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Dogs are better pets than cats for many reasons. Dogs are a man's best friend and can learn tricks. Dogs will get you things when you ask them to. Dogs will go walking or running with you to help keep you in shape. Dogs like to cuddle and protect their owners.

1. What is the purpose of the above passage?

- (A) To inform
- (B) To explain
- (C) To persuade
- (D) To entertain

If you invent a new word and enough people like it, you may find it in the dictionary. Dictionaries add new words as they come into common use. The fancy word for a brand-new word is "neologism." In 2011, the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary added some neologisms you probably know, such as "tweet," "fist bump," and "social media."

Some of the new words may not be so familiar.

- "Planking" is a game of lying face down, hands at your sides, in the most unusual place you can think of, and having your picture taken and posted on the internet.
- A "bromance" is a close friendship – but not a romance – between two men.
- A "robocall" is a call made automatically by a machine repeating a taped message.
- A "helicopter parent" is one who hovers over their children, becoming much too involved in their lives.
- And "crowdsourcing"? That's the way many people can each do a little bit of a very large project. The country of Iceland, for example, is crowdsourcing a new constitution for their country, so if you have an idea about what they ought to include, you can go online and send them your suggestion.

At the same time new words are being added, old words that are no longer widely recognized are dropped from the dictionary. This year, the dictionary deleted the words "growlery" (a room where you can go to complain) and "brabble" (another word for squabble). If you haven't heard those words before, you probably won't miss them!

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I will tell you how to make a perfect peanut butter sandwich. Start with the freshest bread you can find. Take two pieces of bread. Add a good-sized scoop of crunchy peanut butter, and be sure to spread it on both pieces of bread. Find a jar of your favorite jam. Use slightly less jam than peanut butter, and spread it on only one slice of bread. Put the two slices together and cut the sandwich in half. Enjoy.

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Everywhere around us, there are millions of tiny living things called germs. They are so tiny that they can be seen only under the most powerful microscope. Some of these germs are no wider than twenty-five thousandths of an inch!

Louis Pasteur, the great French scientist, was the first to prove that germs exist. The germs in the air can be counted. The number of germs around us, especially in crowded rooms, is tremendous. Certain scientists counted 42,000 germs in approximately one cubic meter of air in a picture gallery when it was empty. But when the gallery was crowded with people, they found nearly 5,000,000 germs in the same place. In the open air germs are less abundant. There are fewer germs in country air than in town air. We see at once how important it is, therefore, to live as much as possible in the open air, and for the rooms we live in to always be well ventilated by fresh air.

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Football is the most exciting sport. During a football game, two teams of eleven players battle to reach the end zone. During the game, the players try to catch or run with the ball without being tackled by the opposing team. Sometimes players jump over each other, break tackles, and run as fast as lightning. Football fans cheer extremely loud when their team reaches the end zone. There is never a dull moment in football.

5. What is the purpose of the passage above?

- (A) To convince readers to go to a football game.
- (B) To tell a story about what happened at a football game.
- (C) To explain to readers about what happens at a football game.
- (D) To help the reader understand why to never attend a football game.





Eating carrots, broccoli and string beans are good for you. Making sure to have healthy vegetables in your diet is important. Some people think eating vegetables at one meal is good enough, but it isn't; you should eat vegetables at least 3 meals a day.

6. What is the purpose of the passage above?

- (A) To convince the reader to eat more vegetables.
- (B) To give information about different types of vegetables.
- (C) To tell about a cartoon where the characters are played by vegetables.
- (D) To help the reader understand there is nothing important about vegetables.

The sky was dark and overcast. It had been raining all night long and there was no sign of it stopping. I thought that my Sunday would be ruined. As it poured outside, I settled down by the window to watch the rain. The park opposite my house looked even more green and fresh than usual. The branches of the tall trees swayed so hard in the strong wind that I thought they would break. A few children were splashing about in the mud puddles and having a wonderful time. I wished I could join them too! There were very few people out on the road and those who were hurried on their way, wrapped in raincoats and carrying umbrellas.

My mother announced that lunch was ready. It was piping hot and very welcoming in the damp weather. We spent the afternoon listening to music and to the downpour outside.

In the evening we chatted and made paper boats that were meant to sail in the stream of water outside. It was not a bad day after all!

7. What point of view is the story above told from?

- (A) First person
- (B) Second person
- (C) Third person
- (D) Fourth person

Once upon a time four boys lived in the countryside. One boy was very clever but he did not like books. His name was Good Sense. The other boys were not very clever but they read every book in the school. When they became grown men, they decided to go out into the world to earn their livelihood.

They left home and came to a forest where they halted for the night. When they woke up in the morning, they found the bones of a lion. Three of them, who had learnt their books well at school, decided to make a lion out of the bones.

Good Sense told them, "A lion is a dangerous animal. It will kill us. Don't make a lion." But the three



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disregarded his advice and started making a lion. Good Sense was very clever. When his friends were busy making the lion, he climbed up a tree to save himself. No sooner had the three young men created the lion and gave it life, than it pounced upon them and ate them up. Good Sense climbed down the tree and went home very sadly.

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Most of the planets in our solar system have moons. Saturn has the most, with eighteen moons. Jupiter has sixteen, Uranus has fifteen. Earth has only one, but our moon has a big influence on the lives of humans on earth. In ancient times, people believed that moonlight could affect people's brains. The Latin word for the moon was Luna. Words like "lunatic" and "looney" come from that idea. Many people still believe that more babies are born and more people die when the moon is full. Scientific studies that have been done to see whether the numbers of births and deaths actually increase when there is a full moon show that there is no increase. The gravitational pull of the moon affects the tides in the ocean, but does not seem to affect the births and deaths of people. Does the full moon cause people to fall in love? That's another question!

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