

## "Papa's Parrot" Test

### Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

#### Critical Reading

Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. In "Papa's Parrot," Harry and his friends often stop by the candy and nut shop when they are young. What about those visits does Mr. Tillian enjoy most?
- He enjoys their interest in his store.
  - He enjoys showing off his parrot.
  - He enjoys having company.
  - He enjoys the money they spend.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In "Papa's Parrot," what is a major change in the lives of Harry and his friends when they enter junior high school?
- They like burgers better than candy.
  - They have more spending money.
  - They do not like Mr. Tillian's parrot.
  - They do not have time after school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In "Papa's Parrot," when does Mr. Tillian buy Rocky?
- when Harry is in elementary school
  - when Harry is about seven
  - after he comes home from the hospital
  - after Harry stops coming to the shop
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In "Papa's Parrot," why does Mr. Tillian choose a parrot as a pet?
- Parrots are colorful.
  - Parrots are easy to care for.
  - Parrots attract customers to a store.
  - Parrots can talk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Use context clues in this passage from "Papa's Parrot" to choose the correct meaning of the underlined word.
- Harry would stroll past the shop, on his way somewhere else, and he'd take a quick look inside to see what his dad was doing. Mr. Tillian was always talking to the bird. So Harry kept walking.
- look
  - run
  - walk
  - bike

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. In “Papa's Parrot,” why does Harry come to feel embarrassed by his father?
- His father owns a candy shop.
  - His father talks to a parrot.
  - His father is fat.
  - His father dislikes his friends.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Use context clues in this passage from “Papa's Parrot” to find the correct meaning of the underlined word.

Harry and his father joked with each other at the dinner table as they always had—Mr. Tillian teasing Harry about his smelly socks; Harry teasing Mr. Tillian about his blubbery stomach.

- joking
  - criticizing
  - lecturing
  - teaching
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. In “Papa's Parrot,” Harry begins to avoid his father at the shop but still jokes with him at home. Why is their relationship different at home?
- Mr. Tillian does not talk to the parrot at home.
  - Mr. Tillian does not worry about the shop at home.
  - There are no shipments of candy and nuts to unpack at home.
  - There is no television for Mr. Tillian to watch at home.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Use context clues in this passage from “Papa's Parrot” to choose the correct meaning of the underlined word.

Harry opened the new boxes his father hadn't gotten to. Peppermints. Jawbreakers. Toffee creams. Strawberry kisses. Harry traveled from bin to bin, putting the candies where they belonged.

- store
  - counter
  - container
  - floor
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. In “Papa's Parrot,” when does Harry realize how much his father has missed him?
- when he passes the shop each day
  - when Rocky says, “Where's Harry?”
  - when he sees the candy all over the floor
  - when he visits his father in the hospital
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. In “Papa's Parrot,” what is Harry feeling when he throws peppermints at Rocky?

- joy
- amusement
- guilt
- fear

## Vocabulary and Grammar

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. In which sentence about “Papa's Parrot” is the word *ignored* used correctly?
- Harry ignored the parrot by feeding it and cleaning its cage.
  - The parrot ignored Harry by chattering constantly.
  - Mr. Tillian ignored the symptoms of his illness until they became unavoidable.
  - The children ignored the candy shop because they liked seeing the parrot.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. In which sentence about “Papa's Parrot” is the word *resumed* used correctly?
- After taking a short break, Harry resumed the task of sorting the candies.
  - When Mr. Tillian fell ill, he resumed that he would be sent to the hospital.
  - The children who came into the shop resumed the bag of nuts in no time flat.
  - When he applied for an after-school job, Harry resumed his experience.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. How many common nouns are there in this sentence from “Papa's Parrot”?
- For years, after school, Harry had always stopped in to see his father at work.
- 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5

**Essay**

15. In a PARAGRAPH, show how Harry's feelings about his father change as the events of “Papa's Parrot” unfold. Begin by considering Harry's feelings about his father at the beginning of the story. Then follow Harry as he enters junior high school and deals with his father's illness. Cite examples from each part of the story to illustrate your statements.
16. In an essay, compare and contrast Mr. Tillian's treatment of Rocky with Harry's treatment of the parrot. Does either character change his behavior toward the parrot? Refer to events in “Papa's Parrot” to support your statements.