



Practice Items

Grade 8

Reading

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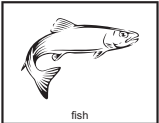
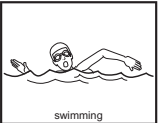
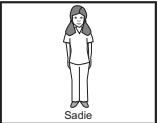
Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) Fiona is my dog. She is getting old. She likes puppies. She does not like squirrels. What is this story about? squirrels, Fiona, or puppies

A	B	C	Student Response
squirrels	Fiona	puppies	

Item 2

Option:

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) Sadie likes to swim. She swims on Fridays. Swimming makes Sadie happy. What does Sadie like? fish, swimming, or Sadie

A	B	C	Student Response
 fish	 swimming	 Sadie	

Item 3

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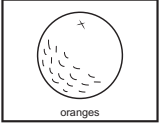
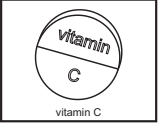
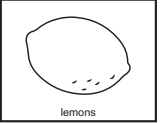
Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) Lou and Jill like to shop at the mall. They like to buy presents for friends. Lou and Jill love shopping. What do Lou and Jill do together? eat, mall, or shop

A	B	C	Student Response
eat	mall	shop	

Item 4

Option:

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) The orange is a citrus fruit. Oranges have high amounts of vitamin C. Most of the oranges grown are used for juice. What are these sentences about? oranges, vitamin C, or lemons

A	B	C	Student Response
 oranges	 vitamin C	 lemons	

Item 5

Option:

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) There is a dance party on Friday. At the dance party there will be music. There might be pizza, too. Some people might dress up for the party. What is on Friday? people, dresses, or party

A	B	C	Student Response
people	dresses	party	

Item 6

Option:

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) Judy and Sara are best friends. They like to play practical jokes on each other. Joking together is great. Judy thinks Sara is “a barrel of laughs.” What does “a barrel of laughs” mean? sad, angry, or funny

A	B	C	Student Response
sad	angry	funny	

Item 7

Option:




Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) Farmers grow the food we eat. Some farmers raise cows and pigs. Some farmers grow corn and apples. Some farmers raise chickens and goats. All the things we eat are grown by farmers. What is this story about? farmers, apples, or animals

A	B	C	Student Response
farmers	apples	animals	

Item 8

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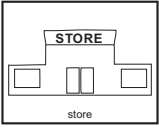
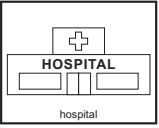

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read a story to you, follow along. (Point to and read story to student.) Hi, I’m Sam. My family has four people in it. I have a mom, a dad, and a younger sister. I love my family a lot, and they love me. Who is Sam describing? dad, friend, or family

A	B	C	Student Response
 dad	 friend	 family	

Item 9

Option:

Here are three pictures with words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) People go to the hospital when they are sick. Many people work in a hospital to help people. Sometimes hospitals are very busy. What is being described? store, hospital, or school

A	B	C	Student Response
			

Item 10

Option:

Here are three words. (Point to answer choices.) I will read sentences to you, follow along. (Point to and read sentences to student.) The community garden has many types of plants. People water their gardens to help them grow. People grow herbs to cook with. Basil and rosemary are types of herbs you can grow in a garden. What do people grow to cook with? dandelions, grass, or herbs

A	B	C	Student Response
dandelions	grass	herbs	

Item 11

Option:

Here are three words and sentences for you to read. (Point to answer choices.) What does groceries mean? (Do not read answer choices.) A, B, or C

A	B	C	Student Response
shop	store	food	

Item 12

Option:

Here are three words and a story for you to read. (Point to answer choices.) What was the last meal Denise ate? (Do not read answer choices.) A, B, or C

A	B	C	Student Response
lunch	dinner	snacks	

Item 1

Fiona is my dog. She is getting old. She likes puppies. She does not like squirrels.

What is this story about?

squirrels

Fiona

puppies

A

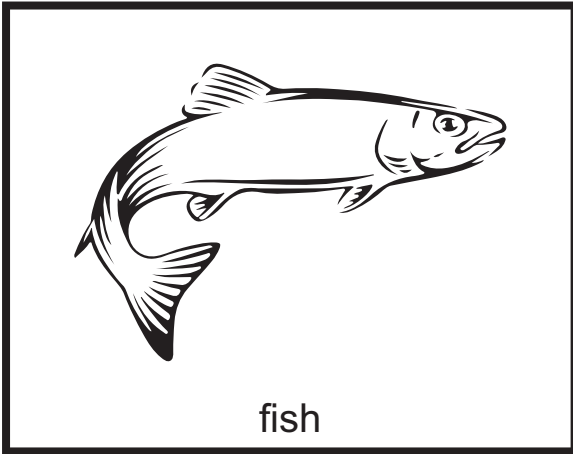
B

C

Item 2

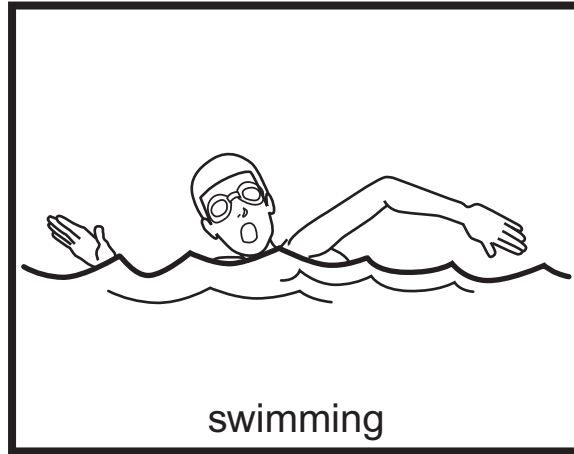
Sadie likes to swim. She swims on Fridays. Swimming makes Sadie happy.

What does Sadie like?



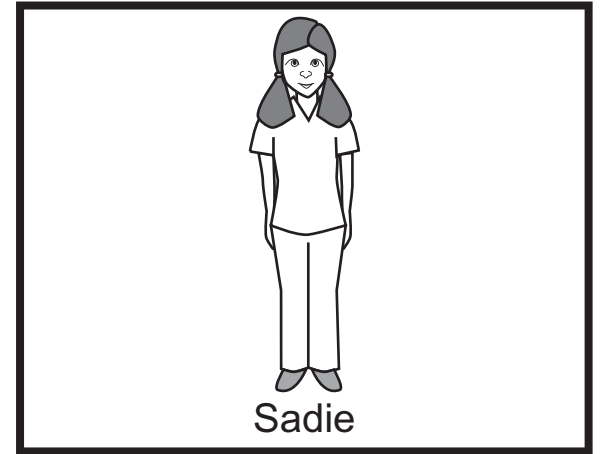
fish

A



swimming

B



Sadie

C

Item 3

Lou and Jill like to shop at the mall. They like to buy presents for friends. Lou and Jill love shopping.

What do Lou and Jill do together?



A



B

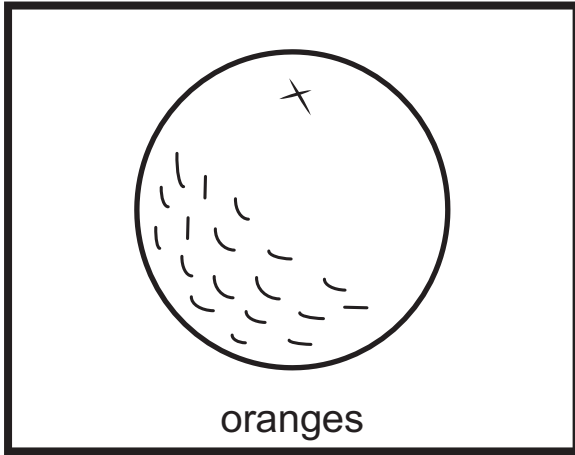


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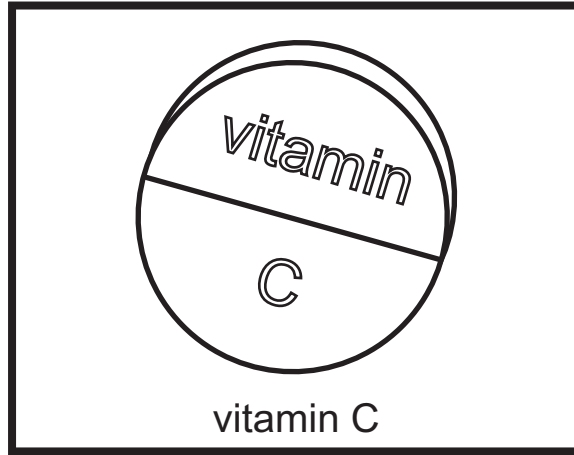
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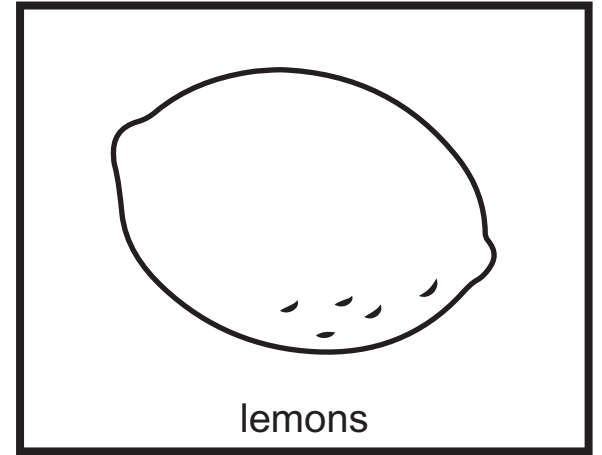
What are these sentences about?



A



B

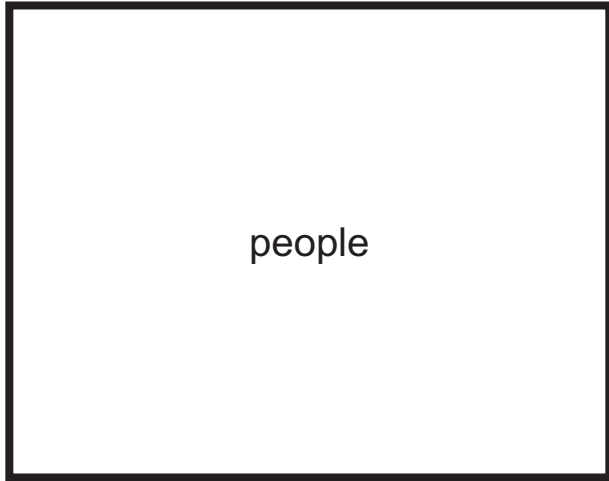


C

Item 5

There is a dance party on Friday. At the dance party there will be music. There might be pizza, too. Some people might dress up for the party.

What is on Friday?



A



B

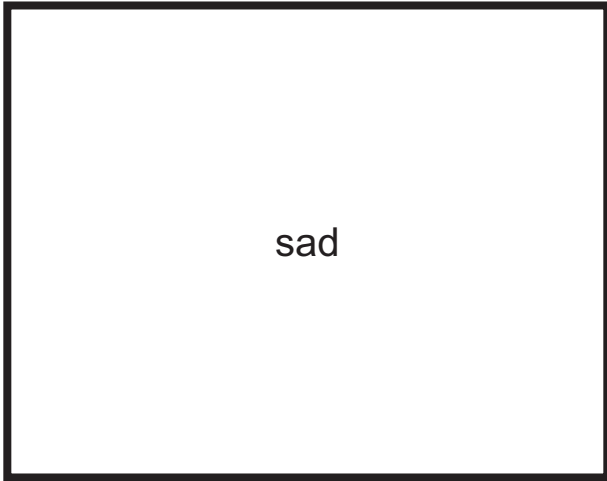


C

Item 6

Judy and Sara are best friends. They like to play practical jokes on each other. Joking together is great. Judy thinks Sara is “a barrel of laughs.”

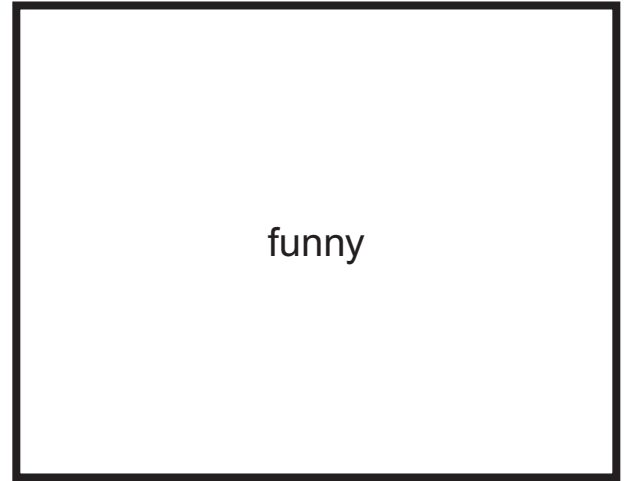
What does “a barrel of laughs” mean?

A rectangular box with a black border, containing the word "sad" in the center.

A

A rectangular box with a black border, containing the word "angry" in the center.

B

A rectangular box with a black border, containing the word "funny" in the center.

C

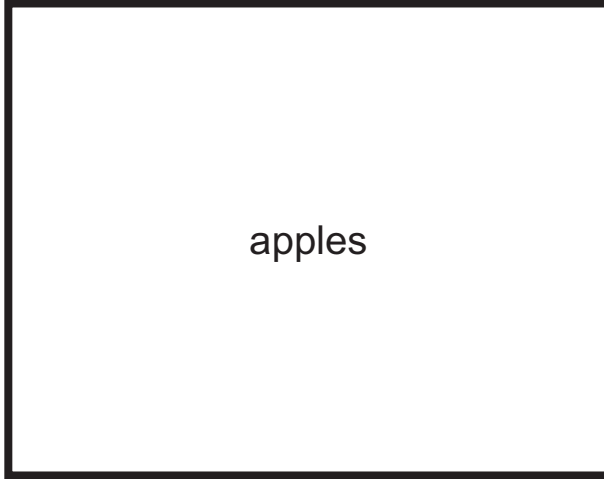
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Farmers grow the food we eat. Some farmers raise cows and pigs. Some farmers grow corn and apples. Some farmers raise chickens and goats. All the things we eat are grown by farmers.

What is this story about?



A



B

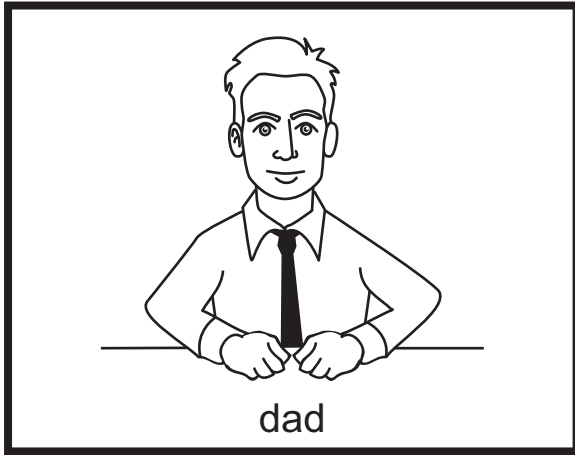


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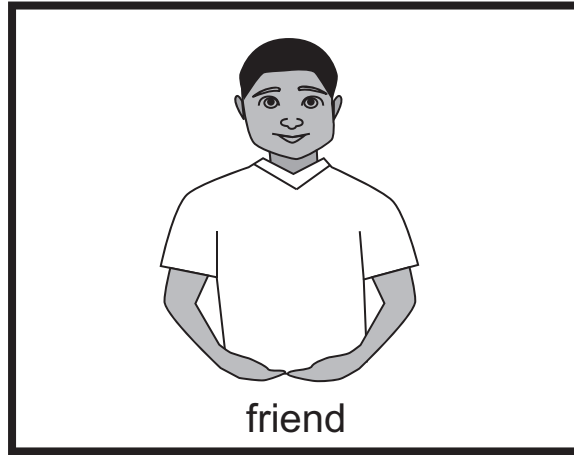
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Hi, I'm Sam. My family has four people in it. I have a mom, a dad, and a younger sister. I love my family a lot, and they love me.

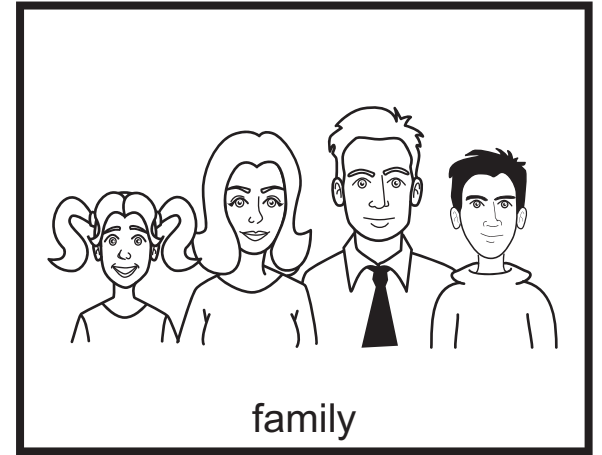
Who is Sam describing?



A



B

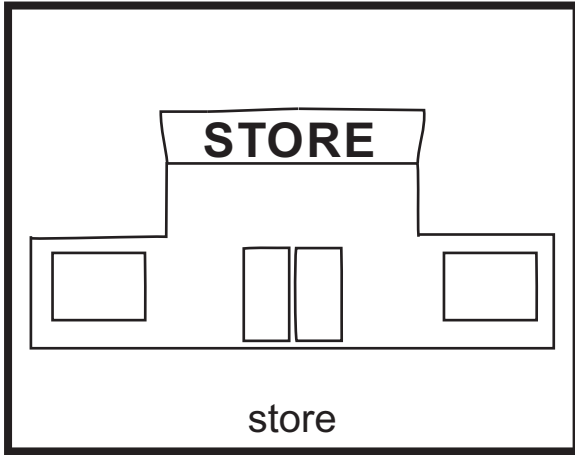


C

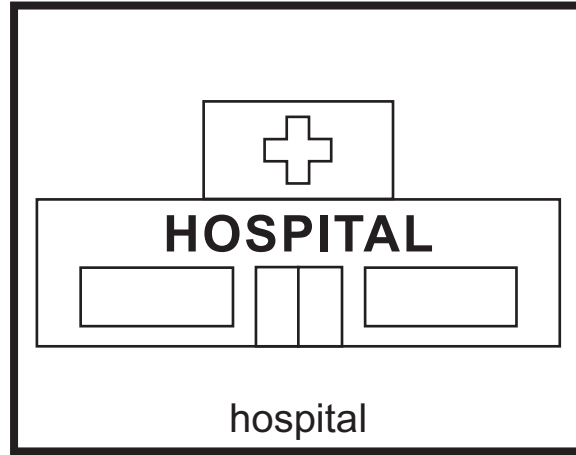
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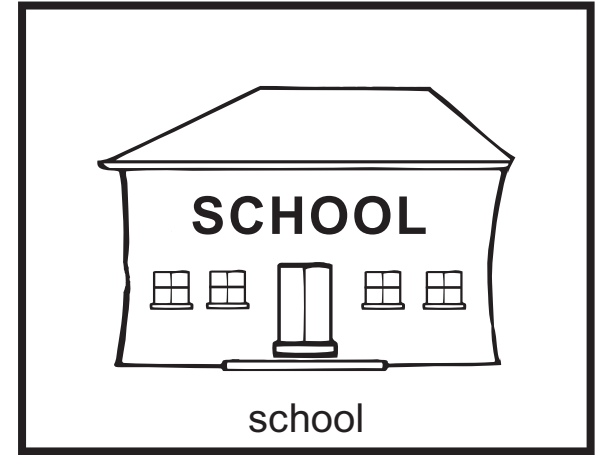
What is being described?



A



B



C

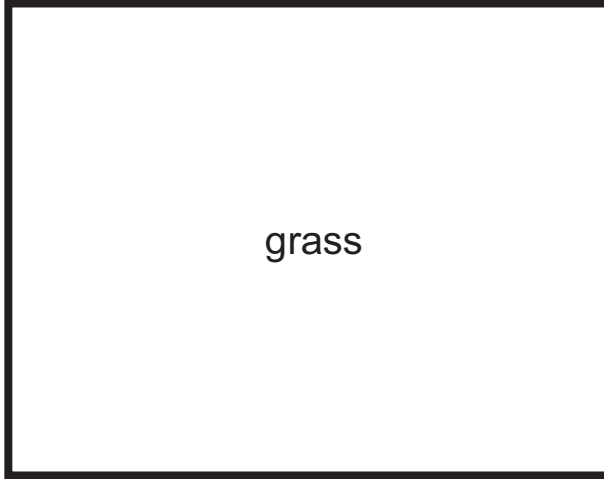
Item 10

The community garden has many types of plants. People water their gardens to help them grow. People grow herbs to cook with. Basil and rosemary are types of herbs you can grow in a garden.

What do people grow to cook with?



A



B



C

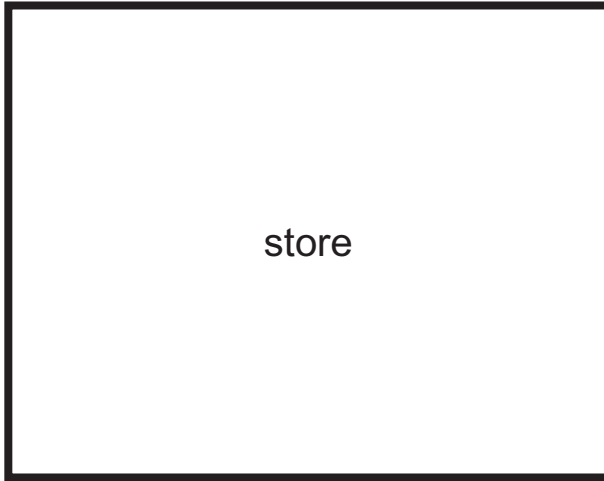
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Caleb went to the store with his mom. They were going shopping for food. Caleb helped his mom carry out the groceries.

What does groceries mean?



A



B



C

Item 12

Denise started her day by getting up and eating breakfast. The school bus then picked her up and took her to school. She liked going to her different classes at school. When school was out, she rode the bus home. Once home, she ate dinner with her family.

What was the last meal Denise ate?

lunch

A

dinner

B

snacks

C

