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***Read the following fable and answer the questions.***

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| http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSNyX6CWF2sxZ3bV4Hde64tr_l5PMYTFbuN50212mr4q-2O9M5I7w**The Ant and the Grasshopper**  An Aesop Fable retold by Rose Owens                One summer day a grasshopper was singing and chirping and hopping about.  He was having a wonderful time.  He saw an ant who was busy gathering and storing grain for the winter.              “Stop and talk to me,” said the grasshopper.   “We can sing some songs and dance a while.”              “Oh no,” said the ant.  “Winter is coming.  I am storing up food for the winter.  I think you should do the same.”              “Oh, I can’t be bothered,” said the grasshopper.  “Winter is a long time off.   There is plenty of food.”   So the grasshopper continued to dance and sing and chip and the ant continued to work.   When winter came the grasshopper had no food and was starving.  He went  to the ant’s house and asked, “Can I have some wheat or maybe a few kernels of corn.  Without it I will starve,” whined the grasshopper.  “You danced last summer,” said the ants in disgust.   “You can continue to dance.”  And they gave him no food.  1. If the Grasshopper is singing and chirping to its heart's content, what does this mean?  It is happy  It is very sad  It is hungry    2. Which word would best describe the Ant?  Musical  Responsible  Careless    3. What word best describes the Grasshopper?  Reliable  Helpful  Lazy    4. Which phrase below would describe the lesson or moral of this fable?  Plan ahead for hard times  Never tell a lie  Do your own thing  ***Decide wthether the following texts are fiction or nonfiction.***  5. Terry Bradshaw was born in Louisiana on September 2, 1948. Terry played in the NFL for 14 years. He spent these 14 years playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Terry led Pittsburgh to 4 super bowl titles and he was a 2 time super bowl MVP. Today you can see Terry on TV as a sports announcer.  fiction nonfiction  6. George Washington was the first President of the United States and one of the most important leaders in United States history. George Washington was born February 22, 1732 and died on December 14, 1799. He was 67 years old. On April 30, 1789 Washington took the oath of office. He was our President for 8 years.  nonfiction fiction  7. A big part of what we eat is made up of plants or parts of plants. Plants contain many of the nutrients that help us live healthy lives. We eat plant roots like carrots, beets and turnips. We eat seeds when we eat lima beans, peas, sunflower seeds and many others. Growing plants to eat can be easy and a great way to have healthy foods right in your own back yard.  fiction nonfiction  8. Did you ever see an elephant in a purple coat play a tuba? Well I did.  I was on my way to school and this elephant was walking towards me. He was dressed in a purple coat with long tails and was playing his tuba. I stopped and asked him if he was lost and he said, "No, just on my way to my tuba lesson." I didn't know what to say so I just kept walking.  When I got to school I told my friend Madison what I saw. She didn't believe me. In gym class I told my friend Sue and she thought I was crazy.  I knew nobody would ever believe me so I decided that this would be my own little secret. I KNEW what I saw and it was an elephant in a purple jacket playing the tuba!  nonfiction fiction  ***Of the three sentences in each group, select the one that is NOT a sentence fragment.***  9. Although it was snowing harder than we had ever seen it snow before.  We decided to leave before it got any worse.  The tread on our snow-tires.  10. Snow piling up on my neighbor's roof.  He decided to use a snow-blower to blow the snow from his roof.  Expect to get the snow-blower up on his roof.  11. After doing a superb job.  Mostly because he was afraid of what his neighbors would say.  Luis just gave up on it this time.  12. It's always pleasant to look out at the snow while it's falling.  Wondering how she would ever clear the sidewalk.  When the snow finally began to taper off in the late morning.  13. Brenda said she always preferred snow to rain.  These blizzards getting a bit ridiculous.  Because snow-removal is so costly to large cities.  ***The following word groups are run –on sentences. Please write them correctly.***  14. Jose Canseco is still a feared batter most pitchers don't want to face him.  15. . Most Red Sox fans like him they're happy to see him in the line-up.  16. They like to see him step up to bat he looks bigger than life.  17. Canseco can be a klutz in the outfield for example he's been known to drop easy fly-balls.  18. His salary is enormous however most fans think he's worth it.  19. He sometimes acts a bit crazy his off-the-field behavior is often scandalous.  20. Nowadays he takes an interest in the community moreover he gives tickets to sick kids.  ***Use the book “TUCK EVERLASTING” to anwer the following questions.*** |  |

21. What are the three main events discussed in the prologue?

22. Why do the Tucks kidnap Winnie Foster?

23. How does Winnie discover the Tuck’s secret?

24. Who is the Man in the Yellow Suit?

25. What event jeopardizes the Tucks and could expose their secret?

26. How do the Tucks stop the Man in the Yellow Suit from exposing them?

27. Why can't Mae Tuck go on trial and be sentenced for killing the Man in the Yellow Suit?

28. How do the Tucks prevent Mae from going to trial?

***Read the following story and identify the basic situation, complications, climax and resolution.***

Tom Benecke is a “tall, lean, dark haired young man”. He lives in an apartment with his wife Clare. Benecke is tied up in his work while his wife is getting ready to attend a movie. Insisting that he must finish the work that he has spent a month compiling, Benecke allows his wife to leave alone. Upon her exit, a gust of wind blows the one page with his work out the window of his eleventh-story apartment above Lexington Avenue in NY. The paper lands too far beyond his reach, and because Benecke cannot conceive of abandoning all of the work he has completed, he climbs onto the narrow ledge.

Before letting fear take over, he climbed out of the window, He had to save this paper. This paper was his life. If he lost this paper, he would be a regular guy in the eyes of everyone else. He made his way to the yellow paper six yards away. It was very scary but he tried not to look down. He knew if he did, he would be overtaken by fear. He made a big effort to walk along the ledge until he grabbed the paper. Suddenly he started to feel frightened. He looked down and he was overtaken by fear. He cautiously made his way back to the window frightful of his life. He tripped and grabbed the window which shut of his hand. Now he thought he was going to die. He knew that what he was doing could really kill him. He tried throwing everything he had in his pockets. Maybe a passerby would see it and send some help, but it did not work. He tried throwing coins to his neighbor’s windows, burning paper to call people’s attention but anything worked. In his mind, this paper was most important and was worth dying for. He had to overcome his mind to get it and now that he had it he wasn’t going to give it up. “He could not kneel here hesitating indefinitely till he lost all courage to act” The only chance he had to save his life was to break the window, but he knew if he could not break the window, he would just fall and die with only a piece of yellow paper in his pocket. He had to try it anyway, and luckily he broke through the window.

When he was inside, he did not lie down on the floor or run through the apartment, as he had promised himself; even in the first few moments it seemed to him natural and normal that he should be where he was. He simply turned to his desk, pulled the crumpled yellow sheet from his pocket, and laid it down where it had been, smoothing it out; then he absently laid a pencil across it to weight it down. He shook his head wonderingly, and turned to walk toward the closet.

There he got out his topcoat and hat and, without waiting to put them on, opened the front door and stepped out, to go find his wife. He turned to pull the door closed and the warm air from the hall rushed through the narrow opening again. As he saw the yellow paper, the pencil flying, scooped off the desk and, unimpeded by the glassless window, sail out into the night and out of his life, Tom Benecke burst into laughter and then closed the door behind him.