

• Reading Comprehension 4 Level 4

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

Lilly loves her new town. She loves the mall. She loves the parks. She also loves her school. Most of all, though, Lilly loves the seasons. In her old town, it was hot all of the time.

Sometimes it is cold in Lilly's new town. The cold season is in winter. Once in a while it snows. Lilly has never seen snow before. So for her, the snow is exciting as well as very beautiful. Lilly has to wear gloves to keep her hands warm. **She also wears a scarf around her neck.**

In spring, flowers bloom and the trees turn green with new leaves. Pollen falls on the cars and windowsills and makes Lilly sneeze. People work in their yards and mow their grass.

In summer, Lilly wears her old shorts and sandals—the same ones she used to wear in her old town. It's hot outside, and dogs lie in the shade. Lilly and her friends go to a pool or play in the water sprinkler. Her father cooks hamburgers on the grill for dinner.

Lilly's favorite season is autumn. In autumn, the leaves on the trees turn yellow, gold, red, and orange. Halloween comes in autumn, and this is Lilly's favorite holiday. Every Halloween, Lilly wears a costume. Last year she wore a mouse costume. This year she will wear a fish costume.

One evening in autumn, Lilly and her mom are on sitting together on the porch. Mom tells Lilly that autumn is also called "fall". This is a good idea, Lilly thinks, because in fall all of the leaves fall down from the trees.

Questions

1) Which of the following words best describes the way Lilly feels about living in her new town?

- A. *skeptical*, meaning questioning or showing doubt
- B. *apprehensive*, meaning anxious or worried
- C. *overjoyed*, meaning extremely happy
- D. *content*, meaning satisfied with what one is or has

2) This passage is mainly about

- A. Lilly's favorite season
- B. Lilly and the four seasons
- C. Lilly's favorite activities during winter
- D. Lilly's favorite Halloween costumes

3) What is Lilly's favorite thing about her new town?

- A. her school
- B. going to the pool
- C. the food
- D. the seasons

- 4) In paragraph 2 the author writes, "She also wears a scarf around her neck." What is the best way to rewrite this sentence while keeping its original meaning?
- A. In addition, she wears a scarf around her neck.
 - B. However, she wears a scarf around her neck.
 - C. Nevertheless, she wears a scarf around her neck.
 - D. As a result, she wears a scarf around her neck.
- 5) Which of the following best describes the structure of this passage?
- A. The author talks about Lily's new town, and then talks about how the seasons are changing.
 - B. The author introduces Lilly, and then describes her in relation to the four seasons.
 - C. The author introduces Lilly, and then explains why autumn is her favorite season.
 - D. The author discusses the four seasons, and then describes which one Lilly likes best.
- 6) How is Lilly's new town different from her old town?
- I. It snows in her new town.
 - II. Lilly wears different summer clothes in her new town.
 - III. Lilly wears a Halloween costume in her new town.
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III
- 7) Based on information in paragraph 5, which of the following costumes is Lilly most likely to wear next year?
- A. a princess costume
 - B. a fairy costume
 - C. a ghost costume
 - D. a bird costume
- 8) Based on information in the passage, we can understand that, which season has two names?
- A. spring
 - B. summer
 - C. fall
 - D. winter

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

In paragraph 1 we learn that "Lilly loves her new town." The author continues to explain all of the things she loves about her town. Since *love* is a strong word, we can understand that Lilly feels overjoyed about living in her new town. Choice **(C)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **B**

The passage talks about Lilly and the four seasons. In the first paragraph, Lilly is introduced. In the following paragraphs, the author describes Lilly in the four seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall. This makes **(B)** correct. Although the passage does say in paragraph 5 that Lilly's favorite season is autumn, this is only a detail, and is not what the passage is mainly about. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. Although we learn about Lilly's activities during winter, we also learn about what she does during the other seasons. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. In paragraph 5, we learn about the costume Lilly wore last year, as well as the costume she plans to wear this year. However, this is only a detail, and is not what the passage is mainly about. This eliminates choice **(D)**.

3) **D**

In paragraph 1, the author describes the things Lilly likes about her new town. In the middle of paragraph 1, the author says, "Most of all, Lilly loves the seasons." This means that Lilly's favorite thing about her new town is the seasons. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **A**

In paragraph 2, the passage says that it is cold in winter. For this reason, Lilly "has to wear gloves to keep her hands warm. She also wears a scarf around her neck." This means that "in addition" to her gloves, Lilly wears a scarf. The scarf is something extra. The conjunction "in addition" is used to describe something that is extra or more. Therefore **(A)** is correct. **(B)** is incorrect because the conjunction "however" is used to introduce a contradiction. This conjunction does not fit in this context. **(C)** is incorrect because the conjunction "nevertheless" is used to introduce the idea that something is true in spite of or regardless of something else. This conjunction does not fit in this context. **(D)** is incorrect because the conjunction "as a result" is used to introduce an effect that was caused by something that came before it. This conjunction does not fit in this context.

5) **B**

In the first paragraph, the author introduces Lilly. In the following paragraphs, the author describes Lilly in relation to the four seasons. Paragraph 2 talks about Lilly in winter. Paragraph 3 talks about Lilly in spring. Paragraph 4 talks about Lilly in summer. Paragraphs 5 and 6 talk about Lilly in autumn (or fall). This lets us know that **(B)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because the author introduces Lilly, not her new town. In addition, the rest of the passage does not talk about how the seasons are changing. **(C)** is incorrect because it leaves out the other three seasons that the author describes: winter, spring, and summer. **(D)** is incorrect because the author does not begin by discussing the four seasons. In addition, the author does not spend the rest of the passage describing which season Lilly likes best. Rather, the author describes Lilly in relation to all four seasons.

6) **A**

In paragraph 2, the author says, "Once in a while it snows. Lilly has never seen snow before." If Lilly has never seen snow before, this means that it did not snow in her old town. This is a way in which her new town is different from her old town. This supports **option (I)**. In paragraph 4, the author says, "In summer, Lilly wears her old shorts and sandals—the same ones she used to wear in her old town." This means Lilly wears the same summer clothes in her new town that she did in her old town. This is not a way in which her new town is different from her old town. This eliminates **option (II)**. In paragraph 5, the author says, "Every Halloween, Lilly wears a costume. Last year she wore a ghost costume. This year she will wear a fish costume." Last year, Lilly lived in her old town. If Lilly wore a costume last year, this means she wore a costume in her old town. So Lilly wears Halloween costumes in both her old town and her new town. This is not a way in which her new town is different from her old town. This eliminates **option (III)**. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

7) **D**

In paragraph 5, we learn about the costumes that Lilly likes to wear. The author writes, "Last year she wore a mouse costume. This year she will wear a fish costume." Using this information, we can understand that Lilly likes to wear animal costumes. Therefore, it makes sense that she would wear a bird costume next year. Choice **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

8) **C**

In the last paragraph the author says, "Mom tells Lilly that autumn is also called 'fall'." Using this information, we can understand that **(C)** is the correct choice. Autumn and fall are two different names for the same season. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.