

Week 1 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. At the end of the story “The Baseball Glove,” why is Manny already imagining himself being on the baseball team at school and people looking at him?
 - A. Manny found out that his uncle bought him a baseball glove.
 - B. Manny felt that if he imagined himself on the baseball field that it would happen in real life.
 - C. Manny got enough money from picking peppers that he was able to go buy his baseball glove.
 - D. None of the above
2. At the end of the story “Rico’s Pool Hall,” Manny leaves the house because
 - A. He is excited about his baseball glove and wants to go show it off to his friends.
 - B. His parents are fighting and he doesn’t want to hear them.
 - C. His friends want him to go hang out at the park.
 - D. He is late for work.

3. “All day he talked to his buddies about Mexico, and about *schemes* for making money and escaping back to Mexico—although some of the men there were born in the United States.”

In the sentence above, the word *schemes* most closely means:

- A. Ideas
 - B. Game plan
 - C. Strategy
 - D. All of above
4. In the sentence “Sitting in the front seat, Mom heard me, and before I could *plead* excuses, she reached over her shoulder and smacked me one on the mouth”, the word *plead* most closely means:
 - A. Yell
 - B. Cry
 - C. Demand
 - D. Offer reason

5. “He could duck trouble better than a boxer could duck a right cross.”

The above is an example of what kind of figurative language?

- A. Metaphor
 - B. Analogy
 - C. Similes

D. Synecdoche

6. Place the following events in chronological order:

1. Manny gets beat up by the Garcia Boys.
2. Manny and Nardo work in a pepper field to earn money so Manny can buy his baseball glove.
3. Manny is given a ride home from Mr. Hart.
4. Manny goes to the school to get a record of his grades.

- A. 3, 2, 4, 1
- B. 2, 1, 4, 3
- C. 2, 4, 1, 3
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4

7. Croquet is

- A. A lawn game that involves hitting a wooden or plastic ball with a mallet.
- B. A sport in which two teams of 5 players try to score points against one another by placing a ball through a 10 foot high hoop.
- C. A game in which players attempt to throw rings over or near a small post.
- D. A racket game played by two people with flat wooden racket and a small rounded piece of cork or rubber.

8. When Victor Martinez writes, "Toward Mr. Hart, though, he was a reservoir of calm water barely touched by the wind," is an example of

- A. Simile
- B. Metaphor
- C. Sensory details
- D. Analogy

9. "Mr. Hart decided against going down Chandler Avenue to the projects, where I lived. Instead, took me in a roundabout journey across town, down Nestle Avenue, where he said I'd be going to school. From the window I could see the clean, green lawns of the houses closest to the road, the hoses neatly coiled, the driveways without a smear of oil" (p. 44).

The above is an example of what kind of paragraph?

- A. Persuasive paragraph
- B. Expository paragraph
- C. Descriptive paragraph
- D. Narrative paragraph

10. How does Manny's father lose his job as a translator for the city?

- A. He got laid off.

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- B. He quit because he got a better job offer working for a school district.
- C. He got in a fight with his supervisor.
- D. He would drink during lunch and slur his words.

Week 2 Assessment

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1. At the end of the story, "The Bullet,"
 - A. Manny Dad shot his wife.
 - B. Manny's Dad accidentally shot Manny.
 - C. Manny's Dad was arrested for trying to shoot his wife.
 - D. Manny's dad was arrested for having an unregistered firearm.
2. All of the following are true about Magda **except**:
 - A. Magda has a boyfriend.
 - B. Magda is a great employee and will be promoted soon.
 - C. Magda loves Elvis Presley and Smokey Robinson.
 - D. Madga works at Valley Laundry.
3. In "The Garden," grandma blames the lack of beauty in the garden to
 - A. Drought
 - B. Death of her husband
 - C. Not having enough time to tend to the flowers
 - D. Her health
4. In the sentence "I don't want to have to tell you this, but I'm sorry, we're going to have to *confiscate* this rifle." The word *confiscate* most closely means:
 - A. Sell
 - B. Throw away
 - C. Take away
 - D. None of the above
5. In the sentence "He grunted at me and roughly shook Nardo awake, who got up digging his fists in his eyes, still *starched* from drinking the night before." A good antonym for the word *starched* would be:
 - A. Angered
 - B. Relaxed
 - C. Stiff
 - D. Reserved

6. “The twenty-dollar bill Dad took from me went into his drinking bankroll. Once he started a binge, he wouldn’t stop until every cent drained from his pockets. For two days he didn’t come home. On the second day, while we were sitting around the dinner table in front of some potatoes in red chili sauce and corn tortillas, our necks stiff, staring at the walls as if looking for scratches, Mom finally said we better go get him.”

The mood at the beginning of the story “The Bullet,” as illustrated by the paragraph above, might best be described as

- A. Angry and violent.
 - B. Lazy and bored.
 - C. Playful and joyful.
 - D. Tense and stressed.
7. Place the following events from “The Garden” in chronological order:
- 1. Dad drops Manny and Nardo off at grandmas to clean backyard.
 - 2. Grandma Rose dies.
 - 3. Nardo comes home drunk.
 - 4. Manny tells Nardo he has a dream about Grandma Rose.
- A. 3, 1, 2, 4
 - B. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - C. 4, 1, 3, 2
 - D. 1, 2, 3, 4
8. The title of the story “The Garden” refers to
- A. The garden that Mr. Vuksanivich had in his backyard.
 - B. Grandpa’s garden in the backyard.
 - C. Grandma favorite flowers.
 - D. Grandma’s planting of fruits, vegetables, and flowers in the backyard.
9. What is the **primary** conflict in “The Bullet?”
- A. Dad thinks Mom wants to leave him and that Sophie is to blame.
 - B. Dad is upset that Mom embarrassed him at the bar in front of his friends.
 - C. Dad’s obsession with hunting.
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10. How does Manny feel about his dad coming home from jail?
- A. Manny is excited to have his dad back at home.
 - B. Indifferent—doesn't care if he is home or not.
 - C. Wishes his mom would just leave his dad and start a new life.
 - D. Stressed that his dad may come back more angry than he was when he was arrested.

Week 3 Assessment

Directions: Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. The sentence “I crunched lightning out of ice cubes and watched the sun slowly whittle away the shadows from the walls” is an example of which literary device?
 - A. Alliteration.
 - B. Hyperbole.
 - C. Metaphor.
 - D. Simile.
2. In the sentence “*Daintily* flicking salt from his fingers, Lencho did a curious thing,” the word daintily most closely means:
 - A. Forcefully
 - B. Gracefully
 - C. Lazily
 - D. Clumsily
3. Place the following events from “The Boxing Match” in chronological order:
 1. Albert joins the boxing team
 2. Lencho ask Manny to ask his brother to join his boxing team
 3. Chico loses his match
 4. Lencho is kicked out of the Brown Berets
 5. Miss Van der Meer tells Manny that she hopes Lencho wins his match
 - A. 5, 1, 3, 4, 2
 - B. 1, 3, 4, 5, 2
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4. In the story, “Family Affair,” Madga goes to the hospital because...?
 - A. She is sick with a very bad head cold.
 - B. She had a miscarriage.
 - C. She is pregnant.
 - D. She broke her arm.
5. In the story “Family Affair,” how does the receptionist feel towards the Manny and his family?
 - A. Angry and disapproving.
 - B. Frightened and miserable.
 - C. Sad and sympathetic.
 - D. Embarrassed and curios.

6. In the sentence “ The receptionist, A Mexican lady like us, kept sighing and shaking her head,” the word *sighing* most closely means:
- A. Coughing.
 - B. Moaning
 - C. Breathing heavily from the mouth
 - D. Smiling
7. “The day of the tournament, the basketball gym was packed from hoop to hoop. Waves of nervous anticipation washed like an ocean surf across the bleachers, and there was barely standing room by the push-open doors, where it was so pressed no one dared breathe”

In the paragraph above, Martinez uses which of the following?

- A. Hyperbole
 - B. Metaphors
 - C. Sensory details
 - D. Similes
8. In the story “The Boxing Match,” why did Miguel kick Lencho out of the Brown Berets?
- A. He didn’t like the fact that Lencho didn’t wear the colors of the Brown Berets the day of the match.
 - B. He was bothered that Manny was coaching Lencho instead of him.
 - C. He believed that the loss of Lencho’s match brought embarrassment to them.
 - D. He was mad because Lencho hasn’t been spending enough time with the Brown Berets.
9. The word that best describes the story “Family Affair” is:
- A. Comedic
 - B. Dramatic
 - C. Romantic
 - D. Tragic

10. Put the following events from the story “Family Affair” in sequential order:

1. Magda passes out in hospital bathroom.
2. Magda has a fever and dad places her in bathroom.
3. Magda is bleeding and passes out on front porch.
4. Magda loses the baby.
5. Mom talks to a lady in the waiting room.

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11. In the story "Dying of Love," why does Mr. Gidden invite Manny to the Dorothy's party?
- A. He thinks Manny is a great person.
 - B. Dorothy begs her father to let Manny go.
 - C. To watch out for Dorothy
 - D. None of the above
12. In the story "A Test of Storage," why does Manny join the gang?
- A. To meet girls.
 - B. Peer pressure from his friend Frankie.
 - C. His brother Nardo is in it and he wanted to be like his brother.
 - D. Thought joining a gang will make him popular at school.
13. "When I neared the pharmacy, the sun was knifing a big blue hand through the ghosts of fog, sweeping them away like cobwebs. The maple trees on that street were dreary and weeping moisture, their stripped bark dusted with glassy talcum of mist. But that, too, was melting. And when the wind came, little sneezes of drizzle sprayed on my face."

The above is an example of what kind of paragraph?

- A. Persuasive Paragraph
 - B. Narrative Paragraph
 - C. Metaphorical Paragraph
 - D. Expository Paragraph
14. "Mr. Giddens was behind the counter, pouring pills with a plastic shovel into a jar. He had parched hands and a face hacked as if by baseball cleats."

In the sentence above, the word *parched* most closely means:

- A. Dry
- B. Wet
- C. Wrinkly
- D. Burned

15. Place the following events from “Going Home” in sequential order:

1. Manny meets up with the gang at Long’s Drugstore
2. Manny and Eddie go to the mall
3. Eddie steals a purse from a lady leaving the bank
4. Mondo goes home
5. Manny gets questioned by the police

- A. 1, 2, 3, 5, 4
- B. 1, 3, 5, 4, 2
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16. The sentence “My lungs felt big as balloons” is an example of which literary device?

- A. Simile
- B. Metaphor
- C. Hyperbole
- D. Alliteration

17. What happened at Dorothy’s party?

- A. Manny got bored and went home.
- B. Manny met a girl and they left the party together.
- C. Manny accidentally danced too close with a girl and left the party due to misunderstanding.
- D. Manny had plans later that evening and had to leave early.

18. The sentence “They’d *tap, tap, tap* on the branches before hitting the sidewalk, then a toss of wind would fling them in the air. ” is an example of which literary device?

- A. Simile
- B. Metaphor
- C. Hyperbole
- D. Alliteration

19. At the end of “Going Home” Manny feels?

- A. Calm and peaceful
- B. Scared and nervous
- C. Angry and hopeless
- D. Happy and excited

20. In the chapter “A test of Courage” Manny must pass the initiation. What is Manny’s initiation?
- A. Manny must kiss a girl named Patty.
 - B. Steal something from Long’s Drugstore.
 - C. Get beat up by Mondo and the rest of the Gang.
 - D. Steal something from Mr. Giddens Pharmacy.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. D

6. B
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. D
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. A
15. C
16. A
17. C
18. B
19. A
20. C

Week 2 Assessment

1. D
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. B
9. A
10. C

Week 3 Assessment

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. D
8. C
9. D
10. A

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1. B
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. D