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***Warm-up #1***

Olivia was practicing her flute. She kept checking the time. She constantly stared at her neighbors playing baseball.

1. You can infer that Olivia

Today I was late for my volleyball game. Mom pulled the car over several times to study the map she had printed off the Internet. Mom even made me go into a convenience store to see if I could get some help in there. When we finally got to the gym, the girls on my team were almost finished warming up.

2. Why was she late for her volleyball game?

3. What is your evidence?

***Warm-up #2***

Wendy is going to visit a special person today. This older person gives lots of hugs and kisses. She likes to spoil Wendy. This person takes good care of Wendy, too. She bakes the best apple pie. The person Wendy is seeing is a mother.

1. Who do you think is the special person Wendy is visiting today? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What is your evidence? Underline two pieces.

***Warm-up #3***

The men walked down the streets to the mine with their heads bent close to their chests. In groups of five or six they scurried on. It was impossible to recognize individuals from the small gaps between their caps, pulled down over their eyes, and the tightly bound scarves tied over the bottom half of their faces.

What was the weather like as the men walked to the mine? What parts of the passage made you think this? Provide 2 quotes.

***Warm-up #4***

Rain lashed against the windows as Jane stamped up and down the room stopping only to check the time on the mantle clock every five minutes. Her book, bought with such enthusiasm the day before, was flung carelessly in the corner beside the abandoned picnic basket. Jane stamped her feet and began to repeat her earlier tedious complaints against nature. Emily merely smiled to herself and carried on reading the newspaper without as much as a nod of the head.

How would you describe Jane's mood? What 2 parts of the excerpt made you think this?

***Warm-up #5***

What animal is about three feet long has a twelve-inch tail, and black and white fur? The animal is terribly mean. The Tasmanian devil is a marsupial that gives birth to its babies. The baby is placed in a pouch to grow up. It takes about fifteen to sixteen weeks for the baby to get enough of its mother's milk to be able to leave the pouch. These ugly, mean animals live in Australia. They sneak around at night and kill small animals. Sometimes they eat dead animals to survive. If you run into a Tasmanian devil at night, run away! They are not the cute cartoon pictures that you grew up with. They have sharp teeth!

Why can’t the Tasmanian devil leave the pouch too early? Provide a quote from the text as evidence.

***Warm-up #6***

Of all the chores Michael had around the house, it was his least favorite. Folding the laundry was fine; doing the dishes was all right. But he could not stand hauling the large bags over to the giant silver canisters. He hated the smell and the possibility of rats. It was disgusting.

What chore does Michael hate? Provide two quotes as evidence.

***Warm-up #6***

He had always wanted to serve his country, but this seemed like madness. He was supposed to fight in a war in a foreign land, helping to protect people whom he didn’t even know. Michael had a strong sense of patriotism, but he was worried about the bombs, death and carnage that could await him in Iraq. He pondered whether he would ever see his family again.

Based on the passage, what is Michael thinking about? Why is he hesitant? Provide two quotes as evidence.

***Warm-up #7***

Long ago, when people settled the United States, most lived in the East, and it was hard to travel west. There were no planes, trains, or automobiles. People traveled by wagon or boat, and it took many days to reach a destination. Although it was difficult, in the 1840s, many people traveled far across the United States from the East to the West. They were pioneers. They would settle in the western part of the country after a challenging journey to a new life.

***Summarize the passage:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Warm-up #8***

The prairie is a place where plants have lived for hundreds of years. If you see a natural prairie in different seasons, you see bright flowers and tall grasses. In early spring you see shooting stars and violets, and the spring grasses begin to grow. The prairie is very wet then since winter snows melt and leave ponds. There are two kinds of prairie grasses, one that grows a lot in spring, another that grows a lot in summer.

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***Warm-up #9***

Your body uses the protein you eat to make lots of specialized protein molecules that have specific jobs. For instance, your body uses protein to make hemoglobin. That is the part of red blood cells that carries oxygen to every part of your body. Other proteins are used to build cardiac muscle. What's that? Your heart! In fact, whether you're running or just hanging out, protein is doing important work like moving your legs, moving your lungs, and protecting you from disease.

***Summarize the passage:*** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.