

Getting Ready for 2nd Grade Pretest

Directions: Read the passage, and answer the questions.

Whales are the biggest creatures in the sea. You may think they are fish, but they are not fish. They are mammals. They breathe air—just like bears, cats, elephants, and you.

The biggest kind of whale is the blue whale. It can be 100 feet long! That’s about the height of a 10-story building. Blue whales eat a lot. Even though they are so big, blue whales only eat very tiny things. Each day, a blue whale can eat thousands of pounds of shrimp-like animals called *krill*.



1. What evidence is there in the text that blue whales are mammals?

- (A) They eat a lot.
- (B) They look like bears.
- (C) They breathe air.
- (D) They are the biggest sea creatures.

2. Where can you learn that blue whales eat krill?

- (A) In the image
- (B) In the text
- (C) In both the image and the text
- (D) In neither the image nor the text

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3. Which pronoun should replace the underlined noun?

Jade and Dan went to the park.

(A) He

(C) We

(B) She

(D) They

4. Which word names the picture?



(A) kite

(C) kitchen

(B) kit

(D) kitten

5. Change the underlined word to show that it happened yesterday. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

A rabbit hop on the grass.

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Directions: Answer the questions.

6. Which sentences should end with a question mark?

A Is she coming to the party

C I hope the party is fun

B She is coming to the party

D When does the party start

7. Which adjective best describes an ant?

A small

C legs

B six

D purple

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Directions: Solve each problem.

8. Which number sentence is correct?

(A) $31 < 13$

(C) $13 > 31$

(B) $31 = 13$

(D) $31 > 13$

9. Write a number sentence to solve this story problem.
Mike has 5 toy cars and 4 toy trucks. How many toys does he have in all?

10. What time is it?



(A) 6:00

(C) 7:00

(B) 6:30

(D) 7:30

11. Measure a pencil. Is it more or less than a foot?

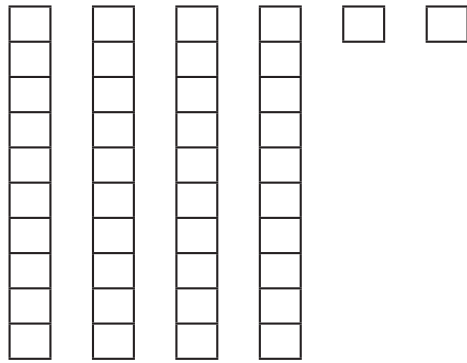
(A) less

(B) more

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Directions: Solve each problem.

12. What number is shown?



(A) 40

(C) 24

(B) 42

(D) 6

13. What number is 10 more than 37?

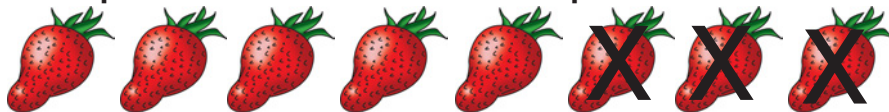
(A) 73

(C) 307

(B) 47

(D) 370

14. Which equation matches the picture?



(A) $8 + 3 = 11$

(B) $5 + 3 = 8$

(C) $8 - 3 = 5$

(D) $8 - 5 = 3$

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Getting Ready for 2nd Grade Posttest

Directions: Read the passage, and then answer the questions.

I was at Grandma's house. I was listening to music. Grandma went over to a shelf. She took out a thin square thing. It had pictures on it. Grandma pulled something out of it. It was round and black. It had a hole in the middle.

"What's that?" I asked.

"It's the way we used to listen to music. It's called a record," she said.

She opened a box-like machine. She put the record in it. Suddenly, there was sound coming out of the box.

"Now, that's music," she said. I thought it sounded scratchy.



1. What evidence is there in the text that records are an old way to listen to music?

(A) The record has a hole in it.

(C) The record is in a box.

(B) The narrator does not know what a record is.

(D) The record is on a shelf.

2. How does Grandma feel when she hears the music?

(A) She likes it.

(C) She thinks it sounds scratchy.

(B) She does not like it now.

(D) She is sad about it.

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Directions: Answer the questions.

6. Which sentences should end with a question mark?

(A) Do you like to play soccer

(C) Are they on the same team

(B) I like to play soccer

(D) What time does the game start

7. Which adjective might describe a plant?

(A) kind

(C) leaf

(B) green

(D) always

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Directions: Solve each problem.

8. Which number sentence is correct?

(A) $51 > 15$

(C) $51 = 15$

(B) $15 > 51$

(D) $51 < 15$

9. Write a number sentence to solve the story problem.

Jan eats 6 grapes, and then she eats 4 more. How many grapes does she eat in all?

10. What time is it?



(A) 12:45

(C) 12:00

(B) 9:00

(D) 9:45

11. Is this spoon more or less than an inch?



(A) less

(B) more

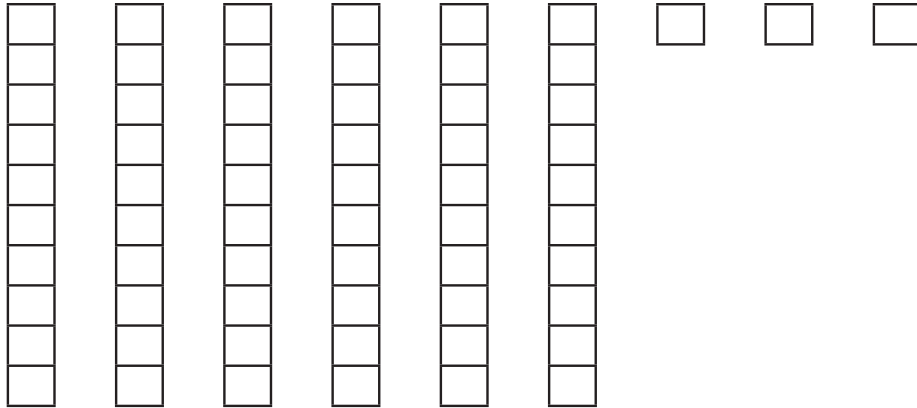
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Directions: Solve each problem.

12. What number is shown?



(A) 3

(C) 36

(B) 9

(D) 63

13. What number is 10 more than 78?

(A) 708

(C) 88

(B) 808

(D) 87

14. Which equation matches the picture?



(A) $6 + 2 = 8$

(C) $6 - 2 = 4$

(B) $8 - 2 = 6$

(D) $4 - 2 = 2$

Answer Key

Pretest

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. *A rabbit hopped on the grass.*
6. A and D
7. A
8. D
9. $5 + 4 = 9$ or $4 + 5 = 9$
10. D
11. A
12. B
13. B
14. C

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1. B
2. A
3. A
4. C
5. *The kittens ran to me.*
6. A, C, and D
7. B
8. A
9. $6 + 4 = 10$ or $4 + 6 = 10$
10. B
11. B
12. D
13. C
14. C