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Monday, November 26, 2012

<p>Skills and Strategies: Main Idea</p> <p>It was fitting that Blackbeard died a violent death. This vicious man wreaked devastation and death on over 40 ships in his career. He carried swords, pistols, and knives at all times. With his harsh temper and scary black bear, he terrorized everyone, including his own crew. He was a nasty, fearsome man.</p> <p>Which of the following is the <u>best</u> main idea of the paragraph?</p> <p>a. Blackbeard robbed many ships b. Blackbeard killed many people c. Blackbeard was not a nice person d. Blackbear was a mean and dangerous man.</p> <p>What is one supporting detail?</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Pirates often <u>plundered</u> ships, leaving nothing of value behind.</p> <p>What does the word plundered mean in the sentence above?</p> <p>a. borrowed b. ruined c. robbed d. owned</p> <p>What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?</p>
<p>Grammar</p> <p>Write the past tense of each verb below.</p> <p>capture _____ escape _____</p> <p>worry _____ catch _____</p> <p>rob _____ fight _____</p>	<p>Conventions</p> <p>1A visit to Greenwood City isn't complete without a stroll down the beautiful brick path that runs along one side of the Greenwood River. 2The path was built only recently, but already it's extremely popular. 3While you're there, I recommend you stop at the nearby City Café for a cold drink or a sandwich. 4 The Café is a great place to sit and watch people strolling by. 5You might also enjoy visiting The Museum of Industry, which displays a wide variety of machines from the ordinary to the weird.</p> <p>Which word is used incorrectly?</p> <p>a. <u>their</u> in sentence 3 b. <u>ordinary</u> in sentence 5 c. <u>displays</u> in sentence 5 d. <u>visit</u> in sentence 1</p>

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

<p>Skills and Strategies: Fact or Opinion</p> <p>Underline three facts in the passage below. Circle one opinion.</p> <p>Piracy is the crime of robbery or other violent acts, committed for private reason, on the high seas. People who commit such acts are called pirates. They attack and loot ships of any nation or private ownership. Privateers commit robbery also, but for slightly different reasons. These looters operate with permission and direction of a particular nation, to represent them during wartime. A group of 17th century privateers called themselves buccaneers. They became wealthy robbing Spanish ships. Whatever the specific name of the seafarers, these characters committed much violence and devastation at sea. However, privateers have a better reason for causing so much trouble than pirates do.</p>	<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Usually a bullfight lasts for quite a long time, but the one yesterday was <u>truncated</u> by the injury of the matador in the opening minutes.</p> <p>What does the word truncated mean in the sentence above?</p> <p>a. started b. shortened c. confused d. stopped</p> <p>How do you know that your answer is correct?</p>
<p>Grammar</p> <p>Write the plural form of each noun below.</p> <p>buccaneer _____ treasure _____</p> <p>radio _____ match _____</p> <p>tomato _____ bounty _____</p> <p>child _____ thief _____</p>	<p>Conventions</p> <p>Which phrase below means the beauty of several islands?</p> <p>a. the island's beauties b. the islands' beauties c. the island's beauty d. the islands' beauty</p> <p>Explain how you know your answer is correct.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Skills and Strategies: Sequence</p> <p>Julie ordered the rules for the soapbox derby. While she waited for them to arrive, she found some books and websites about the derby. She also signed up for a soapbox building class. When the rules arrived, Julie studied the section about the stock division. She found someone to help her build the car and started creating a design. When she figured out how complicated this would be, she decided to order a kit for making the car.</p> <p>What did Julie do just before she started on her soapbox car design?</p> <p>Explain why you choose the sentence you did.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vocabulary</p> <p>I've read so many vampire stories in the last year that I'm ready to take a <u>hiatus</u> for a few months and read something different.</p> <p>What does the word hiatus mean? a. vacation b. hibernation c. chance d. break</p> <p>What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Grammar</p> <p>Circle the correct word to complete each sentence below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A (confident, confidant) weightlifter is sure she can set a new world record today. 2. Sue's race time (acceded, exceeded) her expectations by being 85 second better than she had hoped. 3. A fuzzy caterpillar might make a good pet (accept, except) for the poisonous, stinging spires that can irritate your skin. 4. The matador waved his cape with smooth, (graceful, gracious) movements. 5. They say Pecos Bill handled rattlesnakes (real, really) (good, well). 	<p style="text-align: center;">Conventions</p> <p>1A visit to Greenwood City isn't compleat without a stroll down the beautiful brick path that runs along one side of the Greenwood River. 2The path was built only recently, but already it's extremely popular. 3While you're their, I recommend you stop at the nearby City Café for a cold drink or a sandwich. 4 The Café is a great place to sit and watch people strolling by. 5You might also enjoy visiting The Museum of Industry, which displays a wide variety of machines form the ordinary to the wierd.</p> <p>Which word is spelled in correctly?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>City</u> in sentence 1 b. <u>Drink</u> in sentence 3 c. <u>wierd</u> in sentence 5 d. <u>recommend</u> in sentence 3

<p style="text-align: center;">Skills and Strategies: Drawing Conclusions</p> <p>"Nikki's coming here!" Anna exclaimed. "Why?" "I don't know," her mom said. "Maybe she needs a dose of dull and boring." Anna ignored the sarcasm. Her mom had never done anything exciting. Nikki, on the other hand, led a thrilling, adventurous life, and Anna couldn't wait to meet her. Two nights later, Nikki and Anna's mom were sitting at the dining room table, talking and laughing hysterically over something that had happened a million years ago. Anna couldn't take her eyes off the bracelet on Nikki's wrist. Without thinking, she reached across the table and touched the shiny silver charms. "That's cool," she said. Nikki gave Anna's mom a puzzled look. Then, Nikki began telling the story behind each charm. "This, of course, if the Coliseum in Rome," she said. "Remember how we wandered onto that movie set and got picked to be extras in that Italian film?" "Mom!" Anna said. "You were in a movie? You've been to Rome?" "My ten minutes of fame," her mom joked. "Your mom and I traveled everywhere," Nikki said. "She has a bracelet just like this." Anna's mom left the room. When she came back, she held out her hand to Anna. "Would you like it?" she asked. Anna nodded, but didn't speak. She just stared at her mom as if she were a stranger.</p> <p>From the story clues, you can conclude that...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nikki lives in another country. b. Nikki visits Anna's mom often. c. Anna's mom and Nikki are old friends. d. Anna's mom doesn't want to see Nikki. <p>Underline one clue in the passage to support your answer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vocabulary</p> <p>A system of filters removes <u>debris</u> from the water. This takes care of objects like leaves, rocks, litter, and other materials that might be in the source water.</p> <p>What does the word debris mean in the sentence above?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. nutrition b. waste c. fish d. ice <p>What is one clue that helped you determine the meaning?</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Grammar</p> <p>Write a possessive phrase that means:</p> <p>a. the disappearance of a village</p> <p>b. the questions of searchers</p> <p>c. the journey of five searchers</p> <p>d. the questions of one searcher</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conventions</p> <p>1A visit to Greenwood City isn't compleat without a stroll down the beautiful brick path that runs along one side of the Greenwood River. 2The path was built only recently, but already it's extremely popular. 3While you're their, I recommend you stop at the nearby City Café for a cold drink or a sandwich. 4 The Café is a great place to sit and watch people strolling by. 5You might also enjoy visiting The Museum of Industry, which displays a wide variety of machines form the ordinary to the wierd.</p> <p>Which word is spelled incorrectly?</p> <p>a. <u>compleat</u> in sentence 1</p> <p>b. <u>popular</u> in sentence 2</p> <p>c. <u>sandwich</u> in sentence 3</p> <p>d. <u>variety</u> in sentence 5</p>
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Friday, November 30, 2012

<p style="text-align: center;">Skills and Strategies: Making Inferences</p> <p>"Nikki's coming here!" Anna exclaimed. "Why?"</p> <p>"I don't know," her mom said. "Maybe she needs a dose of dull and boring."</p> <p>Anna ignored the sarcasm. Her mom had never done anything exciting. Nikki, on the other hand, led a thrilling, adventurous life, and Anna couldn't wait to meet her.</p> <p>Two nights later, Nikki and Anna's mom were sitting at the dining room table, talking and laughing hysterically over something that had happened a million years ago. Anna couldn't take her eyes off the bracelet on Nikki's wrist. Without thinking, she reached across the table and touched the shiny silver charms. "That's cool," she said.</p> <p>Nikki gave Anna's mom a puzzled look. Then, Nikki began telling the story behind each charm. "This, of course, if the Coliseum in Rome," she said. "Remember how we wandered onto that movie set and got picked to be extras in that Italian film?"</p> <p>"Mom!" Anna said. "You were in a movie? You've been to Rome?"</p> <p>"My ten minutes of fame," her mom joked.</p> <p>"Your mom and I traveled everywhere," Nikki said. "She has a bracelet just like this."</p> <p>Anna's mom left the room. When she came back, she held out her hand to Anna. "Would you like it?" she asked.</p> <p>Anna nodded, but didn't speak. She just stared at her mom as if she were a stranger.</p> <p>Why is Nikki puzzled by Anna's interest in her bracelet?</p> <p>a. Anna's mom has one just like it.</p> <p>b. The bracelet is old-fashioned.</p> <p>c. The bracelet means nothing to Nikki.</p> <p>d. Nikki hasn't been paying attention.</p> <p>Underline one clue in the passage to support your answer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vocabulary</p> <p>The daytime sky turns briefly into night, and the Moon appears as a large black disc that briefly <u>obstructs</u> the view of the Sun.</p> <p>What does the word obstructs mean in the sentence above?</p> <p>a. blocks</p> <p>b. improves</p> <p>c. reveals</p> <p>d. discovers</p> <p>What is one clue that helped you determine the definition?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Grammar</p> <p>For each sentence below, tell how the word <i>diving</i> is used (the part of speech).</p> <p>a. The diving submarine moved silently.</p> <p>b. Our submarine is diving now.</p> <p>c. Diving is easy for a submarine.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conventions</p> <p>1"Stop that right now!" a voice yelled.</p> <p>2Suppressing a sigh Sam turned around, crossed his arms, and glared at his younger brother. 3 "What do you want?" he snapped. 4"I'm busy here!" 5Running across the lawn, Tyler came to a halt a few feet in front of him. 6 "I know what you're trying to do" he said in a high voice that never failed to irritate his older brother "and if you don't stop I'm going to tell Mom."</p> <p>Why are the words "I'm busy here" in quotation marks in sentence 4?</p> <p>a. The speaker needs help.</p> <p>b. The speaker is making a statement.</p> <p>c. The speaker is angry.</p> <p>d. The speaker is busy.</p>