



“Juanita Does the Laundry”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories ⁽⁵⁾

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

Sunday is the day that Juanita washes her clothes. Juanita likes the fresh, clean way the clothes smell once they are washed.

First Juanita takes the clothes to the **laundromat** in her car. At the laundromat, she must first put quarters in the washing machine so that it will wash her clothes. Before putting the clothes into the washing machine, Juanita **separates** the light-colored clothes from the dark-colored clothes. She puts the clothes in two different washers. She puts **detergent** in both the washers. She closes the lids on both the machines. On the machine containing the dark-colored clothes she presses “Colors”. This means that the clothes will be washed with less power, so that the clothes do not **fade**. On the machine containing the light-colored clothes she presses “Whites.” This means that the clothes will be washed with more power. She presses the quarters in and presses “Start” to start both the machines, and the machines start washing the clothes.

Once the machines are done washing the clothes, Juanita opens the machines and **removes** the clothes. She carries the clothes in her basket to the dryers. She puts the clothes in two separate dryers. She puts in each of the dryers a fabric softener sheet to soften the fabric of the clothes. She puts quarters in the two machines. Again, she presses “Whites” on the machine containing the light-colored clothes and “Colors” on the machine containing the dark-colored clothes. Then she pushes the quarters in and presses “Start” and the machines start drying the clothes.

Once the machines are done drying her clothes, Juanita removes the clothes from the machines and folds them. She puts them in her basket, puts the basket in her car, and drives home.

Questions:

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| <p>1) On what day does Juanita wash her clothes?</p> <p>A. Sunday
B. Monday
C. Tuesday
D. Wednesday</p> |
| <p>2) Where does Juanita wash her clothes?</p> <p>A. The grocery store
B. Her house
C. The laundromat
D. None of the above</p> |
| <p>3) What kind of coins does Juanita put in the washing machine?</p> <p>A. Pennies
B. Nickels
C. Dimes
D. Quarters</p> |
| <p>4) What kind of machine does Juanita put the clothes in first?</p> <p>A. Dryer
B. Washer
C. Oven
D. Microwave</p> |
| <p>5) What kind of machine does Juanita put the clothes in next?</p> <p>A. Dryer
B. Washer
C. Oven
D. Microwave</p> |

Vocabulary:

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| <p>1) A laundromat is...</p> <p>A. a place to get a haircut.
B. a washing machine.
C. a place to wash your dishes.
D. a place to wash your clothes.</p> |
| <p>2) If two things are separated, they are...</p> <p>A. put together.
B. taken apart.
C. stretched.
D. wrinkled.</p> |
| <p>3) Detergent...</p> <p>A. deters water from clothes.
B. is a type of fabric softener.
C. is a soap used for washing clothes.
D. none of the above.</p> |
| <p>4) Juanita does not want the clothes to fade. This means that she does not want...</p> <p>A. the colors to lose brightness.
B. the clothes to become stiff.
C. the clothes to get wrinkled.
D. all of the above.</p> |
| <p>5) If something is removed from something else, the first thing is...</p> <p>A. combined with the second thing.
B. put in the same place as the second thing.
C. thrown away.
D. taken away from the second thing.</p> |