

• Reading Comprehension 5 Level 4

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

The living room does not look good. It looks bad without a carpet. Mary and Dan want to buy a carpet. They want to buy a carpet for their living room.

They go to the store. They look at the carpets. There are many colors. There are many sizes. Some have patterns. Some are plain.

Mary likes a pink and purple carpet. It has dots. It has pink and purple dots. Dan says no! He does not like the colors. He does not like the pattern. He does not like the size. The pink and purple carpet is too big.

Dan likes a green and red carpet. It has stripes. It has green and red stripes. Mary says no! She does not like the colors. She does not like the pattern. She does not like the size. The green and red carpet is too small.

Mary and Dan see a tan carpet. It does not have dots. It does not have stripes. It is plain. It is tan and plain. Dan likes the tan carpet. Mary likes the tan carpet. They both like the color. They both like the size. They both say yes!

Mary and Dan buy the tan carpet. They put the carpet in the living room. The living room looks wonderful with the new carpet.

Questions

- 1) According to the passage, Mary and Dan want to put the new carpet in their
 - A. bedroom
 - B. dining room
 - C. living room
 - D. bathroom

- 2) According to the passage, the pink and purple carpet
 - A. has dots
 - B. has stripes
 - C. is too small
 - D. is too plain

- 3) According to the passage, the green and red carpet
 - A. is plain
 - B. has dots
 - C. is too big
 - D. is too small

- 4) According to the passage, both Mary and Dan like the
- A. pink and purple carpet
 - B. green and red carpet
 - C. tan carpet
 - D. blue carpet
- 5) Mary and Dan do not see a
- A. black and blue carpet
 - B. pink and purple carpet
 - C. tan carpet
 - D. green and red carpet
- 6) According to the passage, Mary and Dan see a
- I. dotted carpet
 - II. striped carpet
 - III. plain carpet
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III
- 7) Based on information in the passage, it can be understood that both Mary and Dan would like which of the following carpets best?
- A. a grey carpet with no dots or stripes
 - B. a pink and yellow carpet with dots
 - C. a blue and green carpet with stripes
 - D. a black and white carpet with both dots and stripes

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

In paragraph 1, the passage says that Mary and Dan “want to buy a carpet for their living room.” Choice **(C)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **A**

In paragraph 3, the passage talks about the pink and purple carpet. It says the pink and purple carpet “has dots.” Choice **(A)** is correct. We know that the pink and purple carpet does not have stripes because it has dots. This makes **(B)** incorrect. We know that the pink and purple carpet is not too small because in paragraph 3 we learn that “The pink and purple carpet is too big.” This makes **(C)** incorrect. We know that the pink and purple carpet is not too plain because it has dots. This makes **(D)** incorrect.

3) **D**

In paragraph 4, the passage talks about the green and red carpet. It says the green and red carpet “is too small.” This makes **(D)** correct. We know that the green and red carpet is not plain because in paragraph 4 we learn that it “has stripes.” This makes **(A)** incorrect. We know that the green and red carpet does not have dots because it has stripes. This makes **(B)** incorrect. We know that the pink and purple carpet is not too small because in paragraph 4 we learn that “The green and red carpet is too small.” This makes **(C)** incorrect.

4) **C**

In paragraph 5, Mary and Dan see a tan carpet. The passage says “Dan likes the tan carpet. Mary likes the tan carpet. They both like the color. They both like the size. They both say yes!” This lets us know that Mary and Dan both like the plain carpet. Choice **(C)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) **A**

Mary and Dan do not see a black and blue carpet. Choice **(A)** is correct. In paragraph 3, Mary and Dan see a pink and purple carpet. This means **(B)** is incorrect. In paragraph 5, Mary and Dan see a tan carpet. This means **(C)** is incorrect. In paragraph 4, Mary and Dan see a green and red carpet. This means **(D)** is incorrect.

6) **D**

In paragraph 3, Mary and Dan see a carpet with dots. This is a dotted carpet. This supports **option (I)**. In paragraph 4, Mary and Dan see a carpet with stripes. This is a striped carpet. This supports **option (II)**. In paragraph 5, Mary and Dan see a carpet with no dots and no stripes. It has no design. It is plain. This is a plain carpet. This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

7) **A**

In paragraph 5, Mary and Dan see a carpet that they both like. They see “a tan carpet. It does not have dots. It does not have stripes. It is plain.” This lets us know that both Mary and Dan would like a grey carpet with no dots or stripes. It has only one color and is plain. This is most similar to the carpet that both Mary and Dan like in the passage. Using this information, we can understand that Mary and Dan would like this carpet best. This means **(A)** is correct. In paragraph 3, Mary and Dan see a carpet that Mary likes but Dan does not. They see a “pink and purple carpet. It has dots. It has pink and purple dots.” This lets us know that because the carpet in **(B)** has dots, Dan will not like it. Therefore this choice is incorrect. In paragraph 4, Mary and Dan see a carpet that Dan likes but Mary does not. They see “green and red carpet. It has stripes. It has green and red stripes.” This lets us know that because the carpet in **(C)** has stripes, Mary will not like it. Therefore this choice is incorrect. In paragraph 3, Mary and Dan see a “pink and purple carpet. It has dots. It has pink and purple dots.” Dan does not like this carpet. This lets us know that because the carpet has dots, Dan will not like it. In paragraph 4, Mary and Dan see a “green and red carpet. It has stripes. It has green and red stripes.” This lets us know that because the carpet has stripes, Mary will not like it. Using this information, we can understand that neither Mary nor Dan would like a black and white carpet with both dots and stripes. This means **(D)** is incorrect.