

# 5 PRINTABLE PASSAGES & SELF GRADING DIGITAL

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3 "What an awesome morning gone wrong!" Billy thought as he brushed and just as he was about to get dressed Billy went to his room and grabbed his toothbrush and toothpaste. He brushed his teeth and spit out the toothpaste. He then took a shower and got dressed. He went to the car, and he and mom went there to get the doctor to come see his pet. Billy and mom went there to see his pet. Billy and mom went there to see his pet. Billy and mom went there to see his pet.

4 Dr. Patterson finished examining Billy and shortly to give Billy the shot. As the doctor walked out, Billy was surprised that she did place a bandage on his arm, and left the room. Billy and his mom walked out of the examination room to the car. Billy stopped her mom. "All he asked Mom looked around, she had her key. "It was promised a sucker," Billy smirked. "So get one from the front desk," Billy hanging from the corner of his mouth. The doctor took to their home, and Billy could enjoy the ride home.

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**Crying Baby**

The mother and Father had just had a baby and were feeling truly happy after delivering a beautiful boy. The mother had wanted a baby for a long time, and was beaming with joy when she left the hospital with her little bundle. The mother and the father sat on the car ride home while the little baby slept and slept. The mother and father could not wait to get inside their home and hang out with their new family member. Being new parents, the mother and the father had not experienced all the ups and downs of having a new baby in the home.

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**Danny's Cleaning Crew**

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5 The next morning May felt like she needed some fresh air. Her and her sister went for a hike around the neighborhood. The girls were gone longer than they meant to be, but being in the fresh air felt nice. When the girls returned home, they were famished. "I am going to make some eggs, sausage, and toast," May told her sister. "Would you like some?" "Oh you know me, I don't like to eat that stuff!" replied Bailey. "It'll just have a piece of fruit or something." "Oh I know you, alright," May muttered under her breath. Bailey walked into the kitchen just as May was finished cooking the meal. She noticed her sister had made two plates of food. "May you didn't have to make me any, I was going to just have a bite of yours." "Yes, I assumed," May told her sister. "Which is why I made you, your own plate." "I guess I can have a bite, even though I like eating light," Bailey told her sister. The two sisters sat down at the table to enjoy their breakfast together. Bailey polished off the breakfast way before May. A few minutes later Bailey asked, "Want to go to a yoga class with me?" "Nope," May said. "The couch and my favorite TV show are calling my name!"

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**Picky Eater**

Bailey and May were sisters, but were very opposite people. Bailey loved to workout. She enjoyed running, lifting weights, hiking, and yoga. May was very relaxed, she loved watching TV, taking naps, and painting. Bailey and May were hanging out at their house one day, and May suggested they order pizza for lunch. "Yes we will!" stated Bailey. "Pizza is so unhealthy, I am going for a run!" Bailey grabbed her tennis shoes and headed out the door. May thought more for me, as she watched her sister leave. She picked up her phone and called the Italian restaurant down the street. "I'll have the large pepperoni pizza and an order of garlic bread," May told the owner. She hung up the phone to watch the rest of her TV program.

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3 Later that evening May was in the kitchen making a sandwich. She placed the mayo, lettuce, pickle, tomato, turkey, Swiss cheese, and bacon on the sandwich. Bailey came in the kitchen to grab an apple. "Do you want me to make you a sandwich?" May asked her sister. "That thing has a ton of calories," Bailey sneezed. "I could never eat that!" Bailey bit into her apple, and asked, "Can I just have a bite of yours?" May furrowed her brow and handed over the sandwich to her sister. Before she knew it, half of her meal had been devoured.

# READABLE

## comprehension passages SARCASM & SENSE OF HUMOR

# MULTIPLE CHOICE OR SHORT ANSWER OPTION FOR PRINTABLE DIGITAL SELF GRADING

1. Which sentence from paragraph 1 foreshadows that the new baby will be more difficult than the couple realized?

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B. The mother had wanted a baby for a long time, and was beaming with joy when she left the hospital with her little bundle.  
C. The mother and father could not wait to get inside their home and hang out with their new family member.  
D. Being new parents, the mother and the father had not experienced all the ups and downs of having a new baby in the home.

2. Which of the following words could replace the word dismay in paragraph 2?

A. Shock  
B. Confidence  
C. Calmness  
D. Joy

3. The neighbor is not honest with the mother about being sick. What would be the best prediction of why the neighbor did not hold the baby?

A. She did not want to get the baby sick.  
B. The neighbor did not know how to hold a baby.  
C. The neighbor did not want to be around a crying baby.  
D. The neighbor is a rude lady that nobody likes.

4. Why can the reader assume was the reason the baby sitter did not come watch the mother baby to watch \_\_\_\_\_  
want to work that day \_\_\_\_\_  
has older children \_\_\_\_\_  
baby crying in the background \_\_\_\_\_

5. Read the following statement in the last paragraph because \_\_\_\_\_  
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her nail appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
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id her baby \_\_\_\_\_  
her neighbor was feeling better \_\_\_\_\_

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1. In paragraph 1, what sentence foreshadows that the new baby will be more difficult than the couple realized? (Highlight or underline the sentence. The sentence can also be written in the lines below.)

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2. Write a word that could replace the word dismay in paragraph 2?

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3. The neighbor is not honest with the mother about being sick. What is your prediction of why the neighbor did not hold the baby?

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4. Why can the reader assume was the main reason the baby sitter did not come watch the baby?

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5. The mother tells her husband the following statement in the last paragraph because \_\_\_\_\_  
She told her husband, "I really do not want to go, but I must" she said \_\_\_\_\_

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1. What can the reader infer was the main reason that Billy's mother did not mention about the flu shot prior to paragraph one?

A. Mothers forget important things often.  
 B. Mothers have a lot to remember for their family.  
 C. Billy's mother knew that he would try to object going to the doctor.  
 D. Billy's mother did tell him, but he did not remember.

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"What an awesome morning gone wrong," Billy said under his breath and went upstairs to get dressed.

2. Read the line above. Which of the following do you think Billy is feeling from his comment in paragraph 6?

A. Carefree  
 B. Enthusiastic  
 C. Brave  
 D. Agitated

3. When Dr. Patterson says to Billy: "Billy, long time no see. Have you been avoiding me?" what do you think the doctor really meant?

A. Dr. Patterson was concerned that Billy did not want to come and see the doctor anymore.

5 questions each passage

FOCUSING ON SARCASM AND SENSE OF HUMOR IN TEXT

# READERS SKILL FOCUS:

## Vocabulary, Sarcasm & Sense of Humor

### ANSWER KEY PROVIDED FOR PRINTABLE SELF GRADING FOR DIGITAL

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Bailey walked into the kitchen just as May was finished cooking the meal. She noticed her sister had made two plates of food. "May you didn't have to make me any, I just got to just have a bite of yours." "Yes, I assumed," May told her sister. "Which is why I made you your own plate. I guess I can't bite, even though I like eating light." Bailey told her sister. The two sisters sat down at the table and ate their breakfast together. She polished away, away before May. A few minutes later Bailey went to a yoga class with her "Nepes." May and her favorite TV show are calling my

1 Bailey and May were sisters, but were very opposite people. Bailey  
2 loved to workout. She enjoyed running, lifting weights, hiking, and yoga.  
3 May was very relaxed, she loved watching TV, taking naps, and painting.  
4 Bailey and May were hanging out at their house one day, and May  
5 suggested they order pizza for lunch. "No way!" started Bailey. "Pizza  
6 is so unhealthy. I am going for a run!" Bailey grabbed her tennis shoes  
7 and headed out the door. May thought more for me, as she watched her  
8 sister leave. She picked up her phone and dialed the Italian restaurant  
9 down the street. "I'll have the large pepperoni pizza and an order of  
10 garlic bread," May told the owner. She hung up the phone to watch  
11 the rest of her TV program.

12 The pizza delivery man was pulling up as Bailey was returning from  
13 her run. Bailey took the pizza from him and brought the box inside to  
14 her sister. She placed her sisters lunch on the coffee table. May got up  
15 to grab a slice and napskin out of the kitchen. As Bailey stood by the  
16 coffee table, the aroma wafted from the cardboard box in the room. Her  
17 stomach began to growl and rumble. "Sure you don't want any?" May  
18 shouted to her sister from the kitchen. "No thanks, hopping in the  
19 shower," Bailey shouted back after licking her lips. May sat down on  
20 the couch, and opened the pizza box. Half of the pepperonis were  
21 missing from her pizza. She shook her head, knowing where they had  
22 gone and looked at the restroom. She then grabbed the biggest slice  
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