

UNIT-5READINGCOMPREHENSIONPassage

Seagulls live on the beach. They eat small fish, bread, and seaweed. Seagulls run quickly on the sand and fly quickly in the sky. Seagulls will run or fly away if you try to catch them. There are many seagulls on the beach.

Crabs also live on the beach. They eat shrimp, ocean plants, and small fish. Crabs crawl quickly on the sand and in the ocean. Crabs will crawl away if you try to catch them. There are many crabs on the beach, but it is not always easy to see them.

Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish. Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean. Starfish will not move away if you try to catch them. There are few starfish on the beach.

Questions

- 1) Seagulls, crabs, and starfish all eat
    - A. clams
    - B. bread
    - C. fish
  - 2) Which animal does not move quickly?
    - A. starfish
    - B. seagulls
    - C. crabs
  - 3) Based on information in the passage, which sentence is false?
    - A. Starfish are hard to catch.
    - B. Crabs eat shrimp and ocean plants.
    - C. Seagulls move quickly on the sand and in the air.
  - 4) The passage does not talk about
    - A. what starfish eat
    - B. how crabs catch food
    - C. how fast beach animals move
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- 5) According to the passage, seagulls
- I. live on the beach
  - II. move quickly in the ocean
  - III. eat bread only
- A. I only  
B. I and II only  
C. I, II, and III
- 6) Based on information in the passage, which animal would you be most likely to see at the beach?
- A. crabs  
B. seagulls  
C. starfish
- 7) Based on information in the passage, we can understand that
- A. the beach is not as nice as the mountains  
B. the beach is a good place to vacation  
C. many animals live at the beach
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**Answers and Explanations**1) **C**

In paragraph 1 the passage says, "Seagulls live on the beach. They eat small fish, bread, and seaweed." So, seagulls eat fish. In paragraph 2 the passage says, "Crabs also live on the beach. They eat shrimp, ocean plants, and small fish." So, crabs eat fish. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish." So, starfish eat fish. Using this information, we know that seagulls, crabs, and starfish all eat fish. Choice **(C)** is correct.

2) **A**

In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean." If starfish move slowly, that means that they do not move quickly. *Slowly* is the opposite of *quickly*. Choice **(A)** is correct.

3) **A**

In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish will not move away if you try to catch them." Using this information, we can understand that starfish are easy to catch because they do not move away. Choice **(A)** is correct.

4) **B**

The passage does not talk about how crabs catch food. Choice **(B)** is correct. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish." Using this information, we can understand that the passage talks about what starfish eat. Choice **(A)** is incorrect. In paragraph 1 the passage says, "Seagulls run quickly on the sand and fly quickly in the sky." In paragraph 2 the passage says, "Crabs crawl quickly on the sand." In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean." Since seagulls, crabs, and starfish all live at the beach, we can understand that the passage talks about how fast beach animals move. Choice **(C)** is incorrect.

5) **A**

In paragraph 1 the passage says, "Seagulls live on the beach." This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 1, the passage says that seagulls "move quickly on the sand and in the sky." However, the passage does not say that seagulls move quickly in the ocean. This means **option (II)** is not true. In paragraph 1, the passage says that seagulls "eat small fish, bread, and seaweed." Because the passage says that seagulls eat two foods in addition to bread (small fish and seaweed), this means that seagulls do not eat bread only. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(A)** is correct.

6) **B**

In paragraph 1 the passage says, "There are many seagulls on the beach." This means you will be very likely to see a seagull at the beach. Choice **(B)** is correct. In paragraph 2 the passage says "There are many crabs on the beach, but it is not always easy to see them." This means you will be unlikely to see a crab at the beach. Choice **(A)** is incorrect. In paragraph 3 the passage says "There are few starfish on the beach." This means you will be unlikely to see a starfish at the beach. Choice **(C)** is incorrect.

7) **C**

In paragraph 1 the passage talks about the seagulls that live at the beach. In paragraph 2 the passage talks about the crabs that live at the beach. In paragraph 3 the passage talks about the starfish that live at the beach. This passage talks about animals that live at the beach. Moreover, the passage says that these animals eat other animals like "clams, oysters, and small fish." This lets us know that many animals live at the beach. Choice **(C)** is correct. The passage does not talk about the mountains. Choice **(A)** is incorrect. The passage does not talk about whether or not the beach is a good place to vacation at. The passage only talks about animals that live at the beach. Choice **(B)** is incorrect.

**Passage**

There are many kinds of boats.

One kind of boat is called a sailboat. A sailboat uses the wind to move. Wind makes a sailboat move in the water. The wind pushes the sailboat. Wind fills the sails. The sailboat moves when the wind blows.

One kind of boat is called a motorboat. A motorboat uses a motor to move. The motor gives power to the boat. The motorboat moves when the motor is running. The motorboat makes a loud noise.

One kind of boat is called a rowboat. A rowboat needs people to move it. People make a rowboat move in the water. People use oars to move a rowboat. Oars are long and flat. Oars go into the water. A rowboat moves when people use the oars.

As you can see, there are many kinds of boats.

**Questions**

1) Which boat uses the wind to move?

- A. a sailboat
- B. a rowboat
- C. a motorboat

2) Which boat makes a loud noise?

- A. a sailboat
- B. a motorboat
- C. a rowboat

3) What is used to move a rowboat?

- A. wind
- B. a motor
- C. oars

4) According to the passage, oars are

- A. short and fat
- B. long and flat
- C. big and heavy



- 5) This passage is mainly about
- A. different kinds of boats
  - B. where to use a rowboat
  - C. how to make a boat
- 6) Which boat(s) can still move if there is no wind?
- I. a motorboat
  - II. a rowboat
  - III. a sailboat
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. I, II, and III
- 7) Tom doesn't like loud noises. Which boat(s) does he probably like to ride in?
- I. a sailboat
  - II. a rowboat
  - III. a motorboat
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. I, II, and III
- 8) What would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Boats that Make Noise
  - B. The Sailboat and the Motorboat
  - C. Three Kinds of Boats
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**Answers and Explanations**

1) **A**

In paragraph 2 the passage says, "A sailboat uses the wind to move." Choice **(A)** is correct.

2) **B**

At the end of paragraph 3 the passage says, "The motorboat makes a loud noise." Choice **(B)** is correct.

3) **C**

In paragraph 4 the passage says, "People use oars to move a rowboat." Choice **(C)** is correct.

4) **B**

In paragraph 4 the passage says, "Oars are long and flat." Choice **(B)** is correct.

5) **A**

The passage talks about three different kinds of boats. In paragraph 2, the passage talks about the sailboat. In paragraph 3, the passage talks about the motorboat. In paragraph 4, the passage talks about the rowboat. Using this information, we can understand that the passage is mainly about different kinds of boats. Choice **(A)** is correct.

6) **B**

In paragraph 3 the passage says, "A motorboat uses a motor to move." A motorboat can still move if there is no wind. This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 4 the passage says, "A rowboat needs people to move it." A rowboat can still move if there is no wind. This means **option (II)** is true. In paragraph 2 the passage says, "A sailboat uses the wind to move." A sailboat cannot move if there is no wind. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(B)** is correct.

7) **B**

In paragraph 2, we learn that wind moves a sailboat. So, a sailboat is probably very quiet. Tom would probably like to ride in a sailboat. This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 4, we learn that people move a rowboat using oars. So, a rowboat is probably very quiet. Tom would probably like to ride in a rowboat. This means **option (II)** is true. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "The motorboat makes a loud noise." So, Tom would not like to ride in a motorboat because it makes a loud noise. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(B)** is correct.

8) **C**

A good title describes the main idea of the passage. In paragraph 2 the passage talks about one kind of boat: the sailboat. In paragraph 3 the passage talks about another kind of boat: the motorboat. In paragraph 4 the passage talks about another kind of boat: the rowboat. Using this information, we can understand that the main idea of the passage is to talk about three kinds of boats. Choice **(C)** is correct. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "The motorboat makes a loud noise." However, this is only one of the three boats that are discussed in the passage. The other two boats, the sailboat and the rowboat, do not make any noise. This means choice **(A)** is incorrect. In paragraphs 2 and 3 the author talks about the sailboat and the motorboat. However, this is only two of the three boats that are discussed in the passage. The other boat, the rowboat, is not included in this title. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.