

L.3.5.A.-Test1B Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. In the following sentence what would the meaning of "baby steps" be?

The instructor told Ben to take baby steps while he was learning the new dance moves.

- a. always move with very small steps
- b. take it slow
- c. cry a lot
- d. not listen

2. In the following sentence what would "moved like molasses" mean?

Nathan was always late in the morning because he moved like molasses.

- a. moves backwards
- b. doesn't move at all
- c. moves very fast
- d. moves very slow

3. In the following sentence what would "blow your own horn" mean?

When Pam kept telling everyone about her 1st place win, her dad told her that she should not be blowing her own horn.

- a. don't pay attention
- b. brag about how good you are yourself
- c. work harder at what you're doing
- d. let someone else brag about how good you are

4. In the following sentence what would "filled to the brim" mean?

After eating a huge lunch Thomas said that he was filled to the brim.

- a. very sad
- b. very tired
- c. very full
- d. very hungry

5. In the following sentence what would "high hopes" mean?

Hannah told her friends she had high hopes that her lottery ticket was the winning ticket.

- a. makes you mad
- b. feel good about it
- c. have questions about it
- d. doesn't make a difference

6. In the following sentence what would "hungry as a horse" mean?

At lunch Cary said she was as hungry as a horse because she hadn't eaten breakfast.

- a. very full
- b. very tired
- c. very angry
- d. very hungry

7. In the following sentence what would "get off your high horse" mean?

Debbie's mom told her to get off her high horse when she wouldn't quit bragging about her trophy.

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| a. stop complaining | c. stop being quiet and shy |
| b. stop thinking you're better than everyone | d. be more aggressive |

8. In the following sentence what would the meaning of "turn down voices" mean?

One day when the class was being loud the teacher told them to turn down their voices.

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| a. speak quieter | c. ignore the teacher |
| b. be noisy | d. don't talk at all |

9. In the following sentence what would the meaning of "act your age" be?

When Bill started to throw a temper tantrum after his 5th grade team lost the game, his coach told him to act his age.

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| a. don't act like a baby | c. take a break |
| b. get a job | d. it's ok to yell and scream |

10. In the following sentence what would "clean as a whistle" mean?

Cassie's mom said she couldn't go out and play until her room was clean as a whistle.

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| a. very dirty | c. very clean |
| b. very full | d. closed |

Answer 1: B

Answer 2: D

Answer 3: B

Answer 4: C

Answer 5: B

Answer 6: D

Answer 7: B

Answer 8: B

Answer 9: A

Answer 10: C