Reading Comprehension – Test 2

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Read each text carefully, then choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Magazine article

Read the article about Sara. Then answer questions 1-8.

A Day in the Life of a Baker

Sara Okafor is 34 years old. She is a baker in a small town. Her bakery is next to the train station. Every day, Sara gets up at four o'clock in the morning. It is dark and quiet. She walks to work because her home is very close.

At five o'clock, she makes bread and cakes. Her favourite is apple cake. The bakery opens at seven. Many people buy bread before they take the train to work.

Sara finishes work at two o'clock in the afternoon. Then she has lunch and sleeps for one hour. In the evening, she reads books or plays with her two children. She goes to bed at nine o'clock.

1. What is the article mainly about?
   A Sara's day
   B A train station
   C How to make apple cake
   D Sara's children

2. Where is Sara's bakery?
   A In a big city
   B Next to the train station
   C Far from Sara's home
   D Inside a school

3. What time does Sara get up?
   A At two o'clock
   B At five o'clock
   C At seven o'clock
   D At four o'clock

4. How does Sara go to work?
   A She walks
   B By train
   C By bus
   D By car

5. "Her home is very close." Here, close means _____.
   A far
   B shut
   C near
   D big

6. Who buys bread at the bakery in the morning?
   A Only Sara's children
   B People who go to work by train
   C Nobody, because it is closed
   D Only other bakers

7. What does Sara do after lunch?
   A She makes cakes
   B She opens the bakery
   C She sleeps for one hour
   D She goes to bed for the night

8. What does Sara do in the evening?
   A She works at the bakery
   B She reads or plays with her children
   C She takes the train
   D She makes apple cake

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Part 2: Short story

Read the story about Kenji's Saturday. Then answer questions 9-16.

A Rainy Saturday

It is Saturday, and Kenji wants to play football in the park with his friends. But when he looks out of the window, it is raining. Kenji is sad. "What can we do today?" he asks his mum.

"Let's make a pizza," she says. Kenji's little sister, Hana, wants to help too. Mum puts flour, water and salt in a big bowl. Kenji and Hana put tomatoes, cheese and green peppers on the pizza. Hana doesn't like peppers, so she puts them only on Kenji's half.

After twenty minutes, the pizza is ready. It is hot and delicious. In the afternoon, the sun comes out. Kenji smiles. "Now we can go to the park!"

9. Why is Kenji sad at the start of the story?
   A His friends are ill
   B He doesn't like pizza
   C It is raining
   D His sister is angry

10. Whose idea is it to make a pizza?
   A Mum's **B** Kenji's **C** Hana's **D** Kenji's friends'

11. Who is Hana?
   A Kenji's mum
   B Kenji's friend
   C Kenji's grandmother
   D Kenji's little sister

12. What does Mum put in the big bowl?
   A Tomatoes, cheese and peppers
   B Flour, water and salt
   C Cheese and salt
   D Tomatoes and water

13. Where are the green peppers?
   A Only on Kenji's half of the pizza
   B Only on Hana's half of the pizza
   C On all of the pizza
   D Not on the pizza

14. "After twenty minutes, the pizza is ready." Here, ready means _____.
   A very cold
   B not cooked yet
   C finished and good to eat
   D too small

15. How long does the pizza take to cook?
   A Twelve minutes **B** Twenty minutes **C** Two hours **D** All afternoon

16. What does Kenji probably do next?
   A He makes another pizza
   B He goes to bed
   C He watches the rain
   D He goes to the park

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Answer key – Reading Comprehension – Test 2

1 A	2 B	3 D	4 A	5 C	6 B	7 C	8 B	9 C	10 A
11 D	12 B	13 A	14 C	15 B	16 D				

Explanations

1. **A** – The whole text describes Sara's day from morning to night.
2. **B** – The text says her bakery is next to the train station.
3. **D** – Sara gets up at four o'clock in the morning.
4. **A** – She walks to work because her home is very close.
5. **C** – In this sentence, close means near. That is why she can walk to work.
6. **B** – Many people buy bread before they take the train to work.
7. **C** – After lunch, Sara sleeps for one hour.
8. **B** – In the evening, she reads books or plays with her two children.
9. **C** – Kenji is sad because it is raining and he wants to play football in the park.
10. **A** – Mum says, "Let's make a pizza."
11. **D** – The story says "Kenji's little sister, Hana".
12. **B** – Mum puts flour, water and salt in the bowl. The children put the other food on the pizza.
13. **A** – Hana doesn't like peppers, so she puts them only on Kenji's half.
14. **C** – Ready means it is finished, and the story says it is hot and delicious.
15. **B** – The text says "After twenty minutes, the pizza is ready."
16. **D** – The sun comes out and Kenji says, "Now we can go to the park!"

Notes for teachers: Give students time to read each text once for the main idea before they look at the questions. Several distractors use words that appear in the text but answer a different question, so students must read the sentences around them. Some questions also test meaning in context, for example 'close' meaning near. For follow-up, students can write five sentences about their own daily routine, or retell the pizza story in their own words.

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