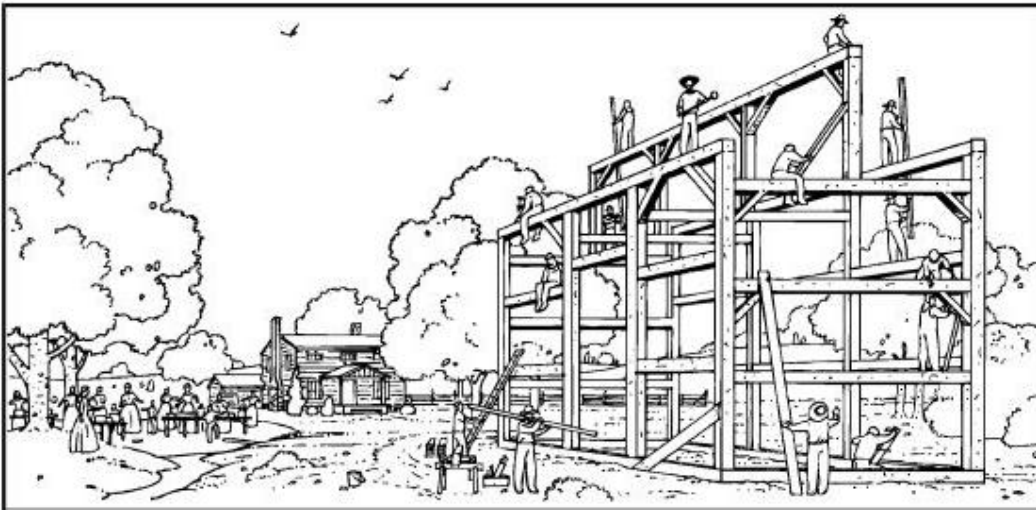


Read the following passage and answer questions 1 through 9.

### Lost and Found



- 1 Becky's family was having a barn raising. Neighbors from all over had come to help her father build a new barn. Even the children had jobs to do. Becky's job was bringing drinking water from the stream to the workers. "Now, mind the ladle, Becky," Papa told her as he gave her the long-handled cup for dipping. "It is the only one we have."
- 2 All morning Becky had carried the heavy bucket back and forth to the stream. Now she stood in the tall grass on the hill behind the barn. It was almost noon, and the sun was hot. She wanted to feel cool air rush against her face. She gripped the empty bucket and gathered her skirt. She heard the ladle rattle as she dashed down the hill.
- 3 Becky laughed with delight as she reached the stream and started to fill the bucket. Suddenly she stopped. The ladle was gone! She searched nearby but with no luck. Becky sighed with despair and thought of Papa's words. He would have to go to town in the wagon to buy a new ladle. Worst of all, there was no ladle to serve water to dozens of thirsty workers.
- 4 Then Becky remembered how the ladle clattered in the bucket as she ran. It must have fallen out. She gave the hill a hopeful look, but then her shoulders drooped. She would never find anything in the thick grass that grew there. Then she had an idea . . .
- 5 She found some of her friends setting the table for the afternoon meal. "I need you!" she told them. More friends were helping workers at the barn. They came

running when Becky called them.

- 6 Becky explained what happened. "I need you to help me find the ladle," she said.
- 7 Becky and her friends stood side by side and formed a long line. Slowly they walked down the hill to the stream. They paced through the tall grass, stepping carefully as they searched the ground around them. Suddenly a boy hit something metal with his toe. "I found it!" he cried. He grinned and held up the missing ladle.
- 8 "Thank you!" Becky smiled. "We did it together!" She took the ladle and washed it off in the stream.
- 9 When the children returned, the men were using long, wooden poles to raise the walls of the barn.
- 10 Becky carried the bucket over to them. "Water, anyone?"

1 **Becky lost the ladle when she —**

- A rushed down the hill
- B dropped it in the stream
- C played in the barn
- D showed it to her friends

2 **The author includes paragraph 3 in the story to —**

- F describe the characters
- G predict the ending
- H present the problem
- J amuse the readers

3 **The author *most* likely wrote this story in order to —**

- A show how some families gather water
- B describe how to use a ladle
- C tell how a girl works out a problem
- D explain the meaning of barn raising

4 Read this sentence from paragraph 7.

He grinned and held up the missing ladle.

Which word means the opposite of grinned?

- F frowned
- G argued
- H gleamed
- J laughed

5 What happens right after Becky's friend finds the ladle?

- A Becky hurts her toe after she runs into the ladle.
- B Becky offers the workers a drink from the ladle.
- C Becky washes the ladle in the water.
- D Becky hangs the ladle on a wooden pole.

6 Read this sentence from paragraph 1.

"Now, mind the ladle, Becky," Papa told her as he gave her the long-handled cup for dipping.

Which meaning of the word mind is used in this sentence?

- F obey
- G listen to
- H look after
- J think

7 Read this sentence from paragraph 4.

Then Becky remembered how the ladle clattered in the bucket as she ran.

This sentence appeals to the reader's sense of —

- A touch
- B sight
- C smell
- D hearing

**8 Which sentence helps the reader know that Becky was hot from working?**

**F** Now she stood in the tall grass on the hill behind the barn.

**G** She wanted to feel cool air rush against her face.

**H** Becky's family was having a barn raising.

**J** Carefully she raised her arm and lifted the ladle up to the workers.

**9 Becky is alone when she goes to get water because the other children —**

**A** listen to her father's words

**B** think it is too far to walk

**C** have their own chores to do

**D** want to stay inside on a hot day

Read the following passage and answer questions 10 through 18.

### A Painting Full of Fun



- 1 Pieter Bruegel was a famous artist who lived in Europe five hundred years ago. He is well known for a painting called *Children's Games*. People like this painting because it is bursting with fun. It shows how children in Pieter's time amused themselves in a variety of ways. In all, there are about eighty games being played in the painting.
- 2 *Children's Games* shows a busy street scene in a town long ago. There is a stream flowing around the edge of the town, and the street is a wide and open space. There are no cars, just horses and buggies, so there is plenty of room to play. There are about two hundred children in the painting. Some play in groups and others play alone. Many of the games in the painting date back to ancient times, and some of the games are still played today.
- 3 Children may know games like leapfrog, tug of war, and follow the leader, but what about tag, king of the hill, and hopscotch? These games are often played outdoors. Stop and think about the happy children in the painting. They seem to be enjoying their freedom in the fresh air and their games.
- 4 The games in the painting do not require children to spend money on extra materials. Instead, they use simple everyday objects like hats and sticks. A game might call for a hoop, a rope, a spinning top, some chalk, or even a barrel. Some games are played without any toys at all. For instance, one scene in the painting shows children turning somersaults inside the fence.
- 5 Even though Pieter Bruegel lived a long time ago, children today can learn an important lesson from what he painted. The painting shows us how little we need in order to enjoy ourselves. All children really need is one another. It's not the toys or games that are found on store shelves that create fun. Using our imagination can do this for us.

10 Which guide words would appear on a dictionary page containing the word “enjoy”?

- F elbow – enter
- G echo – eighty
- H elephant – emotion
- J effort – either

11 Read this sentence from paragraph 2.

*Children’s Games* shows a busy street scene in a town long ago.

Which word sounds like scene but is spelled in a different way and has a different meaning?

- A seen
- B scent
- C seam
- D since

12 The author included paragraph 1 to describe the —

- F river that once flowed through towns
- G person who painted the picture
- H games that people once played
- J jobs that people had in towns

13 According to the information in this article, which sentence is a *fact*?

- A The games in the painting are easy to play.
- B *Children’s Games* is exciting and full of fun.
- C Pieter was an excellent artist.
- D Pieter lived in Europe five hundred years ago.

14 A student made this list after reading the article.

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	Hats
	Sticks
	Hoop
<input type="radio"/>	Rope
	Chalk
	Barrel

Which of these is the *best* heading for this list?

- F A Child's Collection
- G Rules of the Game
- H Equipment for Fun
- J A Group at Play

15 Which sentence from this article *best* supports the idea that the picture is full of action?

- A In all, there are about eighty games being played in the painting.
- B Stop and think about the happy children in the painting.
- C He is well known for a painting called *Children's Games*.
- D The painting shows us how little we need in order to enjoy ourselves.

16 Which question does paragraph 1 answer?

- F How many people are shown in *Children's Games*?
- G What kind of games did Pieter like?
- H Why do people enjoy the painting *Children's Games*?
- J What other paintings did Pieter paint?

17 **A student asks this question about the article.**

**Where do the children have room to play?**

**Which paragraph from the article answers this question?**

- A 4
- B 2
- C 3
- D 5

18 **What does Pieter's painting show about children five hundred years ago?**

- F They spent most of their time playing indoor games.
- G They liked to include pets in their games.
- H They found simple materials for their games.
- J They played with barrels in most of their games.