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Just one touch

I am sitting in a chair next to Momma's bed. I am watching her get ready for a party. She opens the beautiful jewelry box on her nightstand.

It is the size of a shoebox. It is wooden. It has colorful stones on top. They are red, green, yellow, and blue. To me, the box looks magical. It looks like it has special powers.

"Now, you know you must never touch this box, right?" Momma says. I feel like she knows exactly what I am thinking.

I just want to touch it. I just want to open it. I just want to try on all the jewelry inside and dance around the room!

"Yes, Momma," I say. "I know." What do I know?

I know Momma has always told me not to touch the box. She has said it since I was a little girl.

"You are not old enough to wear my jewelry," Momma says. I am almost eleven years old! What is the big deal?

I know that when Momma puts on the rings and bracelets from the box, she looks different. She seems

There is one necklace with a yellow stone like a tiger's eye. When Momma puts this on, she seems to float instead of walk. Her feet do not seem to touch the ground. She moves lightly and gracefully. She moves without effort.

Momma kisses me goodnight. She leaves for the party. I run to the window to wave to her, but she is already gone.

Tonight I am very curious. Just one touch.

to glow.

I sit on the edge of Momma's bed. I place my hand on

the nightstand. I pause. I think.

My hand moves up and rests on the jewelry box. The box quickly flips open by itself! Jewels fly into the air. They dance around my head. I feel strange. I fall down to the floor.

I wake up in a place I have never seen before.

1) Where does most of this story take place?

A. at a party B. in a pretend place

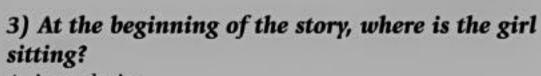
- C. outside a window
- D. in Momma's bedroom

2) Who is telling the story?

A. Momma B. a young girl

C. Momma's friend

D. a pretend person



A. in a chair

B. on the bed C. on the floor

D. next to the window

4) The jewelry box looks magical. What does this mean?

A. It looks simple.

B. It looks expensive.

C. It looks like it has special powers.

D. It looks like it was made a long time ago .

5) What does Momma tell her daughter about the box?

A. that it is magical

B. that she must never touch it C. that the jewels are expensive

D. that she can touch it when she is older

6) Where is Momma going?

A. to a play

B. to a party

C. to a concert D. to a magic show

I. It is brown.

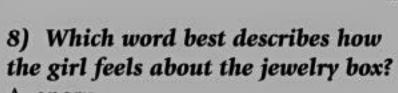
II. It is wooden. III. It is the size of a shoebox.

A. I only

B. I and II

C. II and III

D. I, II, and III



7) What does the jewelry box look like?

A. angry

B. curious C. in love

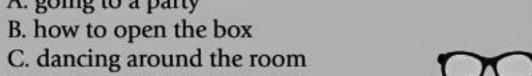
D. scared

9) Momma seems to glow when she puts on

A. make up

B. a necklace

C. the rings and bracelets D. nice shoes and a fancy dress



when she sits on the edge of the bed?

10) What does the girl seem to be thinking about

A. going to a party

D. if she should touch the box

11) How old is the girl?

A. 11 B. 12

C. 10 D. 15



12) What does the reader learn about the box?

A. It is evil.

B. It can fly. C. It is very heavy.

D. It has special powers.

13) What does it mean if something is a big deal?

A. It is a heavy thing.

B. It is very important. C. It cannot be forgotten.

D. It can make a lot of money.

14) At the end of the story, what does the girl mean when she says that Momma seems to float?

A. that Momma is swimming

B. that Momma looks like a boat

C. that it is difficult for Momma to move D. that Momma moves without much effort

Complete the following essay with your own words and ideas.

Life in a high-rise flat

Man is the only home making animal. He alone can enjoy the warmth of his hearth and family circle. Man has evolved from tree dwelling to the modern flat. Primitive man was the master of his hut and it was his castle. Till recently the house had been a complex affair. There were the gardens, barn, poultry, cattle shed and so on.

There was good neighborliness. In sorrow and joy the neighbor shared. They were helping each other in many of life's needs and operations. They had enough leisure. They had time to sit over a pipe or glass of drink and gossip. In short

But those days are gone though there may be vestiges in remote places. The onslaught of Industrial Revolution and the growth of industries as a result have caused

In an industrial area space becomes scarce and as more and more families pour in they cannot find space for houses. Not only the space but also the cost becomes prohibitive. So an average office goer or a worker cannot have the luxury of owning a house. Still they want some shelter to lay

These flats are provided with all facilities like water, electricity,

But there are more disadvantages in living in a high flat. The movement will be restricted and conditioned according to the circumstances. One may have to live with all sorts of people,

. Since all facilities are artificially controlled any breakdown in them would paralyze life. For instance, if there is any defect in the water system, life will be upset. For want of space, one must plan carefully what one must own. Whereas in olden days people had enough space

Further if there were to be accidents like fire or the breakout of epidemics, the high rise flats will suffer most. From aesthetic point of view also the flats do not add to the beauty of the city. In short one may conclude that life in a high rise flat is

necessary evil in a big city. Find the words in the word bank that you need to complete the sentences below. You can use a word more

(Use the verb tables for to be, to do and to have, if you need to.)

than once or not at all.

were was are

has	have	am	comes	come
1. We	going	out tonigh	t.	
2. The sist	ers	the goal-sc	orers in the las	t match.
3. These _	my	parents.		
 Mr Jenk year no 		been tea	ching RE for n	nore than a
5. This is o	ur favourit	e café and v	we here	often.
6. The boy	s f	inished the	ir writing alrea	dy.
	ou			
8. There _	two	gym macl	nines working.	
9. There	thr	ee glue stic	ks left.	

robbed,' said the bank manager.

11. 'I _____ sorry but the experiments _____ failed,' said

12. He ____ very angry that he lost the contest.

Are you GOOD at Connectives?

Then

Until

Complete the following sentences using the correct connective.

But

Although

13. Its windy today, _

14. Snorkeling in the sea is exciting

careful.

Although But 30 and then thin
1 travelling by plane is fast, its expensive bad for the environment.
2. Car-racing is exciting,it's very dangerous.
3. I love exciting places, I want to go to a city.
4. It's usually very hot in Australia the end of April.
I would like to go to the beach first, we can go to the restaurant.
6. I like to eat beef,I do like to eat chicken.
7 you're saying you want to go diving?
8. I want to go snorkeling, diving to the opera.
9you finish your homework you can't watch T.V.
10. It's foggy and stormy outside,you should wea a coat boots.
11. You're not 17 years old,/ you'll have to wait till you can drive a car.
12. I love my pet dog,I prefer music.
NAMES OF THE OWNER

_take your umbrella .

_fun,

prefer to	climb mountains.	
15. England i than Eng	s colder than Spain, _ land.	Spain is hotter
	ght preposition in the	gaps :
1. He's never	time.	
a) at b) on	c) in	
2. Will you b	ehome later?	
a) at b) on	COUNTY TO THE PROPERTY OF THE	
90% . 20%	(C) (A) (A) (E) (A)	

3. Which street did you park your car a) at b) on c) in 4. I'll see you Friday. a) at b) on c) in 5. I'll see you _ _ May. a) at b) on c) in 6. I met her_ _ the party last week.

a) at b) on c) in 7. Can you come by a) at b) on c) in 8. My brother doesn't live _ the same neighbor hood as me.

a) at b) on c) in 9. I haven't seen my cousin _ three months. a) at b) on c) in 10. I just heard that song _ the radio. a) at b) on c) in

Fill in the blanks using AM, IS, ARE, AM NOT, ISN'T, AREN'T:

1. It an onion. 11. Đzmir a city. Jasmine a student. 12. He a postman. 3. Wefriends. 13. It nine o'clock. 4. I hungry. 14. Manhattanan

island. 5. Mark20 years old. 15. Mr. Richards a 6. A bee a big insect lawyer. 7. Newsweek a 16. I happy.

magazine. 17. London a big city. 8. I a professional football player. 18. Dave and Adrian sisters. Theybrothers. 9. I know you. You in 19. New York near to

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1A, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6B, 7C, 8B, 9C, 10D, 11C, 12D, 13B, 14D

say completion

e in a high-rise flat

e house itself was having different portions spacious ough for all the family members to move about. ese villas till recently were popular. Even today we y come across these villas in the countryside.

short everybody was known to everybody and the riety was in one sense self contained.

..... the birth and wth of towns and cities. Though even in ancient s there were cities, they were the capitals of kings d emperors, otherwise there were not many cities. y student of history could appreciate this point. So growth of cities is a modern phenomenon, acomitant to the growth and concentration of lustries.

..... their heads down en they have returned from their office or factory. e answer has been the high rise flats of several floors. ey are either built by building societies or by the using Boards of government.

..... good drainage, airy rooms and so on. In every high rise flat there may be even lifts to take people up and down. In the flats the tenants may be independent. to entertain guests and relatives. It is the children who would suffer most for there won't be enough space for them to run and play about. Unless one has the facility to take them out, they will develop complexes of closed space. Since they cannot easily mingle with other children, there may be blind spots in their character. Living such artificial surroundings may even tell on their health and growth. In short they will feel like caged birds. This may be true of even grown ups.

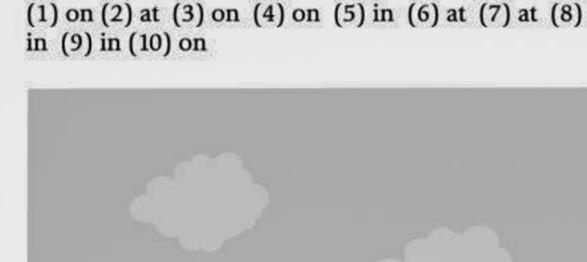
KEY: Find the words in the word that you need to complete the sentences below:

(1) are (2) were (3) are (4) has (5) come (6) have (7) are (8) are (9) are (10) have been (11) am, have (12) was

KEY: Connectives (1) although, so (2) but (3) so (4) until (5) then (6)

so (12) but (13) so, and (14) and, but (15) but KEY: Choose the right preposition

although (7) So (8) then (9) until (10) so, and (11)







the teacher.