

# Young Lives

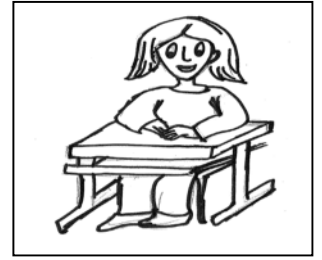
Reading Comprehension (English)  
ITEM BANK

**SET B**

Mark with an X the picture that matches the sentence.

1. He teaches the students.

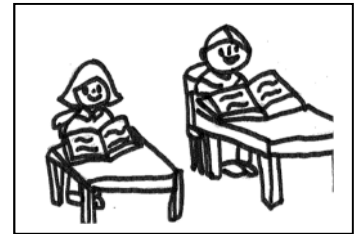
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2. A man is climbing a tree.

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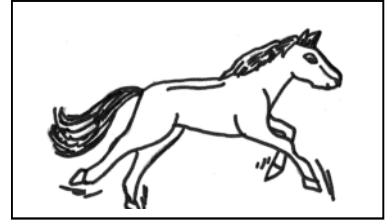


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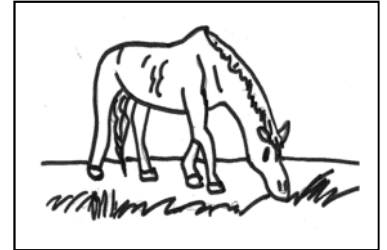


3. The horse is eating in the field.

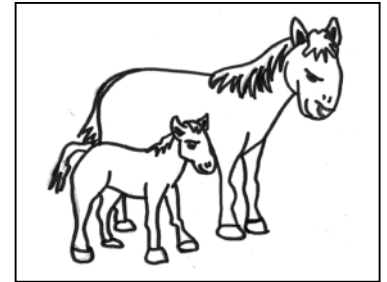
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c)



## SET D

Kishore lives in Ramapuram village. He is a grade seven student and is twelve years old. He is a very clever student and works hard.

Kishore father is a successful farmer. He usually produces a large quantity of maize from his farm. Kishore's mother is also a hard worker. In addition to her main domestic work she sells salt at the market in her spare time, to subsidize [or supplement] the income of the family.

After school Kishore always herds cattle. He sometimes also assists his mother by fetching water. Chandu is Kishore's classmate. In the evening, Kishore studies with Chandu.

### 4. How old is Kishore?

- a) 12
- b) 7
- c) 20
- d) 17

### 5. What does Kishore always do after school?

- a) Farming
- b) Trading
- c) Herding cattle
- d) Nothing

### 6. What does Kishore mother do in her spare time?

- a) She farms
- b) She sells salt
- c) She does domestic work
- d) She herds cattle

### 7. In the evening who does Kishore study with?

- a) His mother
- b) His father
- c) No-one
- d) Chandu

8. Kishore does many things after school. Which is a full list of his activities?

- a) He herds cattle, fetches water and feeds goats
- b) He fetches water, herds cattle and sleeps
- c) He fetches water, herds cattle and studies with Chandu
- d) He fetches water, feeds goats and studies with Chandu

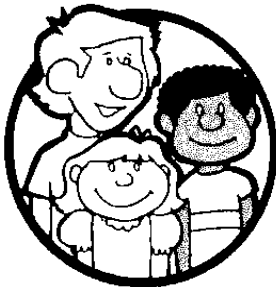

9. What is the main message of the story in the passage?

- a) Kishore family are hard workers
- b) Kishore family do not work hard
- c) Kishore is good friends with Chandu
- d) Kishore is a very clever student


## SET F

Below is an announcement. Read it carefully.

### Get Vaccinated!!



**Get vaccinated against Measles**  
**Free from [February 5<sup>th</sup> to October 6<sup>th</sup>]**  
**A campaign by The Ministry of Health**

Any child from 13 months to 18 years old and any adult over the age of 18 can be vaccinated for free between these dates

<p><b>Why is it necessary to get vaccinated?</b> Measles can be a serious illness. It is one of the leading causes of death among young children.</p> <p><b>What are the symptoms of measles?</b> Measles causes a rash, cough and fever. In addition, the disease can cause severe diarrhea or pneumonia and brain swelling. In extreme cases measles can result in death.</p>	<p><b>Who should be vaccinated?</b> All children who have not been vaccinated should receive the vaccine as soon as possible.</p> <p>Most adults who have not been vaccinated should get the measles vaccine as quickly as possible, but there are some people who must wait to be vaccinated against this disease.</p> <p>Pregnant women should wait to get vaccinated. They should do it after their child's birth.</p>
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Based on the announcement, answer the following questions

**10. What is being announced?**

- a. A disease called Measles
- b. A free vaccination campaign against Measles
- c. Children
- d. The importance of vaccination

**11. Who can be vaccinated for free between [February 5<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>]?**

- a. Children from 13 months to 18 years old
- b. Adults over 18 years old
- c. Children between 13 months and 18 years and adults over 18 years old
- d. No one

**12. Who has produced the announcement?**

- a. The Ministry of Health
- b. The hospitals and clinics
- c. The doctors and nurses
- d. The Ministry of Education

**13. In which group of people is measles a leading cause of death?**

- a. Adults
- b. Pregnant women
- c. Young children
- d. All people

**14. Which of the following is a list of symptoms of Measles?**

- a. Rash, cough, fever and diarrhoea
- b. Diarrhoea, pneumonia, hunger and brain swelling
- c. Rash, cough, hunger and death
- d. Diarrhoea, pneumonia, loss of eyesight, fever

## SET H

Read the following text carefully:

Imagine there is a competition in which you are told to give Earth a new name. What would you call it? If you look at the surface of the earth from space, you could call it [Oceana]. This would probably be a good name because around 71% of the earth's surface is covered with water, and most of the water – around 97% - can be found in oceans.

Although every ocean and every sea has a different name, they all form one continuous mass of water. The Atlantic, Indian and Pacific are three major oceans. Other masses of water, such as the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and the Arctic Ocean are considered part of the Atlantic Ocean. A sea is a part of an ocean but is almost completely surrounded by land.

The Pacific Ocean is the biggest on Earth. Its surface and volume are greater than the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean combined. The Pacific is also the deepest, with an average depth of 3 350 meters. Although the Indian Ocean is much smaller than the Atlantic, its average depth is greater.

The ocean, formed by salt water, carries an important role in the water cycle. In this cycle, the sun's rays heat the ocean surface. Heat makes water evaporate and change from its liquid phase to gas. Evaporated water, which is pure, enters the atmosphere as water vapour. The salt stays in the ocean.

Wind drags most of the water vapor back towards the earth surface. Part of this vapour condenses in the form of clouds and, with the right conditions; it falls in the form of precipitation (rain, snow and hail). Part of this water goes to rivers and streams and ends back in the ocean. The other part filters through the rocks and soil and becomes part of the groundwater beneath the surface of the Earth. The ocean is a source of fresh water for all living things.

Based on the text, answer the following questions by marking the correct answer with an X.

**15. What would be the best title for the text above?**

- a. Seas and rivers
- b. Oceans and the water cycle
- c. The biggest oceans in the world
- d. The effect of the wind and rain

**16. What Ocean is the biggest on Earth?**

- a. Atlantic
- b. Pacific
- c. Indian
- d. Arctic

**17. Why is '[Oceana]' a good new name for Earth?**

- a. Because it's a nice name
- b. Because the Earth is mostly made up of water in the oceans
- c. Because oceans are an important part of the water cycle
- d. Because oceans are a source of water for all living things

**18. According to the text, salt water turns into fresh water when**

- a. It falls in the form of rain
- b. It filters through the rocks
- c. It cools
- d. It evaporates and condenses

**19. What is a sea and how is it related to an ocean?**

- a. A sea is a continuous mass of water, which is the same as an ocean
- b. A sea is a part of an ocean almost completely surrounded by land
- c. A sea is made up of oceans
- d. A sea is a part of an ocean which is not close to any land



20. Which of the following is the most important idea in the previous text?

a. Oceans play a very important role in the water cycle

b. The Atlantic Ocean is bigger than the Indian Ocean

c. The Pacific Ocean is the deepest on Earth

d. The Mediterranean Sea and Arctic Ocean are part of the Atlantic Ocean

## SET K

Read the following text carefully:

Several members of the cat family have spotted fur. Do you know the difference between a leopard, a jaguar, and a cheetah? From a distance they may appear somewhat similar. Examined at closer range, however, they are clearly different cats. They differ in various ways, including where they live, how big they are, how they move and hunt, and how their fur is marked.

Of all the big cats in the wild, the leopard is found across the largest area. Leopards live in much of Asia and Africa. Leopards are skilled climbers that can hunt monkeys in trees. They can also lie in wait and pounce on passing prey. When food sources are scarce, they might eat fruit, field mice, and large insects. Leopard spots are not actually solid spots; they are broken circles.

The jaguar is native to the Americas. Its natural range is from the southern United States to northern Argentina, with the largest concentration of jaguars being in Brazil and Central America. The beauty and power of the jaguar inspired worship among ancient peoples. Possessing a large head and body, the jaguar has legs that are shorter and thicker than a leopard's. Jaguars are excellent climbers and can also swim well. Their fur can be a vivid yellow color or a rusty shade. Each of their spots is large and black, consisting of a middle spot with a circle of spots around it.

The cheetah's head is smaller than the leopard's, and its body is longer. This cat is built for speed. Its legs are much longer than the leopard's, allowing it to run at speeds of up to **[70 miles per hour]**! This incredible ability helps the cheetahs catch their dinner, which is usually an unfortunate antelope. A cheetah's spots are simply black spots or circles.

What all of these cats have in common is that they are wild, powerful animals of tremendous grace and beauty.

Based on the text, answer the following questions by marking the correct answer with an X.

21. Where in the world is one of the largest concentrations of jaguars?

- a. The wilds of Africa
- b. Brazil and Central America
- c. Northwestern Afghanistan
- d. Northern Argentina

22. Which of the following is NOT a way to tell the difference between spotted cats?

- a. how big they are
- b. how their fur is marked
- c. where they live
- d. how beautiful they are

23. Which of the following is a quality possessed by BOTH leopards and jaguars?

- a. They are skilled climbers
- b. They can swim well
- c. They are built for speed
- d. They can hunt by climbing trees

24. Which words from the passage express an attitude of sympathy for animals that are prey to big cats?

- a. . . . How they move and hunt . . .
- b. . . . Might eat fruit, field mice, and large insects.
- c. . . . Dinner, which is usually an unfortunate antelope
- d. . . . That they are wild, powerful animals . . .

25. What is the difference between a cheetah and a leopard according to the text?

a. The cheetah is faster and the leopard's body is longer

b. Unlike the leopard, the cheetah's spots are just spots not circles and the cheetah's head is larger than the leopard's

c. The leopard can climb trees while the cheetah cannot

d. The cheetah and leopards spots are different and they are different in shape and size

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