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Maze

Student Materials

Grade 7 | Benchmark 1

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Practice 1

As a member of a family, you

have
give
lead

the right to put a poster on your bedroom wall.

Practice 2

You must

put
obey
practice

traffic laws.



	Passage 1	Passage 2	Passage 3
Correct			
Incorrect			

Taking a Chance

Jing gazed at the brown waters of the Yangtze River and whispered, “Yang-tsee,” trying again to achieve the correct pronunciation. The water resembled milky coffee swirling in a

cup
face
trek

, and sheer limestone cliffs rose on either

view
water
side

. Jing glanced around, imagining her great-grandmother, Bo,

gripping
standing
resembling

 next to her. About 85 years ago, there had been a

civil
nervous
familiar

 war in China. Her great-grandmother's parents had

decided
frightened
swayed

 that it was too dangerous for Bo to

transport
stay
squeeze

 in their village. So when Bo was a

young
wise
lengthy

 child her family sent her to

achieve
live
clasp

 with family in America. Bo was never

able
dangerous
new

 to return to China or to

see
work
leave

 her parents again. Jing couldn't imagine

seeing
leaving
smiling

 her family, moving to a strange and

sheer
courageous
frightening

 new country, and never seeing the

steamer
mountain
people

 she loved again. That must have

possessed
pored
taken

 deep courage, more courage than Jing

arrived
embraced
thought

 she possessed herself at this moment.

The

child
limestone
adventure

 cliffs were spectacular, but they made Jing

nervous
steep
old

, too. She had experienced conflicting emotions since she and her

homeland
saying
family

 had arrived in China for a

visit
cliff
bridge

. For so long, the

family had carved and planned this trip to their photographs' homeland and Jing had pored over ancestors'
discussed photographs of the locations they would visit. Now that her airplane family was actually here, everything
things trails seemed both brown and exotic. However, nothing had prepared her for the incredible intensity of
terrified familiar the colors, smells, and flights they had encountered in China.
hands noises Scanning the ancestors of the cliffs, Jing spotted a risk zigzagging down the side of the
parents heights trail country invisible mountain. She grabbed her binoculars and slid in for a closer view of the lengthy trail
foolish steep ignored focused correct below. The trail looked as if it had been swirled into the cliff face. Jing could realize wooden
planned see imagine planks placed along the rock and a river support swaying gently as though invisible hands were
rope moment gripping it. The steep descent and spectacular bridge frightened her. She worked to prepare a grip on
swinging incredible get roar her emotions. Perhaps Bo had slid her palms along a similar rope as she was on her long
visited encountered trek to Shanghai and the steamer that would remember her to the United States. It would
limestone grip transport live seem whisper have been a long trip up the journey of this mountain. The journey on palm from Bo's
have opportunity side courage foot

home village to Shanghai would rose
have
thought taken longer than the family's airplane
emotion
trip flight from

Shanghai to San Francisco.

Afraid of families
fronts
heights, Jing shuddered at the thought of staying
traveling
glancing along the narrow path of this

enormous
exotic
strange mountain teetering hundreds of feet above a side
coffee
river that raged and roared. Then she

remembered
made
discussed the family stories about how Bo was also terrified
civil
long of heights. Her great-grandmother

had probably traveled
raged
moved this same path on this same intensity
mountain
descent all those years before. Jing reminded

herself that sometimes you focus
have
scan no choice except to do the thing
noise
location that frightens you. Jing again

realized that she had to be as afraid
similar
courageous as her great-grandmother had been.

This was her front
plank
opportunity to take a risk and embrace the visit
idea
color of an exciting new adventure.

Jing imagined
gazed
experienced her great-grandmother clasping her hand as she placed
spotted
gazed at the wooden plank bridge

in front
war
idea of her. She consciously repeated an exciting
enormous
old family saying, "A foolish person ignores

fear
support
home, and a wise person embraces it." Jing loved
faced
smiled and imagined squeezing Bo's hand, ready

to

possess
face
get

 whatever came next in her adventure.



Correct _____

Incorrect _____

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Every year, thousands of people across North America take part in an event called the Great

Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). The GBBC is an annual event happened figured created to help scientists gather data about pictures birds trees in the winter. With the help of their “citizen due diverse scientists,” scientists are able to collect huge local available amounts of information in a short period winter way of time.

Each February, the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology answer figure lead this 4-day bird counting event. Ornithology is the finch study report of birds. The goal of the event year park is to collect information about the ornithologist watch location and quantity of birds across the United States and Canada. By

having using traveling thousands of people report from diverse birds questions places, ornithologists are able to answer critical questions moves migrations and make predictions about the health of conditions reports birds. The data give scientists a clear, real-time watcher quantity picture of how bird populations are changing. With the data time places reported during the GBBC, scientists can look turn choose at the effects of weather, disease, and contrast health pollution on birds. They can make predictions about how feeder website winter conditions will affect bird groups. The data crows locations also help scientists

monitor bird migrations and record compare hike the timeline to previous years.

During the number checklist event, bird watchers use two different methods for giving showing observing and counting.

They can choose a stationary clear different or a traveling count. As the picture name pollution implies, a stationary count is

taken in one change place period, such as a local park or a yard list timeline. To conduct a stationary count, watchers

call compare count the highest number of each species of owl bird session seen together at once. For example, in a

method yard result, a watcher may see three finches on a prey tally tree limb, four at a feeder, and two at a birdbath data life.

The person should record four finches since that was the shortest highest previous number seen in a group together at

one time. In information contrast location to a stationary count, watchers making a variety traveling birdbath count do just that: they

travel. They figure recover count birds of different species while moving over a distance person group, such as while taking a

hike. During a careful traveling many count, the watcher must be careful not to look gather count the same bird twice. After

completing a stationary counting high session, watchers enter their bird tallies in an annual online able checklist on the GBBC

website.

How much amount information example is really being gathered? During the GBBC of 2011, information bird goal

watchers turned in more than 92,000 continents species checklists. They counted more than 11 million animals birds scientists from

596 separate species. In 2012, years life cycles watchers turned in more than 104,000 limbs effects checklists with more than 17

million birds from 623 varieties species diseases. From these lists, scientists can monitor trends names counts in bird groups. For

example, in the 2000s, the GBBC closely helped affected watched the crow population as the West Nile virus

observed caused thought many crows to die across the U.S. and Canada. In the 2010s, the weather number pattern of crows

increased and scientists used the GBBC predictions counts increases to figure out that the crows had involved collected recovered.

In 2012, the GBBC results took monitored showed an increase in the number of Snowy Owls across the

study trend continent. Scientists think that the increase is most likely huge critical due to an increase in the number of

prey same online animals available for the owls to eat complete be.

To learn what is happening to birds across North America, events populations scientists need ways to gather

information. The Great Backyard Bird Count involves makes studies people of all ages in the United States and

Canada in

seeing
counting
having

 different bird species in a variety of

locations
names
citizens

. The collected data helps scientists
study

cycle
bird
people

 populations and life cycle patterns.



Correct _____

Incorrect _____

The Suez Canal

Prior to 1869, people who wanted to travel between Europe and Asia had to follow long and difficult overland routes or take a boat all the way around the tip of Africa. For years, traders and travelers dreamed of

building
going
exploding

 a canal through the Egyptian Isthmus of Suez, a

heavily
deeply
relatively

 narrow strip of land that separates the Mediterranean Sea on its north and the Red Sea on its south. If an

international
artificial
overland

, or human-made, waterway were created through the

ship
isthmus
fee

, it could connect the two seas. Such a

canal
cargo
country

 could be used for travel between Europe and Asia,

closing
shortening
carrying

 the journey by more than 5,000

trips
governments
miles

.

Although others had investigated the possibility of

building
remaining
towing

 a canal across the isthmus, it

was
passed
built

 a Frenchman named Ferdinand de Lesseps who made it a

beginning
reality
construction

. In 1854, de Lesseps got permission from the

viceroy
strip
passenger

, or governor, of Egypt to undertake the

project
people
country

. It was agreed that once built, the

job
waterway
journey

 would always be open to ships from all

tankers
channels
countries

. Construction started in 1859. It took ten

years
realities
warships

 and 100 million dollars to complete the 101-mile-long

canal
field
direction

.

The main job involved in building the canal

was
caused
escorted

digging a path for the waterway. In the

route
beginning
part

, the digging was done by workers

separating
completing
using

little more than picks and baskets.

Eventually, earth-moving

machines
viceroys
paths

such as steam shovels and dredgers

routed
powered
were

used. The main

channels of the

canal
example
cost

were dredged, or dug out, to a

depth
mile
traveler

of about 26 feet. This would

have
pay
shorten

been deep enough for ships at that

trader
time
machine

. Since then, the canal has been

involved
made
transported

wider and deeper to accommodate larger

artificial
modern
vital

ships. Along part of the route,

clear
little
double

lanes were

created, so that two

examples
governors
ships

traveling in opposite directions could pass one another. Most ships that

name
use
open

the canal travel under their own

isthmus
power
toll

, but some ships must travel through the canal either

escorted
remained
dreamed

, or towed, by a tugboat. The

trade
beginning
trip

from one end of the canal to the other

wants
takes
picks

approximately 12 to 18 hours.

For many

years
waterways
times

, the Suez Canal was operated by the Suez Canal Company. In 1956,

however, the

shipper
job
country

of Egypt claimed the canal as its own. Since

used
then
claimed

, conflicts in the area,

such as the Suez Canal Crisis from 1956 to 1957, and the Arab-Israeli War in 1967, have involve caused block

the canal to be closed. Following the Arab-Israeli War, the canal shoveled remained ended closed for 8 years

because it connected created was blocked by sunken ships and hidden explosives waterways possibilities .

Today, the Suez Canal is one of the petroleum's project's world's most heavily used shipping lanes. Sometimes,

year passenger depth ships and even warships use the canal. For the most conflict part way , however, it is used by

tankers and cargo manufactured double ships. Going north, tankers transport petroleum from Middle Eastern

worker lane oil fields to Europe and other western ports passengers tugboats . Going south, cargo ships carry grain and

followed used manufactured products from Europe to eastern and deep southern modern Asia.

Shippers must pay tolls to the Egyptian channel government boat to use the Suez Canal. The fees are well

hidden worth narrow the savings in time, labor, and fuel foot grain costs. For example, shipping oil around Africa to

Northern Europe investigates claims takes about 24 days. By using the Suez Canal, resources shippers lands cut that time to 14

days, which tows reduces digs the cost. About 8 percent of the year's world's fuel's ships pass through the Suez

Canal. It

saves
is
has

 clear that this human-made waterway is a

difficult
sunken
vital

 resource for international trade.



Correct _____

Incorrect _____