

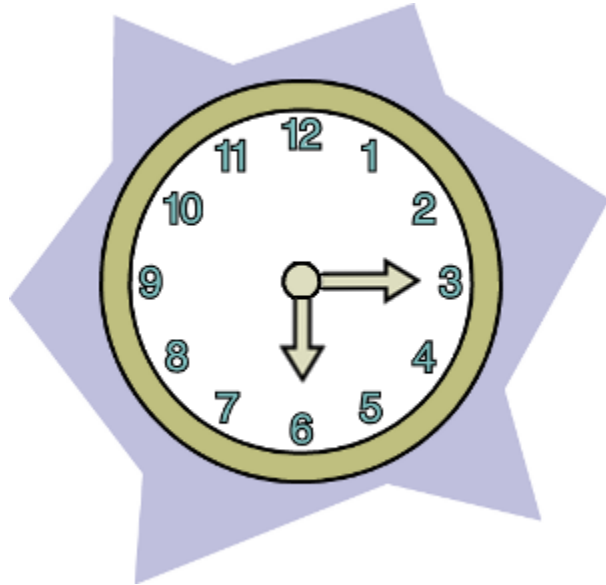
“Time to...”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

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

It is 6:15 a.m.

It is time to wake up.
It is time to take a shower.
It is time to brush teeth.
It is time to get dressed.
It is time to eat breakfast.
It is time to go to work.
It is time to eat lunch.
It is time to go back to work.
It is time to go home.
It is time to eat dinner.
It is time to go to sleep.



“Billy,” she says.
“What?” Billy says.
“It is time to wake up!”

Questions:

1) What time is it?

- A. 5:30 in the morning
- B. 5:30 at night
- C. 6:15 in the morning
- D. 6:15 at night

2) What is it time to do first?

- A. brush teeth
- B. take a shower
- C. wake up
- D. go to work

3) What is it time to do second?

- A. brush teeth
- B. wake up
- C. take a shower
- D. go home

4) What is it time to do last?

- A. go to sleep
- B. go to work
- C. go to a movie
- D. eat dinner

Questions (continued):

5) What is it time to do after it is time to go home?

- A. eat dinner
- B. brush teeth
- C. get dressed
- D. wake up

6) Billy wakes up. This means he

- A. starts sleeping
- B. starts working
- C. stops sleeping
- D. eats dinner

7) Billy is

- A. busy
- B. short
- C. nervous
- D. honest

8) It is time to *brush teeth*. This means it is time for Billy to

- A. clean his teeth
- B. chatter his teeth
- C. bite with his teeth
- D. chew with his teeth

9) Billy *goes back* to work. This means he

- A. likes work
- B. is late for work
- C. returns to work
- D. stays home

10) What is the correct order?

- A. Breakfast – Dinner – Lunch
- B. Breakfast – Lunch – Dinner
- C. Dinner – Lunch – Breakfast
- D. Lunch – Dinner – Breakfast

Do you dream? What do you dream about?

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

At the beginning, the story says, "It is 6:15 a.m." We can understand from this that it is 6:15 in the morning. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect. The letters "a.m." after 6:15 mean that it is morning. It would say 6:15 p.m. if it was at night. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

2) **C**

The first line of the story says, "It is 6:15 a.m." The next line says, "It is time to wake up." We can understand from this information that it is early in the morning and the first thing Billy has to do is wake up. Nothing else comes before waking up. Therefore **(C)** is correct. All of the other things Billy does come after waking up. Therefore **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)** are incorrect.

3) **C**

To be second means to come right after whatever comes first. "It is time to take a shower" comes right after "It is time to wake up." Waking up is the first thing to do, so "It is time to take a shower" comes second. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **A**

If something is last, this means it is at the end. At the end of the list of things Billy does, it says, "It is time to go to sleep." This means the last thing that Billy has to do is go to sleep. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

In the middle of the list of things that Billy does, it says, "It is time to go to work." Since going to work is in the middle, it is not last. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. Going to a movie is not on the list of things that Billy does. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. Near the end of the list, we see that "It is time to eat dinner" comes before "It is time to go to sleep." Since something comes after eating dinner, it is not the last thing Billy does. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

5) **A**

We say something comes *after* if it follows a thing that comes before it. Near the end, the story says, "It is time to go home." Following that sentence, the story says, "It is time to eat dinner." Since the time to eat dinner follows the time to go home, the time to eat dinner comes *after*. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

In the story, "It is time to brush teeth" comes before "It is time to go home." Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. "It is time to get dressed" also comes before "It is time to go home." Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. "It is time to wake up" is the first thing Billy does, so it doesn't come after anything. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

6) **C**

At the beginning, the story says, "It is 6:15 a.m. It is time to wake up." After that, it is time for Billy to get ready and go to work. Billy wakes up first thing in the morning and then gets ready and goes to work. We generally sleep at

night, and we cannot go to work when we are sleeping, so from this we can understand that to *wake up* means to stop sleeping. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

Since we cannot get ready and go to work while we are sleeping, to *wake up* cannot mean to start sleeping. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. Billy starts working after he wakes up, so to *wake up* cannot mean to start working. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. Billy eats dinner later, at the end of his day. We know this because it is near the end of the list. Eating dinner is listed separately from waking up, so they cannot mean the same thing. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

7) **A**

In this story, Billy does many things. To be busy means to be occupied with an activity. Since Billy does activities all day long, we know that Billy is busy. Therefore **(A)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

8) **A**

Near the beginning, the story says, "It is time to brush teeth." Before this, it "is time to take a shower." After this, it "is time to get dressed." Since Billy is getting himself clean and prepared for his day, we can understand from this information that to brush teeth is to clean teeth. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

To chatter is to click together over and over again quickly. Teeth chatter when a person is cold. In the story, Billy is not cold. He is getting groomed for his day, so it is not time for Billy's teeth to chatter. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. To bite is to cut into something with your teeth. Billy is getting ready by getting clean, so it is not time to cut something with his teeth. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. To chew is to use teeth to break something up, like a person does when eating. Billy is getting cleaned and dressed for work. He is not eating, so it is not time to chew. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

9) **C**

In the middle of the story, Billy says, "It is time to go to work. It is time to eat lunch. It is time to go back to work." We can understand from this that Billy goes to work, then stops working when he has lunch, and then starts working again. To *return* means to go back to doing something you stopped doing earlier. Since Billy stops working to have lunch and then starts work again after lunch, Billy returns to work. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

To *like* something is to enjoy it. The story does not tell us if Billy enjoys work. Billy could return to work whether he likes it or not. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The story does not provide information about whether Billy is late or not. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. Billy does not stay home after lunch, because later in the list it is "time to go home." Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

10) **B**

Near the middle of the story, Billy says, "It is time to eat breakfast." After that, Billy says, "It is time to eat lunch." After that, Billy says, "It is time to eat dinner." This means that breakfast comes first, lunch next, and dinner last. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.