



# Level 6 Samples

## 3 Reading Comprehension Assessments

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## • Reading Comprehension Sample 6.1

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

## The Geckos

My grandparents live in Florida. We spend most holidays at their house. And, while there, my favorite activity is to sit by the pool. I say “sit” because I rarely swim. Instead, I watch my favorite animal run around the patio. That would be the gecko.



### Geckos

Geckos live in most warm climates in North America. They are small lizards that live in nature and also near people. When I say they are small, I really mean they are tiny. The biggest one I have ever seen was about ten inches long. However, the book I read on geckos claims they can get to be 60 centimeters long. That would be over twice the size of the largest one I saw. Most, though, are just a few inches long.

The lizards are usually green, but some geckos appear blue. I’ve seen a few that have patterns on their backs, but not all do. While their appearance is interesting, geckos really drew me in by the way they move.

### Why I Love Geckos

See, geckos are incredibly fast. It seems geckos are either standing perfectly still or **sprinting** across the patio!

More interesting still is their climbing ability. They are some of the best climbers in the world. And they can stick to most surfaces. I’ve even seen geckos walk on ceilings before!

Most people welcome geckos because they eat mosquitoes. My grandparents certainly feel this way. Their patio is covered in geckos, and they do not do anything to change that fact. And that is just fine with me!

### My Only Complaint

The only thing I really dislike about geckos is that they do not live by me. However, my grandpa told me that it is not such a bad thing. He suggests that I would likely get sick of the geckos if I saw them every day as he does. I find that very hard to believe!

**Sources:**  
Velthaus, Sally. *Geckos*. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2005. Book.

## Questions

- 1) According to the passage, geckos range in size from
  - A. 10 inches to 60 centimeters
  - B. a few inches to 10 inches
  - C. a few inches to 60 centimeters
  - D. 10 inches to a foot
  
- 2) According to the passage, the narrator is most interested in what aspect of the geckos?
  - A. what they eat
  - B. how they move
  - C. how they appear
  - D. what their lengths are
  
- 3) As used in paragraph 4, **sprinting** is best defined as
  - A. standing still
  - B. climbing quickly
  - C. standing closely
  - D. running very quickly
  
- 4) From paragraph 6, it can be assumed that the narrator's grandparents
  - A. do not like mosquitoes
  - B. are interested in learning about mosquitoes
  - C. are very interested in geckos
  - D. do not understand the narrator's interest in geckos
  
- 5) According to the passage, the narrator learned about geckos by
  - I. reading about them in a book
  - II. seeing them at her grandparents' house
  - III. studying them in her backyard
  - A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III

## • Reading Comprehension Sample 6.2

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

## Anna Finds an Apartment

Ana, her husband Mario, and their four-year-old son, Antonio, just moved to North Carolina. They need a temporary place to call home until they get settled into their new surroundings. Right now, they are staying in a hotel not far from Mario's job. Ana begins a search for an apartment for the family to live in.

First, Ana picks up an Apartment Book at the local newspaper stand. It contains listings of all the major apartment complexes in her area. Ana starts by looking at the prices for apartments in the Apartment Book. Then she reads about the amenities that each apartment complex offers. For example, some apartments have a clubhouse. Some have a gym, which is also called a fitness center. Some have a pool. Some have all of these!

Ana notices that an apartment with one amenity is \$350/month. An apartment with two amenities is \$450/month. An apartment with three amenities is \$650/month. She wants the family's new apartment to be nice, but she does not want to spend too much money on it. After all, Ana and Mario are trying to save enough money to eventually buy a house. Ana continues to read the Apartment Book. After considering prices, amenities, and locations, she finds several apartment complexes that she thinks the family will like.

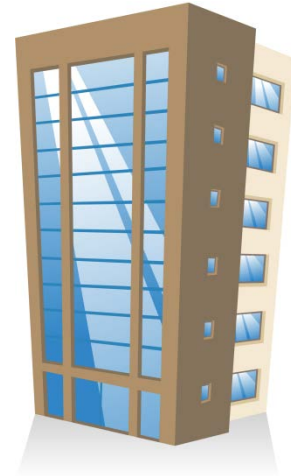
Ana calls the apartment complexes. She sets up appointments with the apartment managers to see the apartments she thinks are interesting. Ana makes five phone calls in total.

When Mario gets back to the hotel from work, Ana shows him the list of apartments. "These look good," he says.

The next day, while Mario is at work and Antonio is at daycare, Ana visits the apartment complexes. She likes the fifth one the best. It is in a good school district. It has a pool, but no fitness center or clubhouse. It is near Mario's job. Ana hopes to find a job nearby as well. When Ana gets back to the hotel, she discusses all that she has seen with Mario. They decide to rent the last apartment Ana saw.

The next day, Ana calls the manager of the apartment complex with the news. The manager asks Ana and Mario to sign a lease and pay a security deposit. If the family damages the apartment in any way while they are living there, the security deposit will help to pay for the cost of repairs. Ana and Mario sign a lease and pay the money. The manager asks them when they plan to move in and Ana looks up at Mario. He looks back at her for a moment and then tells the manager, "In a few days."

Finally, Ana's family has a place to stay.



## Questions

- 1) According to the passage, where is Ana's family staying while they look for a place to call home?
- A. in an apartment close to Mario's work
  - B. at an apartment next to Antonio's school
  - C. in Ana's mother's house
  - D. in a hotel near Mario's work
- 2) Using the information in paragraph 2 as a guide, which of the following would least likely be considered an **amenity**?
- A. undamaged walls
  - B. covered parking
  - C. tennis courts
  - D. outdoor pet area
- 3) While looking through the Apartment Book at the beginning of paragraph 3, Ana notices that
- A. the nicest apartments are typically the farthest away
  - B. size depends on location
  - C. apartments in good school districts are easier to find
  - D. number of amenities is related to cost
- 4) Which of the following does Ana consider while looking through the Apartment Book?
- I. school districts
  - II. amenities
  - III. locations
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III
- 5) According to the passage, Ana likes the fifth apartment best because it
- I. has many amenities
  - II. is near Mario's job
  - III. is in a good school district
- A. I only
  - B. I and II only
  - C. II and III only
  - D. I, II, and III
- 6) According to the passage, where is Antonio while Ana looks at apartments?
- A. at daycare
  - B. at the hotel
  - C. at school
  - D. at work

- 7) As used in paragraph 3, it can be understood that **considering** belongs to which of the following word groups?
- A. inciting, provoking, causing
  - B. contemplating, pondering, thinking
  - C. observing, viewing, seeing
  - D. approving, endorsing, supporting
- 8) According to the passage, when will the family move into their new apartment?
- A. the next day
  - B. at the first of the month
  - C. in two or three days
  - D. in just over a week
- 9) Using the information in the passage, we can understand that a security deposit is
- A. money given to a landlord to pay for amenities
  - B. money given to a landlord to pay for utilities and telephone
  - C. money given to a landlord to prove the tenant can pay rent on time
  - D. money given to a landlord to pay for any damage to the apartment

**• Reading Comprehension** Sample 6.3

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

## The Debate

Their parents had promised the twins a pet for their twelfth birthdays. The only limitation was that it had to be a pet. Singular. That meant the twins had to agree on what kind of pet to get.

### Making a Decision

For weeks, Louisa and Duncan researched pets on their own. They spent hours looking at pet photos online and talking to their friends about the types of pets they owned. Duncan's best friend suggested a dog, but his cousin suggested an iguana. Louisa's friends told her to get a parrot. The same cousin told her to get an iguana too.



Finally, each had made a decision. Duncan wanted an iguana, and Louisa decided on a cat. They both went to their parents with the decision. But their father reminded them of the agreement. They did not have to convince their parents but each other.

### Convincing the Other

The night before they were to go the pet store, the **debate** began. Duncan opened by stating how iguanas were easy to care for. Remembering Louisa's obsession with dinosaurs the summer before, Duncan suggested that iguanas were basically just smaller dinosaurs.

Louisa countered that iguanas were not fun pets because they did not do anything. A cat, she argued, could be held and would play with them.

"Of course you would want a cat. All girls want a cat," Duncan replied.

"That is unfair. None of my girl friends even have cats. They all told me to get a parrot or a dog."

"Well, all the girls I know at school love cats."

### The Compromise

The debate went on for hours with little progress. Each sibling realized the other would not be convinced. So Louisa offered a compromise.

"What was your second choice pet?" she asked.

"I guess a dog," Duncan said.

"Mine too."

And so they decided to get their second choices. The next day, their birthday, their father purchased a collie puppy for them.

## Questions

- 1) According to the passage, how old is Louisa at the time of the debate?
  - A. 10
  - B. 11
  - C. 12
  - D. 13
  
- 2) According to the passage, Duncan was told to get what kind of pet by his best friend?
  - A. a dog
  - B. a parrot
  - C. an iguana
  - D. a cat
  
- 3) Duncan's argument is flawed because it
  - A. is based on Louisa being like the small number of girls he knows at school
  - B. is based on advice given to him by a cousin Louisa also knows
  - C. makes a comparison between iguanas and a pet that Louisa cannot have
  - D. makes a dishonest point about the pet Louisa prefers
  
- 4) Which of the following best explains why Louisa suggested a compromise?
  - A. She knew that Duncan liked dogs just as much as he liked iguanas.
  - B. Neither she nor Duncan could convince the other one to want the other's animal.
  - C. Their parents made it clear that they could pick any kind of pet they both wanted.
  - D. Dogs and cats are both similar in that they can both be played with and held.
  
- 5) As used throughout the passage, the word **debate** most nearly describes
  - A. thinking
  - B. combat
  - C. an agreement
  - D. a discussion



**Sample 6.1**
**1) C**
**Question Type: Detail**

To answer this detail question, look for the part of the passage that describes the lengths of geckos. This occurs in the section labeled "Geckos." There, the narrator states that "the book I read on geckos claims they can get to be 60 centimeters long," but that "most... are just a few inches long." This suggests that geckos range in size from a few inches to 60 centimeters. Because of this, choice **(C)** is correct. The passage states that "the biggest" gecko the narrator has "ever seen was about ten inches long." It does not suggest that the smallest geckos are ten inches long, then. Because of this, choice **(A)** is not correct. The narrator makes it clear that most geckos he has seen have been "a few inches long." He also states the "biggest one" he has "ever seen was about ten inches long." This means that the range of geckos the narrator has seen range from a few inches to 10 inches long. However, the narrator also states that a book on geckos "claims they can get to be 60 centimeters long." Because of this, geckos range in size from a few inches to 60 centimeters, not ten inches. It also means choice **(B)** is not correct. The passage states that "the biggest" gecko the narrator has "ever seen was about ten inches long." It does not suggest that the smallest geckos are ten inches long, then. Because of this, choice **(D)** is not correct.

**2) B**
**Question Type: Global**

The narrator describes what made her most interested in geckos at the end of paragraph 3. There, he states, that "while their appearance is interesting, geckos really drew me in by the way the move." In the next section of the passage, "Why I Love Geckos," the narrator elaborates on this idea. He or she talks about how they sprint, stand, and climb. This makes choice **(B)** correct. Though the passage does describe what geckos eat (mosquitoes), it does not imply that the narrator was most interested in what geckos eat. Because of this, choice **(A)** is not correct. Though the passage does describe how geckos appear, it does not imply that the narrator was most interested in their appearance. Because of this, choice **(C)** is not correct. Though the passage does describe the length of geckos, it does not imply that the narrator was most interested in their size. Because of this, choice **(D)** is not correct.

**3) D**
**Question Type: Vocabulary**

**sprint** (*verb*): to run very quickly for a short length of time.

The passage states that "geckos are incredibly fast" and that they "are either standing perfectly still or sprinting across the patio." This means that standing still is the opposite of sprinting. Since geckos are very fast, and since sprinting is the opposite of standing still, it seems that sprinting must be running very quickly. This makes choice **(D)** correct. The passage states that geckos "are either standing perfectly still or sprinting." This suggests that sprinting is not the same as standing still, since the two verbs are joined by an "or." Because of this, choice **(A)** is not correct. Though the passage does describe geckos' ability to climb, it does so in paragraph 5. But it uses sprinting in paragraph 4. This means that sprinting and climbing are not the same things. Because of this, choice **(B)** is not correct. Though the passage does describe geckos' ability to stick to surfaces, it does so in paragraph 5. But it uses sprinting in paragraph 4. This means that sprinting and sticking are not the same things. Because of this, choice **(C)** is not correct.

**4) A**
**Question Type: Inference**

The sixth paragraph states that "most people welcome geckos because they eat mosquitoes" and that the narrator's "grandparents certainly feel this way." This suggests that the grandparents are fine with geckos because they do not like mosquitoes. Because of this, choice **(A)** is correct. The sixth paragraph states that geckos "eat mosquitoes" and that "most people welcome geckos" because of this fact. It also states that the narrator's grandparents "certainly feel this way." This suggests the narrators like geckos and do not like mosquitoes. It does not suggest that the grandparents are interested in learning about mosquitoes. Because of this, choice **(B)** is not correct. The passage makes it clear the narrator is interested in geckos. Additionally, the sixth paragraph makes it clear the narrator's grandparents welcome geckos on their patio. However, the passage does not suggest that the grandparents are interested in geckos. Instead, it only states they do not dislike them. Welcoming geckos is not the same as being interested in them. Because of this, choice **(C)** is not correct. The seventh paragraph might suggest that the narrator's grandparents do not understand her interest in geckos. It states that he "would likely get sick of the geckos" if she "saw them every day." However, this does not matter anyway. The question asks about paragraph 6, not paragraph 7. Because of this, choice **(D)** is not correct.

**5) B**
**Question Type: Detail**

In the second paragraph, the narrator references a book she "read on geckos." This makes it clear the narrator learned about geckos from a book. This supports **option (I)**. Additionally, the passage states that the narrator watches her "favorite animal run around the patio" at her grandparents' house and that her favorite animal is the gecko. This supports **option (II)**. At no point in the passage does the narrator state that she has seen geckos in her own backyard. In fact, the final paragraph implies that there are not geckos where she lives. Otherwise, her grandfather would not state that she would get sick of geckos if she "saw them every day." This eliminates **option (III)**. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

**Sample 6.2**
**1) D**
**Question Type: Detail**

In paragraph 1 we learn that "Ana, her husband Mario, and their four-year-old son, Antonio, just moved to North Carolina. They need a temporary place to call home until they get settled into their new surroundings. Right now, they are staying in a hotel not far from Mario's job." This lets us know that **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **A**

**Question Type: Vocabulary**

**amenity** (noun): any feature that provides comfort, convenience, or pleasure above the standard offering.

In paragraph 2, the passage says that Ana “reads about the amenities that each apartment complex offers. For example, some apartments have a clubhouse. Some have a gym, which is also called a fitness center. Some have a pool.” Using this information, we can understand that apartment complex amenities are features that provide, comfort, convenience, or pleasure over and above the standard offerings. Although undamaged walls do make an apartment more comfortable, this is not above what is standard to offer. Choice **(A)** is correct. Covered parking is a feature that provides convenience over and above the standard offering. This eliminates choice **(B)**. Tennis courts are a feature that provides pleasure over and above the standard offering. This means **(C)** is incorrect. An outdoor pet area is a feature that provides convenience over and above the standard offering. This makes **(D)** incorrect.

3) **D**

**Question Type: Inference**

At the beginning of paragraph 3, we learn that “Ana notices that an apartment with one amenity is \$350/month. An apartment with two amenities is \$450/month. An apartment with three amenities is \$650/month.” Since the price of the apartment goes up in relation to the number of amenities offered, we can understand that the number of amenities an apartment complex has is related to its cost. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect. Although it may be easy to find a nice apartment in a good school district, the passage does not provide information to suggest that this is the case. Moreover, the passage does not tell us that this is something Ana notices while reading the Apartment Book. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

4) **C**

**Question Type: Detail**

In paragraph 3, we learn that Ana chooses some apartments to visit “after considering prices, amenities, and locations.” Later, we learn that her favorite apartment complex “is in a good school district.” But the question asks us what she considers while looking through the Apartment Book, and the passage does suggest that she considers school districts at this time. This eliminates **option (I)**. In paragraph 3, we learn Ana does consider amenities while looking through the Apartment Book. This supports **option (II)**. In paragraph 3, we learn that Ana “considers locations” while looking through the Apartment Book. This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

5) **C**

**Question Type: Detail**

In paragraph 6, we learn that Ana likes the fifth apartment best. The passage tells us that “it has a pool, but no fitness center or clubhouse.” The fifth apartment only has one amenity. This is not many. This eliminates **option (I)**. In paragraph 6, we learn that the fifth apartment is “near Mario’s job.” This supports **option (II)**. In paragraph 6, we learn that the fifth apartment is “in a good school district.” This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

6) **A**

**Question Type: Detail**

In paragraph 6, we learn that “while Mario is at work and Antonio is at daycare, Ana visits the apartment complexes.” Therefore **(A)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

7) **B**

**Question Type: Vocabulary**

In paragraph 2, Ana “starts by looking at the prices for apartments in the Apartment Book. Then she reads about the amenities that each apartment complex offers.” In paragraph 3, she continues to learn about apartments. At the end of paragraph 3, it says, “Ana continues to read the Apartment Book. After considering prices, amenities, and locations, she finds several apartment complexes that she thinks the family will like.” This lets us know that Ana reads and thinks about which apartment would be best for her family. Using this information, we can understand that the word considering must belong to the word group containing contemplating, pondering, and thinking. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

8) **C**

**Question Type: Detail**

In paragraph 7, the passage says, “The manager asks them when they plan to move in and Ana looks up at Mario. He looks back at her for a moment and then tells the manager, ‘In a few days.’” A few means more than one but not many. Two or three days fits this description. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

9) **D**

**Question Type: Inference**

In paragraph 7, we learn that “the manager asks Ana and Mario to sign a lease and pay a security deposit. If the family damages the apartment in any way while they are living there, the security deposit will help to pay for the cost of repairs.” We can understand from this that the security deposit will be used to pay for any damage to the apartment. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

## Sample 6.3

1) B

**Question Type: Inference**

At the beginning of the passage, the author writes, “Their parents had promised the twins a pet for their twelfth birthdays.” If the siblings are twins, and they have their twelfth birthdays approaching, we can tell that they must both be 11 during this story. This means, according to the passage, Louisa is 11 at the time of the debate, since the debate is the focus of the story. Therefore (B) is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices (A), (C), or (D). Therefore they are incorrect.

2) A

**Question Type: Detail**

In paragraph 2, the author writes, “Duncan’s best friend suggested a dog...” This lets us know that Duncan was told to get a dog by his best friend, so (A) is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices (B), (C), or (D). Therefore they are incorrect.

3) A

**Question Type: Inference**

In paragraph 6, the author writes, “Of course you would want a cat. All girls want a cat,” Duncan replied.” He later says, “Well, all the girls I know at school love cats.” From these two quotations, we can tell that Duncan is making an assumption about “all girls” based on the girls he knows at school. Since the number of girls that Duncan knows at school cannot possibly reflect “all girls,” we can tell that Duncan’s argument is flawed because it is based on Louisa being like the small number of girls he knows at school. This means (A) is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices (B), (C), or (D). Therefore they are incorrect.

4) B

**Question Type: Global**

At the beginning of paragraph 9, the author writes, “The debate went on for hours with little progress. Each sibling realized the other would not be convinced.” From this, and the arguments presented in “Convincing the Other,” we can tell that the two siblings were not able to convince each other about his or her pet of choice. Since the two twins were unable to convince each other in multiple hours of debate, we can tell that Louisa suggested a compromise because neither she nor Duncan could convince the other one to want the other’s animal. This means (B) is correct. The passage never provides any information to suggest that Louisa suggested a compromise because she knew that Duncan liked dogs just as much as he liked iguanas. In fact, Duncan says that dogs are his second choice, so we can tell he does not like them as much as he likes iguanas. Therefore (A) is incorrect. In the first paragraph, the author explains that “the twins had to agree on what kind of pet to get.” Despite this, the author never makes it clear that this is why Louisa suggested a compromise. It is much more likely that the fruitless hours of debate led to the compromise, so we can tell that (C) is incorrect. In paragraph 5, Louisa explains why she wants a cat. Despite this, the author never provides any evidence that could lead us to believe that Louisa suggested a compromise because dogs and cats are both similar in that they can both be played with and held. This means (D) is incorrect.

5) D

**Question Type: Vocabulary**

**debate** (*noun*): a formal discussion in which opposing arguments or opinions are put forward.

In paragraph 4, the author writes, “The night before they were to go the pet store, the debate began.” We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what the word debate most nearly means. In the sentences that follow the above quotation, the author writes, “Duncan opened by stating how iguanas were easy to care for. ...Louisa countered that iguanas were not fun pets...” From this, we can tell that a discussion about the best type of pet is taking place, where each sibling is offering an opinion about pets. Using this information, we can tell that a debate must be a discussion that involves people presenting different opinions about a topic. This means that the word debate most nearly describes a discussion. Therefore (D) is correct. Using the above information, we can tell that a debate is a discussion where people present different opinions. Thinking does not involve two people discussing, it only requires one person, so we can tell that the word debate does not most nearly describe thinking. This means (A) is incorrect. Using the above information, we can tell that a debate is a discussion where people present differing opinions. Combat typically involves physical fighting, not discussion, so we can tell that the word debate does not most nearly describe combat. Therefore (B) is incorrect. Using the above information, we can tell that a debate is a discussion where people present differing opinions. An agreement is when people decide on something, so we can tell that the word debate does not most nearly describe an agreement. This means (C) is incorrect.