



ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION

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Read the following and answer the following questions:

Walking on the Moon

When I was in 4th grade, I got to take a trip to the moon. I remember the day like it was yesterday. It was one of the strangest experiences I'd ever had. It all started when Miss Fritz, our fourth grade science teacher, was showing a video about the Solar System and different planets. Halfway through the video, I noticed a sparkling metal disc, about the size of a quarter, lying on the floor. I kept trying to pay attention to the video, but found myself reaching over to pick up the shiny disk that was next to my desk. As soon as I touched the metal disk, something strange happened. I wasn't in the classroom anymore. I was hovering in the air, way above the school. I could see the whole town, or rather the rooftops of the whole town. I was a little nervous, but also pretty excited. What was happening? How could I be floating? It was then I remembered the metal disk I'd picked up from the floor earlier. Did it have something to do with the strange things that were happening to me right now? I opened my palm and looked closely at the disk. On the disk were the words: "Floating through the air, like a helium filled balloon, your travels will not stop, until you reach the moon." The next thing I knew, I was soaring through space, dodging satellites and asteroids. Oddly enough, I wasn't cold and I was able to breathe just fine. Before I knew it, I was standing on the moon. It was amazing! It looked very different than Earth. No trees, water, or houses. There wasn't even any wind. For each step I took I would bounce way up into the air. Every step I took left a huge footprint in the dust. I had to be careful and make sure I didn't jump into a crater because I wasn't sure if I'd be able to get out. Sometimes I couldn't even see the bottom. I was bounding over to something in the distance that looked very out of place. When I got there, I realized it was a flag. On the flag were the words:

"To go to Earth, close your eyes and think of what you've learned. You will find in no time at all, you will be returned."

I wasn't sure I wanted to go back just yet, but I knew it might get dark soon and I didn't want to be on the moon by myself in the dark. I decided to close my eyes and think of the weather and other characteristics of the moon I'd learned that day. When I opened my eyes I was sitting in my desk in my science classroom. Miss Fritz was turning on the lights because the video was over. I sat there wondering about what just happened. I opened my hand to look at the metal disk, but it was gone! Did I really take a trip to the moon or was it just a dream?

1. What is the setting at the beginning of the story?

- A. Saturn
- B. outer space
- C. a town
- D. a science classroom



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2. In the sentence, "I was hovering in the air, way above the school," what does the word hovering mean?

- A. floating
- B. dreaming
- C. walking
- D. jumping

3. Why are the words "Floating through the air, like a helium filled balloon, your travels will not stop, until you reach the moon" written in italics?

- A. The teacher thinks they are important.
- B. They are words the student says.
- C. They are words from the video.
- D. The words on the disk are important.

4. In which sentence does the word bound have the same meaning as in the sentence "I was bound over to something in the distance . . . " ?

- A. The sticks were bound in a bundle.
- B. The rabbit will bound through the field.
- C. My book was bound at the printers.
- D. There is bound to be a change of plans.

5. Why does the main character NOT know if the moon trip really happened?

- A. The main character was sitting in a desk when the video ended.
- B. The metal disk was gone and the main character did not have any proof.
- C. The main character had difficulty remembering the order of events.
- D. The solar system video is still being shown.

6. Which event happens first in the story?

- A. The main character is hovering above the town.
- B. The main character reads the words on the disk.
- C. The main character picks up a sparkling metal disk.
- D. The main character is sitting at a desk.

7. What would be another title for the passage?

- A. The Great Class Field Trip
- B. The Living Moon
- C. The Magic Metal Disk
- D. The Solar System

8. What is the superlative degree of the adjective 'pretty'?

9. Write the superlative degree of comparison of the word Strange.

10. Frame a sentence using the word 'nervous'.
