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**The Train Ride Home**

Many centuries ago, right around 1800, there was a young boy named Jimmy who lived in England. Jimmy was a very curious boy and he liked to go to the beach and dig for shells. Jimmy was always looking for interesting things to take home.

One day, Jimmy was walking along the beach and he found a small box buried in the sand. Jimmy was curious about the box and he decided to dig it out. Jimmy found a small book inside the box. Jimmy was very interested in the book and he decided to read it.

The next morning, the village was quiet. Jimmy was sitting on the beach and he was looking at the book. Jimmy was very happy and he was looking forward to the next day.

**The Ship Sinks**

After hitting the iceberg, the ship started to sink. Jimmy was very scared and he was looking for a way to survive. Jimmy was very lucky and he was able to grab a life preserver. Jimmy was very grateful and he was looking for a way to survive.

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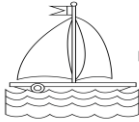
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Different Text Options



Digital Self-Grading – Multiple Choice Option



3 versions included in inside

USE FOR TEST PREP, INDEPENDENT WORK, SMALL GROUP, HOMESCHOOL, OR HOMEWORK

1. Using the text, the reader can tell that the word halt in paragraph 4 means:

A. Yelling  
B. Train ride  
C. Stop  
D. Screaming

2. What can the reader infer about Billie's character?

A. Billie wants to find a family.  
B. Billie enjoys going to different cities.  
C. Billie is seven.  
D. Billie will be a train conductor when he grows up.

3. This reading selection is mostly about:

A. Billie is a kid that has been an orphan most of his life.  
B. Billie is excited about going to California.  
C. Billie life on the orphan train.  
D. Billie was picked by his new brother.

4. Read the following sentence:

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What does the word *jovial* mean in the text?

A. Smile  
B. High Five  
C. Cheerful  
D. messy

5. What does the author mean by this phrase that is written below?

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A. He was dreaming.  
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C. His heart was beating.  
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Multiple choice option

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Short answer option

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A captain that should have been paying attention to his ship X

A popular boat that carried over 2,000 people X

A famous ship that made history when it sank into the Atlantic Ocean ✓ X

A boat that did not contain enough lifeboats for its passengers X

Add option or add "Other"

Answer key (20 points) Required

In the sentence, "On board, the ship had only sixteen sturdy wooden lifeboats and four collapsible boats," what does the word *collapsible* mean?

Not enough

Able to fold

Strong

Smaller

Digital Self-Grading option


## 5 READING PASSAGES-3 FICTION & 2 NONFICTION

Multiple Choice,  
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5 COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS WITH EACH PASSAGE



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### WORST TRIP EVER

Dad: "Throw his clothes into his suitcase." "What about my video game?" "This is literally going to swim trunks, socks, and extra towels." "I even know why I have to go to go to summer camp. This is instead of going to the shrink, he was still not excited about left the same way when she was she did not want to go. As an were from the camp. "Just go."


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### TITANIC

The Titanic is one of the most famous ships ever built. It was the largest passenger liner in the world at the time, the most luxurious and advanced in the world.

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The next day, Billie and the children boarded the train. The first stop would be Oklahoma City. One by one, Billie saw his friends going to live with new families. Some of the families already had children, and some did not. Billie was beginning to lose hope that his dreams would ever come true. California was rumored to be the orphan train's next stop. Jimmy had always wanted to go to California. "Who, who," hunched the train. Jimmy could hear the train chugging to a halt. "All kids off!" yelled the conductor.

One by one, all of the kids piled off the train. Billie stood on the platform and smiled. Suddenly, a little boy ran up to Billie and gave him a hug. Right behind him followed a woman with disheveled hair, an apron, and a good grin. A man followed behind the woman and boy. He was trying to catch his breath. "Well," said the woman, "I looks like we have found our boy." She motioned for Billie to come closer, and they began to talk.

Billie got his wish that day, and he forever remembered the orphan train. The stop in California always held high regard for Billie. He wished that no other kid would have to travel city to city the way he did. Billie also knew that his life would not have been the same if he had not covered all of those tracks.



All First Orphan Train children were carried in the first railcars. Conditions of the train improved over time.

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### LEONARDO DA VINCI

April 15, 1452-May 2, 1519

Leonardo da Vinci lived over six centuries ago. It is hard to imagine that someone so famous is not known today. Da Vinci is probably best known for his paintings, but he was also an inventor, scientist, and engineer. He was a true Renaissance man.


Leonardo's mother was a peasant and new to the city. Leonardo's childhood was not easy. He was a prodigy from a young age. He was a polymath, meaning he was an expert in many different fields. He was a pioneer in many areas, including anatomy, engineering, and art.

Leonardo's most famous paintings include the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper. He was a true genius, and his work has inspired generations of artists and scientists.

Fun Facts About Da Vinci:
 

- Da Vinci loved birds. He used to buy caged birds just to set them free.
- The artist used to write backwards on purpose. To read his thoughts a mirror required. Da Vinci did this to keep his thoughts secret.

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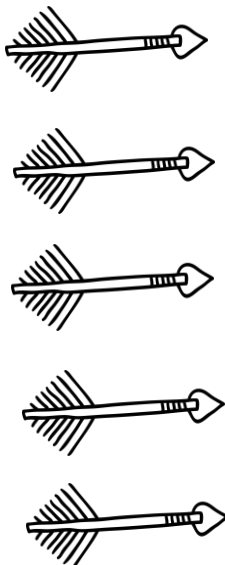
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