

“An Adventure”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Jaime is a boy.

Jaime lives in a house. Jaime lives in the country. Jaime lives in a house in the country.



Jaime has a dog. The dog is named Go-Go. Jaime and Go-Go are friends.

Jaime and Go-Go are bored. They want to do something new. They want to do something fun. They want to do something exciting.

Jaime and Go-Go walk out of the house. They walk **across** the yard. They walk **across** the field. They jump over the fence. The fence is on the other side of the field.



Jaime sees a mountain. The mountain is very tall. The top of the mountain is in the clouds. Jaime looks at the mountain.

“We are going to the top of that mountain,” Jaime says.

Go-Go looks nervous.

“Don't be nervous,” Jaime says.



Go-Go runs after Jaime. They walk toward the mountain. Jaime stops. He looks back at the house.

“I am a little tired,” Jaime says to Go-Go.

Go-Go licks Jaime's face.

Jaime turns around.

“Come on, Go-Go. We will climb the mountain tomorrow,” Jaime says.

Jaime starts to walk home.

Go-Go runs after Jaime.



Questions:

1) Where does Jaime live?

- A. He lives in a house in the city.
- B. He lives in an apartment in the country.
- C. He lives in a house in the country.
- D. He lives in an apartment in the city.

2) What kind of animal is Go-Go?

- A. a dog
- B. a cat
- C. a pig
- D. a bird

3) In the middle of the story, they walk **across** the field. This means they walk

- A. under the field
- B. close to the field
- C. away from the field
- D. from one side of the field to the other side

4) What does Jaime do at the beginning of the story?

- A. go home
- B. walk out of the house
- C. go fishing in the river
- D. climb a mountain

5) What does Jaime want to do at the end of the story?

- A. go home
- B. climb a mountain
- C. go fishing in the river
- D. play a game with Go-Go

6) Why is Go-Go nervous?

- A. He is hungry.
- B. He wants to play catch.
- C. He doesn't want to go home.
- D. He doesn't want to climb the mountain.

7) Jaime says he will climb the mountain tomorrow. Is this true?

- A. probably
- B. probably not

Would you like to live in the city, or would you like to live in the country? Why?

I would like to live in the _____ because _____

Answers and Explanations

- 1) **C**
Paragraph 2 tells us, “Jaime lives in a house in the country.” Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

- 2) **A**
In paragraph 3, we learn, “Jaime has a dog. The dog is named Go-Go.” Therefore **(A)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support answer choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

- 3) **D**
To walk *across* something means to go from one side to the other. In the story, we can understand that Jaime and Go-Go have walked from one side of the field to the other because they jump over the fence. We know the fence is on “the other side of the field.” Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The story does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

- 4) **B**
In paragraph 5, the story says, “Jaime and Go-Go walk out of the house.” This is the first thing that Jaime and Go-Go do in the story. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

Near the end of the story, Jaime starts to walk home. This happens at the end, not the beginning. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. There is no information in the story about fishing in a river. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. In paragraph 7, Jaime tells Go-Go, “We are going to the top of that mountain.” To get to the top of the mountain, Jaime would have to climb the mountain. This could seem like a right answer. However, this happens after Jaime walks out of the house. This happens in the middle of the story. Also, he does not ever climb the mountain. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

- 5) **A**
Paragraph 15 tells us, “Jaime starts to walk home.” This happens at the end of the story. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

In paragraph 7, Jaime tells Go-Go, “We are going to the top of that mountain.” To get to the top of the mountain, Jaime would have to climb the mountain. This could seem like a right answer. However, this happens after Jaime walks out of the house. This happens in the middle of the story. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. There is no information in the story about fishing in a river. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. There is no information about Jaime playing a game with Go-Go. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

- 6) **D**
In the middle of the story, Jaime tells Go-Go, “We are going to the top of the mountain.” The next sentence tells us, “Go-Go looked nervous.” We can

understand that Go-Go is nervous because he doesn't want to climb the mountain. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The story does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

7) **B**

In paragraph 6 we learn "the mountain is very tall. The top of the mountain is in the clouds." Jaime has fun thinking about climbing the mountain. But in reality, it would be very hard for him to climb a very tall mountain with Go-Go. It would also be very dangerous. Jaime will still get tired climbing the mountain tomorrow. Go-Go will still be nervous about climbing the mountain tomorrow. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

There is no information in the story that Jaime will be less tired climbing tomorrow. There is no information that Go-Go will be less nervous. It is not likely they will climb the mountain tomorrow. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.