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Be a Quiz Whiz!

For each question below, fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

Cross at Your Own Risk Pages 2-3

1 Which detail best supports the idea that car accidents involving pedestrians are a national crisis?
Ⓐ "Each day, more than 40 kids in the U.S. are hit by cars."
Ⓑ "Eric knew that getting cars to slow down could save lives."
Ⓒ "They researched ways to make drivers slow down."
Ⓓ "The mayor loved the proposal."

2 Why didn't Eric and Isa choose flashing lights or speed bumps as solutions?
Ⓐ The mayor didn't like those ideas.
Ⓑ They were too expensive.
Ⓒ The traffic board didn't approve them.
Ⓓ The town had already tried those ideas.

3 After Eric and Isa presented their idea to the mayor, they ____.
Ⓐ researched ways to make drivers slow down
Ⓑ joined a program at their school that helps students design projects
Ⓒ studied 3-D crosswalks in other countries
Ⓓ made a proposal to the traffic board

This Dolphin Is a Spy Pages 4-5

4 What is the main idea of the article?
Ⓐ A spy whale was spotted in the Arctic Ocean.
Ⓑ Dolphins use echolocation.
Ⓒ Dolphins adapt to different environments.
Ⓓ The U.S. Navy uses dolphins on missions.

5 Choose TWO reasons dolphins can find underwater mines better than humans can.
Ⓐ They can quickly dive hundreds of feet underwater.
Ⓑ They are more intelligent than humans.
Ⓒ They have a strong sense of smell.
Ⓓ They use sound to "see" underwater.

6 In addition to dolphins, the U.S. Navy uses which other animal to perform missions?
Ⓐ California sea lions
Ⓑ beluga whales
Ⓒ sea turtles
Ⓓ sharks

7 What is "Undercover Animals" about?
Ⓐ how echolocation works
Ⓑ other animals that have been used as spies
Ⓒ the world's most famous animal spy
Ⓓ why dolphins make good spies

8 In "Undercover Animals," the phrase "this story is nuts" means ____.
Ⓐ something is true
Ⓑ something sounds crazy
Ⓒ squirrels love to eat nuts
Ⓓ an undercover mission

Don't Look Down! Page 6

9 Before 2016, how did kids in the village of Atule'er, China, get to school?
Ⓐ They climbed down steel ladders.
Ⓑ They climbed down a rocky path.
Ⓒ They rode on a school bus.
Ⓓ They climbed down unsteady bamboo ladders.

10 Based on the article, you can infer that a *remote* area is ____.
Ⓐ difficult to reach
Ⓑ located in the center of town
Ⓒ often crowded
Ⓓ close to other towns

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Close-Reading Questions

Refer to this week's cover story, "Cross at Your Own Risk," to respond to the questions below Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. **What is the purpose of the section "A National Crisis"?**

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2. **How did Eric and Isa come up with the idea for a 3-D crosswalk?**

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3. **How do the photo and caption on the bottom of page 3 help you better understand how the 3-D crosswalk causes drivers to slow down?**

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Are You a Problem Solver?

After reading "Cross at Your Own Risk," fill in the boxes below to determine the main problem and solution presented in the article. List two supporting details for each. Then brainstorm ways to improve your community.

Problem

What is the main problem?

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List two details about the problem.

• _____

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• _____

Solution

How are Eric and Isa trying to solve the problem?

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List two details about their solution.

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TAKE ACTION!

What is a problem in your community?

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How could you help solve it?

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Close-Reading Questions

Refer to "This Dolphin Is a Spy" to respond to the questions below. Reread the article to find details that support your answers. Remember to write in complete sentences.

1. **Which details support the idea that the beluga whale mentioned in the first paragraph could be a spy?**

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2. **How do dolphins help the Navy?**

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3. **How do dolphins use sound to "see" underwater? Explain using information from the sidebar "How It Works" as support.**

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What's the Big Idea?

Read "This Dolphin Is a Spy" and jot down the most important information from each section. Then use your notes to write a main idea statement for the whole article.

1 **Introduction**
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2 **The Best of the Best**
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Main Idea
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3 **Dolphins on Patrol**
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4 **Reporting for Duty**
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YES Ready, Set, Debate! NO

Read the debate on page 7. Then get ready to take part in a class debate. Your teacher will assign you one side of the issue to argue. Use this page to help you prepare to express your ideas during the debate.

1 Are trampoline parks too dangerous? Write a clear opinion statement to support your side of the argument.

▶ Trampoline parks _____

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2 Provide three reasons you will give to support your point of view.

a. _____

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b. _____

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c. _____

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3 What reasons might your opponents use to support their point of view?

a. _____

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b. _____

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c. _____

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4 How might you respond to your opponents' arguments?

a. _____

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b. _____

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c. _____

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