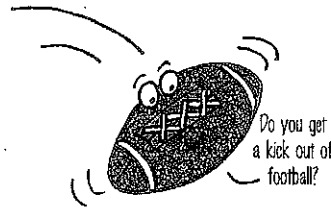


1. Circle letters that should be capitalized.  
national football league player walter payton ran more than 16,000 yards in his 13-year career with the chicago bears.
2. What literary term matches this definition?  
a series of events related to the action of a story  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Circle the prefixes that mean not.  
atypical imperfect nonsense expel  
inactive disapprove illegible unfair
4. Which sentence is complete?
  - a. Although the World Cup tournament is held every four years.
  - b. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world.
  - c. The only soccer player allowed to handle the ball

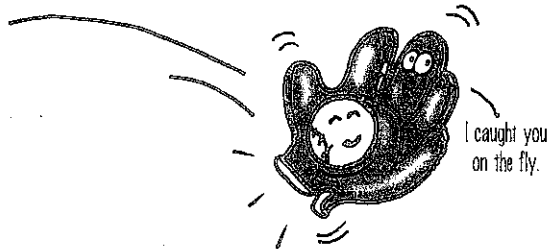
5. Which statements are opinions?
  - a. A golf ball has more than 400 dimples.
  - b. Ice dancing is more pleasant to watch than ice hockey.
  - c. Racquetball is the most physically demanding racquet sport.
  - d. A football field is 100 yards long without the end zones.
  - e. A basketball player cannot score more than three points with any one successful basket attempt.



1. What part of speech is the word fly?  
The crowd cheered when Gracie caught the fly ball.  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the most precise word for the sentence?  
When Max, the team's best player, chose to skip the big game, his teammates were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 amused       bothered       irate
3. Number the words in alphabetical order.  
 \_\_\_ service      \_\_\_ score      \_\_\_ scoring  
 \_\_\_ scoreboard      \_\_\_ serve      \_\_\_ scored
4. Circle the words which are synonyms for indignant.  
 peeved      detached      autonomous  
 indecent      piqued      incensed

5. Add correct punctuation to the sentences.  
Circle words that should be capitalized.

when the new york yankees  
headed for california they  
flew out of the john f kennedy  
airport did they fly over the  
grand canyon or the rocky  
mountains on their way



Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Identify the rhyme pattern in the poem.

- abcd
- abab
- abcb
- aabb

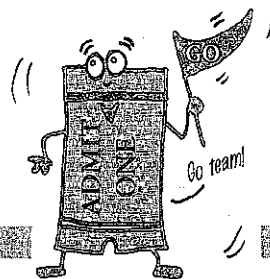


Throw, throw, throw the ball  
 Toward the catcher's mitt.  
 Let the umpire make a call,  
 And hope it's not a hit!

2. Circle the correctly spelled words.  
 greif reign sleigh conciet beleive
3. What is the meaning of the bolded word?  
 I heard this game has been sold out for weeks, so how did you manage to **procure** seven tickets today?
4. Which sentences use **who** correctly?  
 a. To **who** should I give these tickets?  
 b. She's the one **who** bought the tickets.  
 c. **Who** is the player on third base?  
 d. For **who** are you saving this seat?

5. Circle the sentence that is out of sequence.

At the beginning of the second quarter, the Comets were behind by seven points. Abe scored six points in the third quarter to give the lead to the Comets. By half-time, the score was tied. The Grizzlies pulled ahead by eleven points in the fourth quarter.

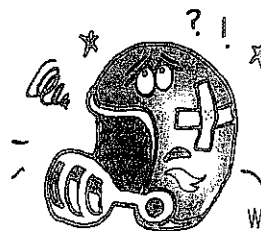


Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Add the correct ending punctuation.  
 Watch out for that golf ball
2. An alphabetical list at the end of a book that helps locate information in the book is  
 a bibliography       a table of contents  
 an index               a preface
3. Circle the complete subject.  
 Jackie, wearing number ten, dribbled the ball all the way down the court.
4. What is the meaning of the word morose?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. Cross out the unnecessary words in this passage.

In my opinion, I think the game was a disaster. The two 16-year old teenage quarterbacks could share a prize for the worst, most awful plays of the night. I am sorry that I spent seven dollars for the ticket. I feel my money was wasted. Hopefully, I wish for a better game next week.

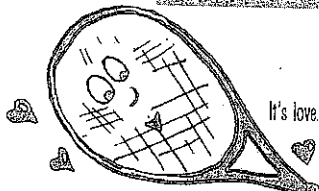


We did better at practice.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Read:**

1. Identify the genre (type of writing) for each example.
2. What is the main idea in passage F?
3. Circle an example of hyperbole.
4. Which examples are expository?
5. What is the tennis coach's name?



A.

Fifteen-year old Sam Garfus stunned a sold-out crowd at the state high school tennis championships yesterday. It was a surprise when the young player won straight sets to beat top-ranked players. The modest freshman explained that some lucky orange socks helped him win, but tennis pros around the state credit the victory to his outstanding skills.

B.

Sam: Why does Coach Stringer wear earplugs to every game?

Dan: Because he can't stand all the racket.

D.

In the game of tennis, two or four people play on a court that is divided by a low net. The players use racquets to hit a ball back and forth over the net. A point is scored when the ball bounces inside the boundaries of the court without being returned by another player.

C.

The tennis matches started at 8 a.m. By 10 o'clock, the weather was so hot that the rubber was melting off the tennis balls, and the referee's nose had burst into flames twice. Nevertheless, Sam Garfus was playing his hottest game. Each time he hit a shot, he leaped 12 feet into the air and sent the ball above the clouds. In just under 45 seconds, he had won the tournament.

E.

A young tennis player named Sam  
Smacked ten balls, each time yelling, "Wham!"

\_\_\_\_\_

The crowd chanted his name

\_\_\_\_\_

F.

Dear Grandma,  
Guess what? I won the state high school single's tennis championship yesterday! I am sure those orange socks helped me win. Thanks for knitting them for me. They were just as lucky as you said they would be.  
Love ya,  
Sam

**Write:**

1. Write a headline for example A.
2. Write a title for example C.
3. Write the missing lines for the limerick E.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Circle the proper nouns.

Shamu Atlantic Ocean sailor  
lifeguard Agate Beach Bay Bridge

2. Put commas where they are needed.

After swimming we picked up shells ate lunch put on sunscreen and napped on the beach.

3. Circle the compound words.

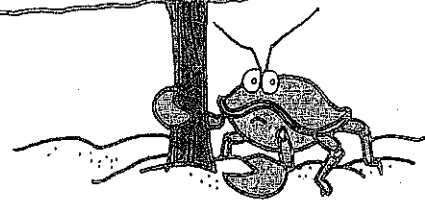
seaside submarine undertow  
shipshape sandwich waterlogged  
sunburn seaweed underwater

4. From this passage, can you tell how many circuli would indicate that a fish is three years old?

A fish's scales give a clue to its age. The scales have growth rings called circuli. These rings form in clusters called annuli. Each annulus (cluster) shows a year of age.

5. What can you tell about the bias of the person who wrote this sign?

**NOTICE TO VISITORS**  
Visit this beach at your own risk.  
*The sand is scratchy and will get into your clothes and shoes.*  
The sun can burn you.  
The wind can dry out your skin.  
The water has slimy seaweed and you might smell dead fish.  
*Little children tend to be noisy and run around kicking up sand.*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which is the denotation of the word, pirate?

- one who robs on seas or oceans
- a dangerous person with an eye patch and a wooden leg who sails a black ship and steals gold

2. Circle the correctly spelled words.

raucous reckless fearsome  
terrorize protectshun explosion  
insurence despicable dangerous

3. Name five first person pronouns.

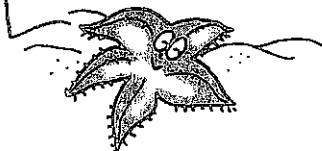
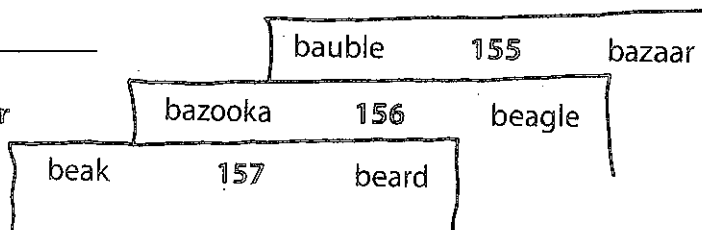
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5. Which are examples of persuasive writing?

- a. recipe for salmon-broccoli ice cream
- b. brochure advertising a fishing boat
- c. essay warning teenagers about tattoos
- d. tall tale about a boy who rode sharks
- e. directions to get to the lighthouse

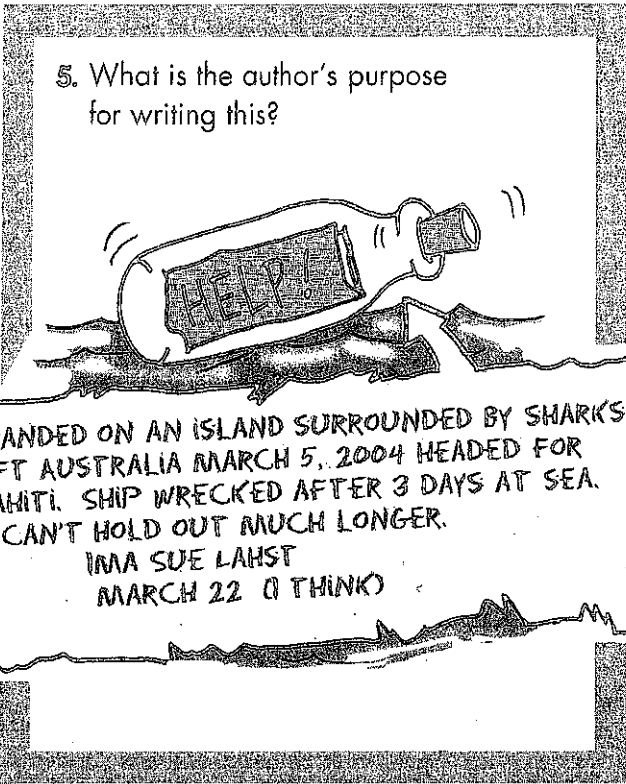
4. The word beachcomber would be found on page \_\_\_\_\_.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Which is the simple sentence?
  - The Indian Ocean is the world's smallest, youngest, and most complex ocean.
  - It is 6,200 miles wide and covers a 28,000,000 square mile area.
  - The deepest point, off the southern coast of Java, is the Java Trench.
- Circle the antonym for **malevolent**.  
 nefarious      wholesome  
 sullen          furtive
- Capitalize the book title correctly.  
 twenty thousand leagues under the sea
- Circle the cause. Draw a box around the effect.  
 Because the pirate ship sank in a wild storm, the treasure ended up at the bottom of the ocean.

5. What is the author's purpose for writing this?

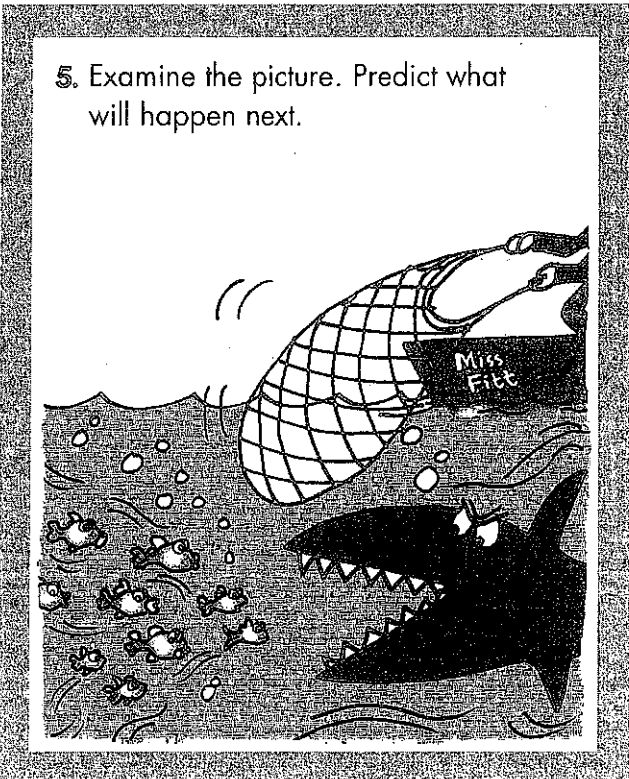


STRANDED ON AN ISLAND SURROUNDED BY SHARKS. LEFT AUSTRALIA MARCH 5, 2004 HEADED FOR TAHITI. SHIP WRECKED AFTER 3 DAYS AT SEA. I CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER. IMA SUE LAHST MARCH 22 (I THINK)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Give three different meanings of the word **charge**.
- Correct the misspelled words.  
 lisenice                  excape  
 weird                      jeopardy  
 cafateria                whail
- Which sentence has correct pronoun use?
  - Whose yacht is next to the pirate ship?
  - Do you know who's run into the pier?
  - No, but I know who's life rafts are missing.
- Rob is ready to write a paragraph that gives details about a ship, *The Maine Clipper*, that crashed into rocks during a storm on Halloween night. Write a topic sentence for this paragraph.

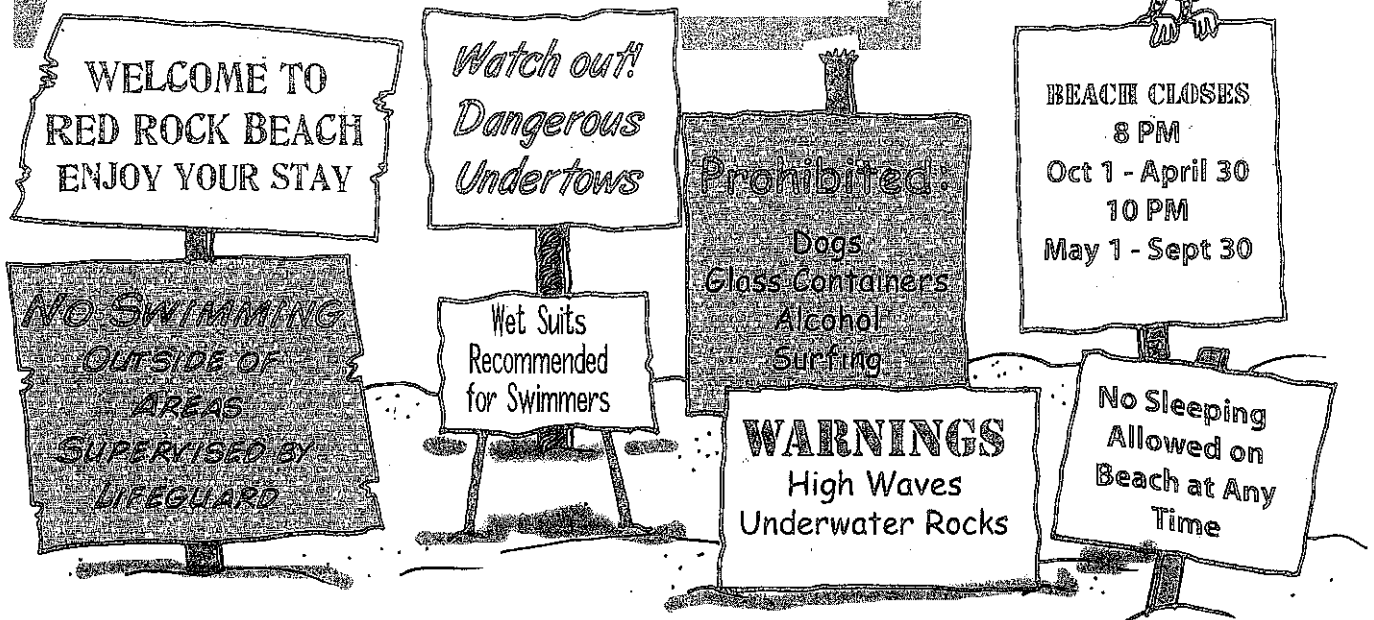
5. Examine the picture. Predict what will happen next.



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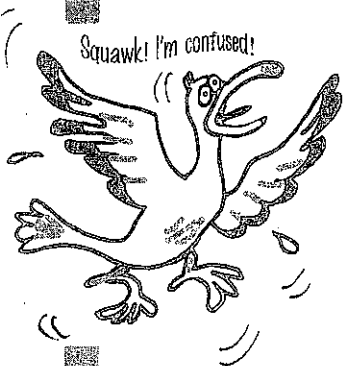
**Read**

1. What time must a visitor leave the beach on March 4?
2. What can you infer about the water temperatures?
3. What general conclusions can you draw about this area from reading all the signs?
4. Are picnics permitted on Red Rock Beach?



**Write**

The structure of these sentences has confused the meaning. Rewrite each sentence to clarify the meaning.



1. Mom whistled to her dog driving a dune buggy on Lost Creek Beach.
2. Alex and I laughed a lot when we had Sam for lunch on the beach.
3. Relaxing on my sailboat, a storm came in.
4. The blue swimmer's beach towel got washed away by a wave.
5. Lucy dropped into the ocean the new goggles she had bought by mistake.
6. Todd caught fish and served them to the girls seasoned with salt and pepper.
7. Paddling the raft to the shore, the picnic looked inviting.
8. While waiting on my surfboard, a jellyfish stung me.
9. Shakira saw a shark in her bathing suit ready to go into the water.
10. Tired and hot from running on the beach, the water looked good to us.

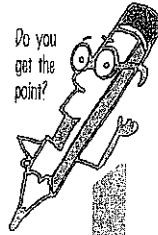
Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. A story begins like this:

I have the honor of being the man with the world's longest beard. Let me tell you how I came to have this much hair on my chin.

What is the point of view?

\_\_\_\_\_



Imagine having the longest fingernails in the world! Lee Redmond, of the USA, has not cut her nails since 1979. The total length of all ten nails is 24 feet, 7.8 inches. She doesn't bite them; she won't sell them, and she only trims them occasionally. She claims they do not complicate her life much. It's safe to say, she is happy with this unusual characteristic.

2. Does this sentence use an apostrophe correctly?

That girl's fingernails are long enough to set a record.

3. Which word means to cause to feel terror?

- terrible
- terrify
- terrific
- terrorism

4. Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

Excited fans, eager to watch the marathon, (line, lines) up early to buy their tickets.

5. Does the author have enough information to draw the conclusion written in the last sentence?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Rewrite the sentence to show more action.

With 13 balanced spoons, Jonathan Friedman is the world record-holder for balancing spoons on his face.

2. A record-holding juggler was showing off to his friends by juggling 20 kitchen utensils.

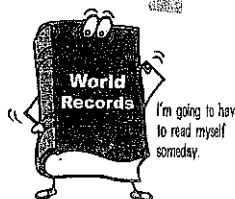
Was he **flaunting** or **flouting** his skills?

3. Which key word or phrase is best to use for an encyclopedia search for the world's longest tunnel?

- tunnel
- length
- world
- manmade
- structures
- longest

4. Correct the spelling of any misspelled words.

- laffer
- ghastly
- chemist
- jiant
- gnome
- riggle
- shure
- skwirt



5. Choose and circle the correct word for each sentence.

- a. (Anyway, Anyways), I can't believe you balanced all those spoons.
- b. I found some broken plates (beside, besides) the juggler's van.
- c. What's the difference (between, among) juggling balls or plates?
- d. Who holds the record for (setting, sitting) in a tree the longest?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the meaning of this sentence?  
While Kate has been doing that project, she has been burning the candle at both ends.

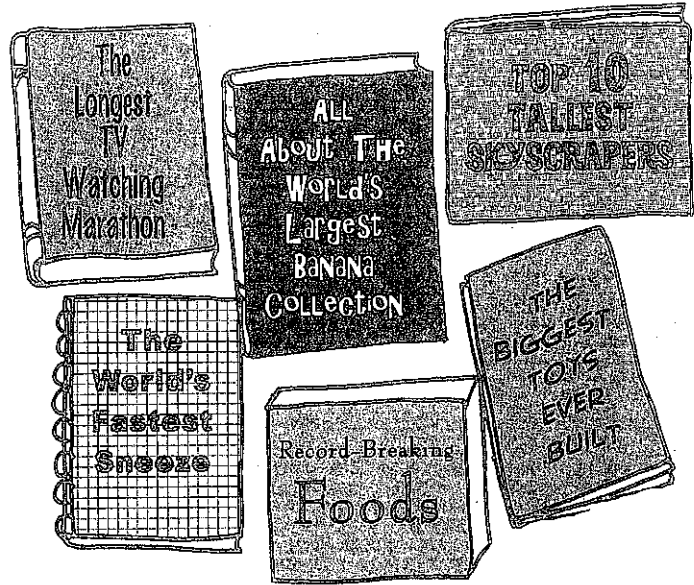
2. Insert the correct punctuation.  
So my question is this Did you know that the longest tongue in the world measures 3.7 inches and belongs to Stephen Taylor (UK)?

3. Write a possessive phrase meaning the peel of one banana.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. To which sense does this description appeal most strongly?  
The bubble-blowing championship was a melodious chorus of smacking and cracking, rhythmically swaying with whooshes and hisses, and pleasantly punctuated by regular pops!

5. Max got these books at the library. Examine the titles. What can you infer about Max's interests?



Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. Correctly spell the plural of each word.

monkey      box      record  
hoof      penny      pailful

2. Circle the word that does not belong.

waffle      heiress      pneumonia  
gnome      knight      kneel

3. Circle the verbs that are in past tense.

swam      juggle      broke  
argued      leapt      rise

4. Which reference source is a dictionary of geographical terms and places?

- almanac       periodical
- atlas       gazetteer
- thesaurus       quotation index

5. Write a caption for this picture of Tanya, the person with the longest hair in the state. Add any details or facts you wish to the description.

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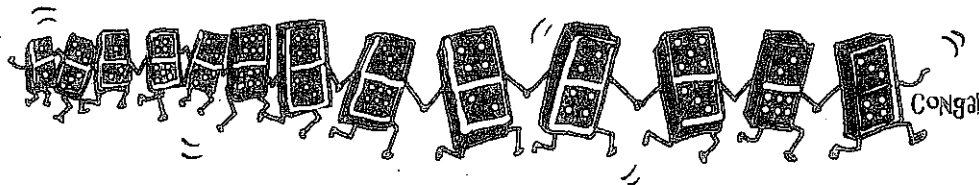
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**Read**

1. How many of the records were set in the 20th century?
2. How many records were not set in North America?
3. If the snowball fighters joined the musical chair players, how large would the group be?
4. How many groups had fewer participants than the group hug?
5. Which event do you suppose took up the most space or distance?

**It Takes A Group**

Record	Date	Location	Number of Participants
Longest Human Chain	Aug 23, 1989	Eastern Europe	2,000,000
Largest Group Hug	Apr 23, 2004	Canada	5,117
Largest Circle Dance	May 6, 1995	UK	6,748
Largest Dog Walk	Jun 22, 2003	UK	4,372
Largest Snowball Fight	Jan 18, 2003	Switzerland	2,473
Largest Pajama-Sleepover Party	Feb 1, 2003	Virginia	1,045
Largest Game of Musical Chairs	Aug 5, 1989	Singapore	8,238
Longest Human Domino Line	Sept 30, 2000	Singapore	9,234



**Write**

Think of yourself as a radio reporter covering one of the record-setting events above. Write a brief report that you will give, describing the event to your audience. Use your imagination to elaborate on what you think it might be like to watch the event.

