

Read the following passage and answer questions 1 through 16.

Jumping for Joy

- 1 Michael heard Dad's car door slam shut in the driveway. He peered down from his bedroom window to see what was going on. His dad always worked until five o'clock on weekdays. He wondered why his father was home already. Maybe something special was going to happen that night!
- 2 Michael bounded down the stairs to greet his father. He stopped suddenly when he heard his mother whispering, "Do you really think he is ready? Do you think he can handle it?"
- 3 "Handle what?" Michael asked as he walked into the kitchen.
- 4 Peeking out from under his father's jacket were two fuzzy ears and two big, brown eyes. Michael could feel a smile creeping across his face. As he reached his hand out to his father, a small white puppy jumped into his arms. It was the dog Michael had seen at the animal shelter the week before. Michael petted the puppy's soft fur as it covered his nose with wet kisses. The dog wagged its tail and tilted its head from side to side.
- 5 "I'm old enough. I can do it. I can handle it. I know I can!" said Michael. He sat the puppy on the floor and looked up at his parents with folded hands. "Please, please, please, can we keep him?"
- 6 The puppy jumped up and down by Michael's feet. Michael jumped up and down beside the puppy. Both were too excited to sit still.
- 7 "Yes, you can," replied Michael's mother, "if you're ready for the additional responsibility. Your first job is to give him a name."
- 8 Michael watched the puppy as his dad listed a few. "Well, there's Fido, Rex, or Spot, or you could go with a famous name, like Lassie or Clifford." Michael could barely concentrate on his father's words. His new dog kept pouncing on his sneakers.
- 9 "Stay still, little guy," Michael commanded, as the puppy leaped from place to place around the room. "You're like a bouncing ball." Every few minutes, the puppy stopped jumping long enough to look up at Michael and tilt his head from side to side. His ears twitched. It was as if he had something he wanted to say.

10 Suddenly, Michael knew what to name the puppy. "His name is Jumper!" he exclaimed to his parents. The puppy jumped from side to side.

11 "Well, it certainly is a name that fits his personality," said his father. The puppy tilted his head from side to side as if to say, "That's me! That's my name! I'm Jumper!"

1 **What reason does Michael give his parents for allowing him to keep the puppy?**

- A He is old enough.
- B He can think of a good name.
- C He loves the puppy.
- D He has had a puppy before.

2 **Read this sentence from paragraph 4.**

It was the dog Michael had seen at the animal shelter the week before.

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

- F send
- G scene
- H seek
- J sheep

3 **Where was the puppy when Michael first saw it?**

- A In his bedroom
- B At the animal shelter
- C On the driveway
- D In the kitchen

4 **What happens right after Michael sees the puppy that his father brought home?**

- F Michael's father brings a puppy home.
- G Michael's father thinks of puppy names.
- H Michael names the puppy Jumper.
- J Michael begs to keep the puppy.

5 **Another word for pouncing as it is used in paragraph 8 is —**

- A jumping
- B sitting
- C scratching
- D walking

6 **Which sentence from the story supports the idea that something unusual is going to happen?**

- F Michael bounded down the stairs to greet his father.
- G His dad always worked until five o'clock on weekdays.
- H "Handle what?" Michael asked as he walked into the kitchen.
- J Michael heard Dad's car door slam shut in the driveway.

7 **Why is Jumper a good name for the puppy?**

- A He jumped into Michael's arms.
- B He cannot walk.
- C He likes to jump around.
- D He lived at the animal shelter.

8 **In paragraph 1, what does the word peered mean?**

- F jumped up quickly
- G looked closely
- H kept a secret
- J traveled by foot

9 **Read this sentence from paragraph 4.**

Michael petted the puppy's soft fur as it covered his nose with wet kisses.

This sentence appeals to the reader's sense of —

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

- 10 **In paragraph 1, the reader can conclude that —**
- F Dad's car door was damaged in an accident
 - G the clock in Michael's bedroom is wrong
 - H Michael's dad arrived home early from work
 - J Michael's father is in a bad mood
- 11 **In paragraph 2, Michael's mother most likely wonders if he can handle —**
- A playing with a dog
 - B caring for a dog
 - C looking at a dog
 - D naming a dog
- 12 **In paragraph 7, what additional responsibility would Michael most likely have?**
- F He will have to hang his laundry.
 - G He will have to clean his room.
 - H He will have to walk the dog.
 - J He will have to wash the dishes.

- 13 **Read the sentence from paragraph 4.**

Michael could feel a smile creeping across his face.

The author includes this sentence in the story to —

- A show that Michael knows the puppy
 - B show that Michael is happy
 - C describe Michael's personality
 - D describe how the puppy feels
- 14 **Which of these is the best summary for this story?**
- F A boy is given a puppy that likes to jump, so he names it Jumper.
 - G A boy's parents cannot decide if he is responsible enough to own a puppy.
 - H A puppy that lived at an animal shelter is adopted by a nice family.
 - J A boy's father arrives home early from work to give his son a new puppy.

15 **Read this dictionary entry.**

han-dle (*han-dl*) *n.* **1.a.** A part of an object to be grasped or held by the hand. **b.** A person's nickname or code name. *v.* **2.a** To touch, pick up, or carry with the hands. **b.** To manage, deal with, or be responsible for.

In paragraph 5, which meaning of the word handle is used?

- A To touch, pick up, or carry with the hands
- B A person's nickname or code name
- C A part of an object to be grasped or held by the hand
- D To manage, deal with, or be responsible for

16 **The author includes paragraph 5 in the story to —**

- F show that Michael wants to keep the puppy
- G explain that the puppy wants to stay
- H explain why Michael will need his parents' help
- J show that Michael's parents do not trust him

Read the following passage and answer questions 17 through 32.

Lizards

- 1 Lizards are reptiles, which means they are cold-blooded, lay eggs, and are covered with scales. Most lizards have four legs and live on land. Many lizards have funny names.
- 2 One lizard is called a skink. Most skinks have long, smooth bodies like snakes, but they have small legs. They hide under flat stones and logs.
- 3 Another lizard with a funny name is a gecko. When this lizard makes noise it actually sounds like its name. Geckos have suction cups on their toes to help them hold on to smooth places. These special pads help them walk upside down.
- 4 The chameleon is not only funny for its name but for what it can do. A chameleon can change the color of its scales depending on where it is standing. If it is on a green leaf its skin will turn green. If it is on the brown ground its skin will turn brown. It can turn many bright colors too. This helps the chameleon hide from its enemies.
- 5 The iguana lives primarily in desert climates. It is much larger than the other lizards that have been mentioned so far. It can grow up to five feet long, but it is a popular choice for people who want pet lizards because they are friendly. When it is kept as a pet, one of its favorite foods is lettuce.

17 Which lizard most likely got its name from the sound it makes?

- A The gecko
- B The chameleon
- C The skink
- D The iguana

18 What question is NOT answered by the information provided in the passage?

- F What does the gecko like to eat?
- G How large can an iguana get?
- H When does the chameleon's color change?
- J Where can you find skinks?

19 This article would most likely be found in —

- A a book of animal stories
- B a letter from the principal
- C a children's science book
- D the glossary of a textbook

20 **The lizard that can change its color is the —**

- F skink
- G gecko
- H iguana
- J chameleon

21 **Read this sentence from the article.**

The chameleon is not only funny for its name but for what it can do.

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

- A dew
- B doe
- C too
- D dough

22 **Which concluding sentence best fits the article?**

- F Lizards are interesting creatures in how they look, act, and are named.
- G Baby lizards hatch from eggs in the same way as baby birds.
- H The science teacher learned about many types of lizards in college.
- J A Komodo dragon is a lizard that can grow to be more than ten feet long.

23 **What helps the gecko walk upside down?**

- A The color of its skin
- B The little pads on its toes
- C The length of its tongue
- D The flexibility of its tail

24 **To find the meaning of the word "primarily," a student should look in —**

- F an encyclopedia
- G a dictionary
- H an almanac
- J an atlas

- 25 **Which lizard's body is best equipped to avoid being eaten by predators is the —**
- A chameleon
 - B skink
 - C iguana
 - D gecko
- 26 **According to the information provided in the passage, which lizard is most often chosen as a pet?**
- F Skink
 - G Chameleon
 - H Iguana
 - J Gecko
- 27 **Where do skinks like to hide?**
- A In tree branches
 - B Under stones and logs
 - C On top of stones and logs
 - D In deserts
- 28 **As it is used in paragraph 1, what does the word scales mean?**
- F devices used to measure weight
 - G climbs up or over
 - H thin, flat bony plates
 - J musical notes played in order
- 29 **Which word means the opposite of special in paragraph 3?**
- A ordinary
 - B sticky
 - C unique
 - D useful
- 30 **Which is the largest of the four lizards described in the passage?**
- F Iguana
 - G Gecko
 - H Skink
 - J Chameleon

31 The author's main purpose is —

- A to provide information about lizards with funny names
- B to make readers think about buying a lizard for a pet
- C to explain which kinds of lizards make the best pets
- D to identify the scientists who first discovered lizards

32 Which of the following statements in the passage is an opinion?

- F A chameleon can change its color.
- G Lizard are cold-blooded.
- H Many lizards have funny names.
- J Lizards are reptiles.