

Read the passages and then answer the questions that follow

The New School

Tracey is starting a new school today. She is very sad. She is very scared. "I don't want to go to school today," Tracey tells her dad. "I understand, sweetheart," Dad says. "Starting a new school can be very scary. Tracey has moved to a new town. She has moved to a new house. She is starting a new school today. She has done all of this in a week! "I feel sick," Tracey says. "My stomach hurts. I can't eat breakfast." "I think that is because you are nervous," Dad says. He pats Tracey's hair. He gives her a little hug. "Try drinking just a little juice. Then I will walk you to school." Tracey and her dad walk to school. Tracey thinks about many things.

Will I make friends?
Will I like my teacher?
What if I don't know the answer to a question?
Will kids laugh at me?
What if no one likes me?



"We're here," says Dad. Tracey looks up at the big building. Her other school was small. Tracey wishes she could run away. She knows she cannot. She takes a deep breath. She walks up the steps to school. She walks into her third grade classroom. "That must be Tracey," she hears a boy say. "Hello, Tracey!" "Welcome, Tracey!" "Let me show you around." Everyone seems kind. Tracey feels a little better. But she is still not happy. She is still a little scared. She cannot eat her lunch. Dad picks Tracey up after school. "How was your day?" he asks. "Okay," she says. "It will get better," Dad says. "Big changes are hard." "I know," says Tracey. She reaches for her dad's hand to hold as they walk home.

1) Why is Tracey sad and scared?

- A. She is moving to a new house today.
- B. She is moving to a new town today.
- C. She is starting a new school today.
- D. She is walking to school alone today.

2) What has Tracey done during the week?

- I. made a new friend
- II. moved to a new town
- III. moved to a new house

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

3) What grade is Tracey in?

- A. second grade
- B. third grade
- C. fourth grade
- D. fifth grade

4) Why can't Tracey eat breakfast?

- I. She is nervous.
- II. Her stomach hurts.
- III. She is late for school.

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

5) Why does Tracey's dad think she feels sick?

- A. because she is sleepy
- B. because she is nervous
- C. because she has a cold
- D. because she ate too much

6) As used at the beginning of the story, what does nervous mean?

- A. to be happy
- B. to be hungry
- C. to be mad
- D. to be scared

7) What does Dad tell Tracey to do before school?

- A. stop crying
- B. get her bag
- C. drink some juice
- D. put on her shoes

8) How do Tracey and Dad get to school?

- A. They drive.
- B. They walk.
- C. They run.
- D. They take the bus.

9) What does Tracey think about most as she walks?

- A. her math test
- B. answering questions
- C. having friends
- D. her teachers

10) When does Tracey seem to be brave?

- A. when she cannot eat
- B. when she feels better
- C. when she holds her dad's hand
- D. when she walks up the steps to the school

Adjective

OR

Adverb

Read each sentence. Circle the **-ly** word. Decide whether it is an adverb or an adjective.

Example : No one wanted to live by the smelly landfill. **Adjective**

1. They ran quickly to their seats.
2. The people in the small town were friendly.
3. The boat sailed peacefully down the river.
4. The elderly man could not walk very far.
5. I like curly hair better than straight hair.
6. The soldiers fought bravely against the enemy.
7. The sun was shining brightly in the deep blue sky.
8. They visited their grandparents frequently in the summer.
9. We walked cautiously down the side of the road in the rain.
10. The winter weather was chilly.
11. The breeze blew gently through the tall trees.
12. She whispered softly in his ear, "I love you."
13. The children enjoyed singing the silly songs.
14. They hiked tirelessly up the rugged mountain.
15. He smiled at the lovely woman as she walked by.
16. We happily joined the party when we finished working.
17. They sadly lowered their heads after the funeral.
18. Jennifer smiled shyly at the students in her new class.
19. We were upset when the man looked at us strangely.
20. My baby sister held her cuddly teddy bear while she slept.

PREPOSITION

A preposition is a word that shows a relationship between a noun (or pronoun) and some other word in the sentence.

Prepositions can show where people or things are located.

- ☒ **The girl walked through the door.** The preposition through describes where the girl walked in relation to the door.
- ☒ **My book is under the papers.** The preposition under describes where the book is in relation to the papers.
- Prepositions can also show time relationships.
- ☒ **I went to the store before I made dinner.** The preposition before describes the time relationship between going to the store and making dinner.
- ☒ **We told ghost stories during the night.** The preposition during describes the time relationship between telling ghost stories and the night.



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Combining Sentences

When two sentences have the same subject, you can combine the predicates with the word 'and'

example:
The seagull flew over my head.
The seagull landed on the roof.
The seagull flew over my head and landed on the roof.

When two sentences have the same predicate, you can combine the subjects with the word and.

example:
My dad drives the boat.
My brother drives the boat.
My dad and brother drive the boat.

Combine each pair of sentences with the word **and** to make a new sentence.

1. Bobby played hide-and-seek.
Cindy played hide-and-seek.
2. My sister brushed her hair.
My sister put on her new dress.
3. The mail carrier crossed the street.
The mail carrier delivered mail to the red house.
4. Mrs. Donnelly corrected spelling tests.
Mr. Stoffel corrected spelling tests.
5. The dog caught the ball.
The dog brought the ball back to me.
6. Beth painted a picture.
Beth put it on the table to dry.
7. The pilot landed the plane.
The pilot opened the door to let the passengers out.
8. My friend Sara went to the movie theater.
I went to the movie theater.



ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED MARCH 9, 2015)

KEY : A Christmas in March : 1D 2C 3A 4D 5B 6C
KEY : A Cold Day : 1A 2D 3A 4B 5D 6A 7B 8B
KEY : A Day Like No Other : 1C 2B 3B 4B 5C 6C

CONFUSING WORDS :

1. May I have some friends over tonight?
2. We would have enjoyed the hike more, except Sheila got a blister on her foot.
3. Beatrice lay her coat and hat on the chair when she came in.
4. Marcus has done a great job keeping up with his chores this summer.
5. How do you expect me to except this answer without any explanation?
6. Dad carefully hung the family portrait over the sofa.
7. At the park on a nice day, you can find people sitting or lying on a blanket relaxing.
8. Jackson, you may have a second piece of pie if you like.
9. Poor Grandma has lain in bed with a headache most of the afternoon.
10. Without hesitation, the king sentenced the thief to be hanged at the gallows.