

Study Island-Main Idea(Day 1)

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1. Of course you always have to balance yourself when you are on a bike. That's easy when you are pedaling but harder when you are stopped. When you are pedaling, the wheels are spinning. That makes your bike a gyroscope. A wheel spinning in an upright position tends to keep that position. That same idea also works for other things. You may have noticed that a spinning top falls over when it stops spinning.

Which best describes the main idea of the passage?

- A. why tops fall over when they stop spinning
 - B. the science behind balancing on a bicycle
 - C. the reason people enjoy riding bicycles
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2. The ring you sometimes see around the sun or moon is called a halo. It is believed to be caused by the scattering of sunlight by tiny ice crystals very high in the sky. High clouds of ice crystals in the sky are called cirrus clouds or cirrostratus if they form a layer. These often form in front of warm fronts that bring rain. That means a halo around the sun or moon is often a warning that rain may come.

The passage is mainly about

- A. a warning that rain may come.
 - B. warm fronts that bring rain.
 - C. how halos are formed.
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3. *Have you experienced the thrill of Real Skate?*

Hey, video game players! It's time to ditch those cartoon games. Who wants to take baby steps when you can fly with the big boys? *Real Skate* takes you to the limits of your imagination. You will travel at speeds that will take your

breath away. You will jump so high and so far you will feel like you can fly! When you've finished a round of *Real Skate*, you'll want two bottles of ice water—one to drink, and one to pour over your feet! You can own *Real Skate* today for only \$29.95.

What is this advertisement mostly about?

- A. *Real Skate* is a video game only for older video game players.
 - B. *Real Skate* is an action-packed video game that is fun to play.
 - C. The video game *Real Skate* is a bargain at only \$29.95.
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4. Napoleon Bonaparte was born in Corsica in 1769. He went to military schools in France. By age sixteen, he was an active member of the French army. He fought in the wars against France's enemies during the revolution. He became known as a great leader. He won campaigns against the British and the Italians. He made sure that news of his victories reached the right ears. Before long he met the key political leaders in Paris.

What is this paragraph mainly about?

- A. famous people born in Corsica
 - B. the life of Napoleon Bonaparte
 - C. French military history
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5. Let me tell you about my day. I woke up, took a shower, got dressed, and got a ride to the airport. After a three-hour flight, I met my grandparents at the gate and we had lunch. I couldn't get over all the beautiful palm trees scattered around. I was used to snow, snow, snow. When we finished with lunch, they took me on a driving tour of their city, but I was in a hurry to get to the beach. By that time, it was four o'clock. I only had a few precious hours of sun left, so I put it to good use. They dropped me off, and I agreed to meet them in the same spot at six. I quickly changed into my swimsuit and ran into the waves. I could hardly believe that this morning I woke up in ten-degree weather, and now I was in the warm ocean!

The passage is mainly about

- A. the warmth of the ocean at night.

- B. how grandparents are boring.
 - C. the activities of the narrator's day.
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6. Dalmatians are large-breed dogs. They are called Dalmatians because they come from Dalmatia. Dalmatians have white coats with round black or brown spots. They are short-haired dogs. Dalmatians have flat skulls that are wide between the ears. They have smallish ears that grow close to the head. Dalmatians are usually less than two feet high at the shoulder. They can weigh anywhere from 35 to 55 pounds. Dalmatians make good pets, watchdogs, and performing dogs.

What is this paragraph mainly about?

- A. good uses for Dalmatians
 - B. where Dalmatians come from
 - C. a description of Dalmatians
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7. Volcanoes are mountains or hills formed when matter explodes through an opening in Earth's surface. Very hot, melted rock called magma gathers under Earth's surface. The magma begins to move toward the surface of the earth. It moves like a balloon filled with helium rising into the air. Tiny drops of magma collect until large amounts of magma are moving toward the surface. When the magma reaches an opening in the Earth's crust, it rushes through. As it falls, the magma cools and hardens into rock. That rock forms the mountain or hill that we call a volcano.

What is this paragraph mostly about?

- A. where magma is located
 - B. how volcanoes are formed
 - C. the temperatures of volcanoes
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8. After "Revenge of the Sith," George Lucas will be done with *Star Wars*. *Star Wars* has been around for 30 years. There are six major films, TV specials, toys, books, and many other products. Lucas has no plans to

continue the series after the sixth film is released.

Six movies make up *Star Wars*. They are split into 2 trilogies, which means three films as a set. The first *Star Wars* movie was released in the 1970s. It won much fanfare and praise.

Lucas has been reported saying many different things about the *Star Wars* movies. He said that it was supposed to be 9 parts long, and he wrote all the parts a long time ago. Other quotes from him say that the first trilogy was all that there was, but he wanted to do the second trilogy as a back story. The real truth is unknown. The only certain thing now is that "Revenge of the Sith" will be the last *Star Wars* movie.

Which of the following best tells what the article is about?

- A. George Lucas wrote all of the *Star Wars* movies including 3 parts that haven't been released.
 - B. George Lucas is finished with the *Star Wars* series after "Revenge of the Sith."
 - C. The *Star Wars* series is divided up into 6 movies which are split into 2 trilogies.
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9. Killer whales are sometimes called the "wolves of the sea." They are predators; they need to eat other animals to live. Like wolves, they work together in groups. If you're a porpoise or a big fish, a killer whale looks mean because it wants to eat you. If you're a killer whale, then you hope that the porpoise or big fish doesn't get away. If it does, then you have to go hungry.

What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- A. Killer whales are predators.
 - B. Killer whales chase big fish.
 - C. Killer whales are harmless.
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10. Sweat is made by very many—maybe several million—little sweat glands scattered around your skin. They are more tightly packed on the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet. When seen in a microscope, each gland looks like a coiled-up tube with an opening on the surface of the skin. Its job is to make sweat. Sweat evaporates from the skin and cools your body.

Which best describes the main idea of the passage?

- A. how to use a microscope

- B.** how sweat glands work
- C.** the skin on feet and hands