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For the Student

This book will give you practice with 8 reading strategies. You will complete 15 reading tests. For each test, you will read one passage. Then you will answer 8 questions about the passage. Each question has you practise one reading strategy.

By doing all the tests in this book, you can become a better reader. You will better understand what to look for as you read. This will help you get the most from your reading.

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Your teacher will tell you when to take each Pretest. These Pretests will help your teacher find out how well you understand what you read. Then your teacher can decide how to help you become an even better reader.

After you finish the five Pretests, you will complete a self-assessment. This self-assessment will help you judge your own work. It will also help you set goals for future reading success.

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Pretest I

Read this ad from a newspaper. Then answer questions about the ad. Choose the best answer for Numbers 1 to 8.

Five Collie Puppies for Sale

Light brown and white puppies were born in May. Now they are two months old. These loving pets need a good home. Must sell! We wish we could keep them all, but we do not have the room!

These puppies are great with children. They also need plenty of exercise. The puppies must get to run and play in their new homes.

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Finding Main Idea

1. The ad is mostly about
- Ⓐ puppies that are for sale.
 - Ⓑ puppies that are good with children.
 - Ⓒ how to care for a new puppy.

Recalling Facts and Details

2. How many puppies are for sale?
- Ⓐ four
 - Ⓑ five
 - Ⓒ two

Understanding Sequence

3. What happened two months ago?
- Ⓐ The puppies began to run.
 - Ⓑ The puppies were born.
 - Ⓒ The first puppy was sold.

Finding Word Meaning in Context

6. The puppies need lots of exercise. This means that they need to
- Ⓐ eat and sleep.
 - Ⓑ run and play.
 - Ⓒ find a good home.

Recognising Cause and Effect

4. Why are the puppies for sale?
- Ⓐ The owners cannot play with them.
 - Ⓑ The owners do not want them.
 - Ⓒ The owners do not have room for them.

Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences

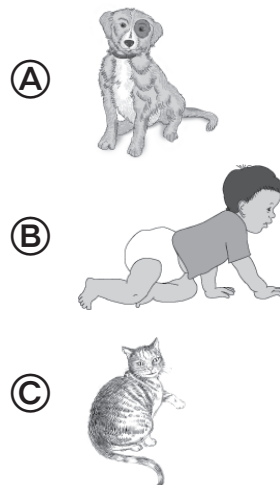
7. You can tell that the puppies are
- Ⓐ smart.
 - Ⓑ quiet.
 - Ⓒ friendly.

Making Predictions

5. The owners would most likely sell a puppy to
- Ⓐ a person who does not like to go outside.
 - Ⓑ a person who lives near a large park.
 - Ⓒ a person who has no other pets.

Reading Pictures

8. Which of these shows a puppy?



Benchmark 2

Read this story about a trip to the zoo. Then answer questions about the story. Choose the best answer for Numbers 1 to 8.

Sue and her little brother sat in the back of their aunt's car. "This is your first trip to the City Zoo," said Sue. "Are you excited?"

Tim nodded. "I think so." Then he looked away. Sue could tell that something was wrong.

"What is the matter?" she asked.

Tim stared out the car window. Then he turned to his sister. "I am a bit worried," he said softly.

"What are you worried about?" asked Sue.

Tim bit his bottom lip. "Well, I am worried about the animals."

"The animals?" Sue said, surprised. "Why?"

"There are lions and bears at the zoo," said Tim. His voice shook a bit. "The zoo has gorillas and tigers too, right?"

"Yes," Sue said. "There are lots of animals at the zoo."



“Well, what happens when we walk around the zoo? Will the animals chase us?” asked Tim.

Sue smiled. “You do not have to worry, Tim. The animals will not chase us. Some of the small animals are in cages. Some of the bigger animals are in large fields. There are tall fences around all the fields. You can see through the fences, but the animals cannot get over them.”

A big smile crossed Tim’s face. A trip to the zoo did not seem so scary now.

“I hope you learned something,” said Sue. “You can always talk to me if you are worried. Talking often makes people feel better.”

“You are right,” said Tim. “Talking to you made me feel better.”

Soon Aunt Helen pulled the car into the car park.

“Here we are, Tim,” said Sue. “Time for you to see what a zoo is really like.”

Post Test 4

Read this story that James wrote about insects. Then answer questions about the story. Choose the best answer for Numbers 1 to 8.

Insects come in many shapes and sizes. An ant and a bee do not look alike. But each is a kind of insect.

So, how can you tell if an animal is an insect? Just count its legs. All insects have six legs.

Some people are afraid of insects. I don't know why. I look for different kinds of insects on my way to school. Sometimes I stop and watch the ants. They are always very busy. One time, I was lucky and caught a butterfly. I held it in my hand and watched it move its wings. I stayed still so that the butterfly would not fly away. When I got close to school, I let it go.

No matter where I go, I can always find insects. They live in hot and cold places.

They live where it is wet and dry. The world is full of insects!



Finding Main Idea

1. What is the story mostly about?
- (A) legs
 - (B) insects
 - (C) a butterfly

Recalling Facts and Details

2. What do all insects have?
- (A) six legs
 - (B) four legs
 - (C) eight legs