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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

“Mom,” Nicole called loudly, “I need to do my homework, and Anthony won’t get off the computer!”

Their mom came into the living room to see what was going on. “Anthony, it looks like you’re just playing a game right now. You need to let your sister do her homework.”

“And I was winning, too,” Anthony grumbled as he got up. “It’s not fair!”

“I’m sick of having to wait all the time to use the computer,” Nicole complained. “We need another computer in this house!”

“Well, at least we agree on that,” Anthony said as Nicole settled down to work. Then he added, “Mom, Nicole’s right. When can we get a new computer?”

Their mom responded, “For now, you’ll have to share. I will start looking at prices, though.”

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Total**1.** Why is Nicole unhappy?

- (A) Her brother doesn’t want to share the computer.
- (B) She can’t find her homework.
- (C) She doesn’t know how to do her homework.
- (D) The computer is broken.

2. What do Nicole and Anthony want their mother to do?

- (A) play a computer game
- (B) help with homework
- (C) get another computer
- (D) fix the computer

3. Which two words from the text have the same vowel sound?

- (A) *right* and *like*
- (B) *too* and *of*
- (C) *came* and *and*
- (D) *new* and *need*

4. Which is a synonym for *complained*?

- (A) called
- (B) responded
- (C) grumbled
- (D) played

5. What does the phrase *sick of* mean?

- (A) ill
- (B) tired of
- (C) happy about
- (D) eager for

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Nicole and her brother were happy that their mom had decided to think about getting a new computer. They were both tired of sharing the computer that the family already had. Nicole asked her mom what kind of computer they were going to get.

"Before we decide that," her mom answered, "we need to decide what we want the computer to do. Once we figure that out, we'll have a better idea of the kind of computer we want."

"Maybe we should make a list of things we want," Nicole said. "Then, we can use that list to pick out a computer."

"That makes a lot of sense," her mom said. "Let's start making that list."

1. Which question about the text would help you as you monitor your reading?
- (A) How old is Nicole?
- (B) What other electronics does this family own?
- (C) How will the family decide what kind of computer to get?
- (D) What is Nicole's brother's name?

2. Which is a clue that this text is fiction?
- (A) rhyme
- (B) dialogue
- (C) imaginary creatures
- (D) facts and dates

3. Which is a prepositional phrase?
- (A) before we decide
- (B) make a list
- (C) going to get
- (D) we're both tired

4. Which is a synonym for *pick out*?
- (A) choose
- (B) pluck
- (C) indecisive
- (D) pull

5. The phrase *that makes a lot of sense* says what about Nicole's mom?
- (A) She is angry with Nicole.
- (B) She does not agree with Nicole.
- (C) She thinks Nicole is right.
- (D) She did not hear Nicole.

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Nicole and her brother, Anthony, sat down with their mother. They needed to make a list of things that they wanted in a computer. Then, the family would use that list to choose the best computer for them.

"I want a computer that has lots of good graphics," Anthony said. "Those are the best kinds for playing games. And good graphics will allow me to do my assignments, too."

"Pictures are fine," Nicole said, "but I need a computer that lets me do research and write at the same time. I want a fast computer that helps me get my homework done quickly."

"Okay," their mom said as she wrote down what they were saying. "And I need a computer that lets me take care of our family finances and keep good records. I think we have our list."

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1. Which paragraph would you reread to find what Anthony wants in a computer?

- (A) the first paragraph
- (B) the second paragraph
- (C) the third paragraph
- (D) the fourth paragraph

2. How will the family use the list?

- (A) to decide who gets to use the computer
- (B) to buy someone a present
- (C) to fix their computer
- (D) to choose the best computer for them

3. What is the word *graphics* related to?

- (A) size
- (B) sound
- (C) pictures
- (D) price

4. Which is a synonym for *assignments*?

- (A) television
- (B) tasks
- (C) computers
- (D) games

5. If Nicole's mom takes care of *family finances*, what does she do?

- (A) keeps track of money
- (B) takes care of cars
- (C) completes yard work
- (D) plans for meals

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A NEW COMPUTER

Nicole, her brother Anthony, and their mother went to the computer store. The family had decided that one computer wasn't enough. So they were there to buy another one. They saw a lot of different computers at the store. Nicole asked, "How are we going to know which computers will do the things we need?"

"All of the computers have labels that explain what they do," Mom replied. "We'll start by reading labels. They will tell us whether a computer does the things we need it to do."

For a little while, nobody spoke much. Nicole, Anthony, and their mom read the labels on different computers. There were all sorts of models, too. After a while, the family found three computers they liked. All three would do the things the family needed. Everyone agreed on those models. Then, their mom asked a salesperson to answer some questions.

The salesperson answered her questions. She even let Nicole and Anthony try out the computers. Then, Nicole and Anthony talked with their mom. They liked all three models. But they finally agreed on the best one for them. Their mom told the salesperson which computer they wanted. Then she paid for it.

Finally, they finished buying the computer. Nicole and Anthony wanted to look around more. They liked the computer store and they wanted to see what else was there. But their mom said, "We should get going. I want to get this home and set it up. I want to make sure it will work properly."

Nicole and Anthony were eager to try out their new computer, so they didn't argue with their mom. When they got home, their mom set up the computer and everyone got to try it. It worked perfectly! Their mom said, "Now you two won't fight over the computer anymore."

"No," agreed Anthony. "Now we'll just fight over who gets to use the new one."



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Read "A New Computer" and then answer the questions.

1. Which of these is the first thing the family does at the computer store?

- (A) They try out a computer.
 (B) They read labels on computers.
 (C) They ask the salesperson some questions.
 (D) They bring their new computer home.

2. What does the title tell you about the topic of this text?

- (A) It's about a trip to a dairy farm.
 (B) It's about the first day in a new school.
 (C) It's about buying a new computer.
 (D) It's about a trip to the beach.

3. Which is an appropriate purpose for reading this text?

- (A) for enjoyment
 (B) to compare different computer brands
 (C) to learn about computer technology
 (D) to understand why Nicole wants a new computer

4. How do Nicole and Anthony feel about the new computer?

- (A) excited
 (B) afraid
 (C) furious
 (D) bored

5. Why doesn't their mom want Nicole and Anthony to look around the computer store?

- (A) She is angry with Nicole and Anthony.
 (B) She wants to buy more things.
 (C) She wants to get the new computer set up.
 (D) She is afraid Nicole and Anthony will get lost.

6. Which would you probably **not** find at this store?

- (A) mouse pads
 (B) printers
 (C) keyboards
 (D) sneakers

7. Which theme applies to this text?

- (A) Trust your instincts.
 (B) Gather information before you buy.
 (C) Computers are difficult to understand.
 (D) Labels make no sense.

8. Which text has a similar theme?

- (A) an article about shopping malls
 (B) a story about family vacations
 (C) a story about thinking through a big decision
 (D) a story about siblings arguing

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