don't have to go to school on July 4. But I don't get any presents either. If I got presents on July 4 it would be my favorite holiday.



## Questions :

- 1) Which holiday does the author like most?
  - A. Christmas
  - B. Halloween
  - C. Easter
- 2) What is the best title for this passage?
  - A. The Holidays I Like
  - B. Why Christmas is Best
  - C. Hot Dogs and Salad
- 3) What is the author's favorite thing about holidays?
  - A. not going to school
  - B. eating candy
  - C. getting presents
- 4) What costume did the author wear for Halloween last year?
  - A. a skeleton costume
  - B. a zombie costume
  - C. a pumpkin costume



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## Read the following passage and answer the questions :



On Monday, Robert works at the bank. He plants three bushes.  
He plants eight yellow flowers. He plants three trees.

On Tuesday, Robert works at the school. He plants five red  
flowers. He digs a hole with a shovel.

On Wednesday, Robert works at the hospital. He plants twelve  
bushes.

On Thursday, Robert works at the school. He plants two trees.  
He plants sixteen white flowers. He digs four holes with a  
shovel.

On Friday, Robert works at the grocery store. He plants two  
bushes. He plants one tree.

## Questions :

1) Where does Robert work on Wednesday?    2) How many holes does Robert dig  
during the week?

- A. at the hospital
- B. at the school
- C. at the grocery store

- A. one
- B. three
- C. five

3) Where does Robert plant white  
flowers?

- A. at the bank
- B. at the school
- C. at the hospital

4) Based on information in the passage,  
we can understand that Robert is a

- A. doctor
- B. teacher
- C. landscaper





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## Read the following passage and answer the questions :



Ann rides her bicycle. Ann rides her little bicycle to work. Ann rides her little, red bicycle to work every day.

Nina rides the bus. Nina rides the big bus to work. Nina rides the big, slow bus to work every day.

Luis rides the train. Luis rides the big train to work. Luis rides the big, fast train to work every day.

Carlos walks. Carlos walks to work. Carlos walks on the crowded sidewalk to work every day.

## Questions :

1) Who probably uses the most energy to get to work?

- A. Ann
- B. Nina
- C. Luis

2) Who rides a bicycle to work?

- A. Ann
- B. Nina
- C. Luis

3) What does Nina ride to work?

- A. the train
- B. her bicycle
- C. the bus

4) Where do Ann, Nina, Luis, and Carlos go every day?

- A. They go to work.
- B. They go to the bus stop.
- C. They go to the bicycle store.