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**Reading for Vocabulary Improvement Test 4**

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## A Carriage Without Horses

Henry Ford was born on July 30, 1863 on a farm in Michigan. Early on, Henry knew three things about himself. He didn't like farming, he didn't enjoy book work, and he loved working with machines. It was Henry Ford's talent for working with machines that put him in the history books and changed daily life in America.

When Henry was sixteen, he left his family's farm and went to work in Detroit. He learned about repairing machines and became an expert in repairing road engines. Later, Ford became the chief engineer for the Detroit Illuminating Company. While he enjoyed his work, Henry's real fun was working in a shed behind his house. Henry worked evenings and Saturdays in his shed.

In 1899, he started the Detroit Automobile Company. This company closed in 1901. Finally, in 1903, Henry and some other people created the Ford Motor Company. He wanted to create a car that everyone would like. This meant that he wanted to make it a good car at a good price. Soon, many Americans were driving Ford's Model T. Americans loved driving the Model T! By the 1920s, Ford's company was producing sixty percent of the cars in the United States.

Although Henry Ford died in 1947, his company still exists today. Thanks to Henry Ford's talent with machines and his imagination, millions of people are driving his cars today.

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1. What kind of story is this?

- A. fiction
  - B. nonfiction
  - C. drama
  - D. folk tale
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2. Early in his life, what did Henry Ford know about himself?

- A. that he liked farming
  - B. that he liked studying
  - C. that he liked machines
  - D. that he liked cars
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3. Which BEST completes the analogy?

imagination is to idea as

thinking is to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. speaking
  - B. facts
  - C. writing
  - D. thought
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4. What kind of car did Henry Ford want to build?

- A. a car that was fancy
  - B. a car that everyone would like
  - C. a car that the rich would like
  - D. a car that was expensive
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5. What happened to the Detroit Automobile Company?

- A. It was a company created by Ford and his friends.
  - B. It was a company that made power machines.
  - C. Its closing led to the beginning of the Ford Motor Company.
  - D. It became the largest company in the world.
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## Crawly Things

*by Irene Shultz*

Back down to the basement they went.

Sammy led the way.

He said, "Here it is. Bug Town."

They went in. There were great big cases full of thousands of butterflies.

Kathy said, "Look at that bright blue one. It's my favorite."

Sammy made a face. "They may be sort of pretty, but bugs are bugs. They're still crawly."

Kathy said, "But Sammy, these aren't bugs. They're insects. Real bugs have a different kind of mouth, like these butterflies over here."

Sammy gave a little scream. "butterflies!" He walked over for a look.

He said, "Yuck! Right next to them are stinkbugs! Great! Crawly AND Stinky!"

Bill said, "Look at this display. It shows a moth head, bigger than life!"

Dave said, "Its feelers look like feathers."

Sammy walked into another room. Then he sneaked out into the hall to the candy machine.

He put in money for four candy bars. He ate two of them in one second, right there. One chocolate bar and one peanut-butter cup. He put the other two into his back pocket. Then he went back to the others.

Dave was saying, "Look at those claws on its head!" He was pointing to a beetle as long as his finger.

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Bill said, "GIANT STAG BEETLE is what the sign says. How would you like to find that guy in your bed at night!"

Sammy said, "It says found in North America! Hey! That's here! I'm never going camping again!"

Bill laughed. "I'd protect you, Sammy. I'd get him off you with a flyswatter."

Sammy said, "A flyswatter! You'd need a baseball bat to get rid of that thing!"

Sammy began to scratch. He said, "I feel buggy. I'm itching all over. I'm going to wait in the hall."

He left the others in the insect room and stepped out. He ate his last two candy bars.

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6. According to the passage, the way that Bill, Kathy, and Dave are alike is that they all
- A. go camping.
  - B. dislike bugs.
  - C. like looking at bugs.
  - D. refused to go down to the basement.
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7. This passage is an example of
- A. a myth.
  - B. poetry.
  - C. fiction.
  - D. a letter.
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8. Which word from the passage is NOT a compound word?

- A. butterflies
  - B. stinkbug
  - C. flyswatter
  - D. basement
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9. Kathy's favorite insects at Bug Town are the

- A. stinkbugs.
  - B. stag beetle.
  - C. moths.
  - D. blue butterfly.
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10. The purpose of the passage is to

- A. entertain.
  - B. inform.
  - C. argue.
  - D. persuade.
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11. Who went out into the hall for a candy bar?

- A. Bill
  - B. Sammy
  - C. Kathy
  - D. Dave
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12. Which word from the passage is a compound word?

- A. thousand
  - B. chocolate
  - C. camping
  - D. baseball
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13. Why did Bill laugh when talking to Sammy about beetles?

- A. Sammy told a joke.
  - B. He thought Sammy was overreacting.
  - C. Sammy was tickling him.
  - D. He saw a funny bug.
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14. What is the antonym of *pretty*?

- A. ugly
  - B. nice
  - C. beautiful
  - D. stubborn
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1. Sammy buys a candy bar.

2. They go into the basement.

3. Sammy waits in the hall.

4. They look at a stinkbug.

15. Based on the passage, what is the correct chronological order for the above sentences?

A. 2, 4, 1, 3

B. 1, 4, 2, 3

C. 2, 1, 3, 4

D. 3, 4, 2, 1

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16. What is the difference Kathy describes between a bug and an insect, and what example does she use to illustrate this difference?

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17. Do Kathy and Sammy feel the same way about the bug collection? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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