

# Vocabulary

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What does the word *tangled* mean in the sentence below?

**The kite's tail got tangled in the branches.**

- (A) pulled loose
- (B) cut to pieces
- (C) hidden behind
- (D) wrapped around

- 2 What does the word *stream* mean in the sentence below?

**Deer drank from the little stream that ran through the woods.**

- (F) creek
- (G) lake
- (H) puddle
- (I) wave

- 3 What does the word *blazed* mean in the sentence below?

**A fire blazed in the fireplace.**

- (A) burned hotly
- (B) sputtered out
- (C) turned to ashes
- (D) poured out smoke

- 4 What does the word *swift* mean in the sentence below?

**The race horse was as swift as the wind.**

- (F) fast
- (G) light
- (H) quiet
- (I) strong

- 5 What does the word *tumbling* mean in the sentence below?

**Fina dropped her book, and it started tumbling down the stairs.**

- (A) rolling over and over
- (B) hopping up and down
- (C) swaying back and forth
- (D) stooping lower and lower

- 6 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *young* in the sentence below?

**The grandmother told the young boy a story of a time long ago.**

- (F) child
- (G) difficult
- (H) long
- (I) old

- 7 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *tiny* in the sentence below?

**The elephant was so big and tall that it frightened the tiny mouse.**

- (A) gray
- (B) huge
- (C) loud
- (D) small

- 8 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *lose* in the sentence below?

**Sara was the tic-tac-toe champ, and she didn't like to lose or tie a game.**

- (F) drop
- (G) make
- (H) play
- (I) win

- 9 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *noisy* in the sentence below?

**The noisy children woke the sleeping baby from her nap.**

- (A) loud
- (B) odd
- (C) quiet
- (D) sleepy

- 10 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *kind* in the sentence below?

**Ben's feelings were hurt, but Gina's kind words cheered him up.**

- (F) happy
- (G) many
- (H) mean
- (I) nice



# Comprehension

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on the story “Half-Chicken.”

- 1** What problem does the mother hen have at the beginning of the story?
- (A) Her chicks litter the ranch with their empty shells.
  - (B) Most of her chicks have too many wings and feathers.
  - (C) All the animals are saying mean things about her chick.
  - (D) Her chicks run loose while she is still hatching her last egg.
- 2** Why do all the ranch animals gather around the mother hen?
- (F) to help the chicks hatch
  - (G) to see her strange half-chick
  - (H) to see thirteen chicks at once
  - (I) to hear her grandmother’s story
- 3** What makes Half-Chicken become very vain?
- (A) He hears he is famous in Mexico City.
  - (B) He is the center of attention on the ranch.
  - (C) He knows he is smarter than the other chicks.
  - (D) He has a gift for telling which way the wind blows.

**Half-Chicken**

**Comprehension**

- 4** Why does Half-Chicken think he should go to Mexico City?
- (F) to see the Great Plaza
  - (G) to meet the palace cook
  - (H) to become a weather vane
  - (I) to show off how unique he is
- 5** Why does the stream ask Half-Chicken for help?
- (A) Fire is drying up its waters.
  - (B) Branches are blocking its way.
  - (C) No one is stopping to swim and play.
  - (D) It needs to find the way to Mexico City.
- 6** Why doesn't Half-Chicken stay and warm up by the fire?
- (F) He is afraid the fire will burn him.
  - (G) He is in a hurry to get to Mexico City.
  - (H) He knows the fire will soon go out again.
  - (I) He doesn't feel cold because he has feathers.
- 7** What does Half-Chicken do to help the wind?
- (A) fan it with his wings
  - (B) lead it to Mexico City
  - (C) point the way it should go
  - (D) untangle it from some bushes

- 8** Why does the palace guard laugh?
- F He thinks Half-Chicken's voice sounds funny.
  - G He thinks the joke that Half-Chicken tells is funny.
  - H He thinks the viceroy would like to meet a chicken.
  - I He thinks Half-Chicken belongs in the kitchen.

- 9** What saves Half-Chicken from being cooked?
- A The viceroy asks to meet him.
  - B Fire and water repay favors he did for them.
  - C The ladies-in-waiting play a joke on the cook.
  - D The cook feels sorry for him and turns off the fire.

- 10** What is this story MAINLY about?
- F what makes the wind blow
  - G why chickens never do favors
  - H how weather vanes came to be
  - I how chickens got their feathers

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