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Book A, Lesson 1 Test

Find the **BEST** way to finish each sentence or to answer each question. Then fill in the circle next to your answer.

1. A groom is a worker who takes care of

- (A) cows.
- (B) horses.
- (C) cats.
- (D) dogs.

2. Zero is equal to

- (A) 0.
- (B) 1.
- (C) 2.
- (D) half.

3. A cushion is a

- (A) blanket.
- (B) couch.
- (C) pillow.
- (D) rug.

4. A calf is a young

- (A) cow.
- (B) cat.
- (C) dog.
- (D) horse.

Book A, Midterm Test 1 (Lessons 1–4)

Read the story. Then choose the BEST answer for each sentence or question about an underlined word. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

It was a hot summer day. After lunch, Mom took Pablo out for a cool, creamy frozen yogurt cone. The Kreemy Kool Frozen Yogurt Parlor was only a couple of blocks from home, so Mom and Pablo walked there.

“What flavor would you like?” asked the man behind the counter. Pablo looked at the long list of flavors. There were more than a dozen. Mom chose Suzanna Banana, but Pablo had a hard time deciding. Very Strawberry sounded good, but so did Great Grape. Finally Pablo chose Vanilla Gorilla because of its funny name. He liked the idea of eating frozen yogurt that was named after a big ape.

The Kreemy Kool man did not use an ice-cream scoop. Instead, he turned on a machine and held each cone under a spout. Thick, soft frozen yogurt poured out into the cone. It made a tall, swirly shape.

“Your cones are enormous!” said Mom. It was true. The man handed Pablo a serving of frozen yogurt about six inches tall. It was so tall that it was hard to balance it on the cone!

“Thanks for the Vanilla Gorilla!” said Pablo. He and Mom sat across from each other in a booth. They licked the cool, creamy frozen yogurt. Pablo thought about a gorilla he had seen in a cartoon. It had a funny way of scratching its armpits.

“Hey, Mom, want to see what a gorilla does?” said Pablo. Mom was enjoying her cone. “Hmm?” she said. Pablo made a “HOO! HOO! HOO!” noise like a gorilla. He reached down to scratch his armpits.

Whoops! Pablo’s frozen yogurt fell SPLAT on the table. After sliding across the tabletop, it plopped onto the cushion right next to Mom.

The Kreemy Kool man was not pleased about the accident. He gave Pablo a wet cloth to clean up the cool, creamy mess. Mom would not buy Pablo another cone, but she did let him share hers. Next time, Pablo decided, he would order Very Strawberry or Great Grape.

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Book A, Midterm Test 2 (Lessons 1–4)

Read the passage. Then choose the BEST answer for each sentence or question about an underlined word. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

Fun Facts about Bats

- The smallest bat weighs less than a penny. It is the tiny bumblebee bat.
- The largest bat is the flying fox. It has a wingspan of up to six feet.
- Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. Flying squirrels do not really fly. They glide through the air. But the bat has wings that it flaps like a bird. Bats have strong shoulder muscles for flying.
- The bat's scientific name is Chiroptera, or "hand-wing." Its wings are made of thin layers of skin stretched over the bat's extra-long arms and fingers. The light arm and finger bones support the wings. The bones work like a kite frame.
- Bats are nature's best pest controllers. One bat can gobble up more than 3,000 mosquitoes in a night!
- Bug-eating bats use echoes to find their food. Bats make squeaky sounds that people cannot hear. These noises bounce off objects such as flying insects. The bat listens for the sounds to return. Then it can tell where the sounds are coming from.
- Some people think bats are dirty creatures. Actually they are very clean. Bats spend a lot of time grooming. They do so while hanging upside down in dark caverns.
- A bat's feet are strong enough to hold its whole body upside down. Its toes have claws for gripping. Hanging upside down, bats sleep, groom, and feed their babies.

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Book A, Final Test 1 (Lessons 1–8)

Read the passage. Then choose the BEST answer for each sentence or question about an underlined word. Fill in the circle next to your answer.

Animals have many ways to protect themselves. They have horns, sharp claws, and spiky quills. Some animals even use bad smells to chase away enemies!

Herd animals like the buffalo run away from enemies. A buffalo calf can walk minutes after it is born. It can run with its herd after a few hours. It stays close beside its mother and the other adults. This usually keeps the baby buffalo safe.

Living in groups protects other animals, too. Prairie dogs live in huge groups. Their homes are so big that we call them towns. Prairie dogs are really squirrels, not dogs. They dig long tunnels deep in the earth. Their underground towns can cover large areas. Prairie dogs take turns watching for danger. If they think an enemy is coming, they bark to sound an alarm. That is why people named them prairie dogs. The warning bark means, "Get underground quick!"

Honeybees, too, live in big groups. Their homes are called hives. Wild bees build hives in places like hollow tree trunks. Animals like bears and raccoons love honey. To get the sweet food they may break open a beehive. Then many, many bees sting the animal to chase it away. To tell each other about the danger they let out a special smell. If you walk barefoot, try not to tread on a honeybee. Bee stings hurt!

Another way some animals protect themselves is to change their color. A lizard called a chameleon can do this. It changes its color to match the place where it is sitting. Then it blends in. Enemies cannot see it. A bug called a katydid can do this, too.

Many poisonous snakes have bright, colorful designs on their bodies. A rattlesnake has a diamond pattern. A coral snake has bright red, black, and yellow stripes. This warns other animals to stay away. Some harmless snakes imitate deadly ones. The scarlet king snake is not poisonous, but it fools its enemies. It has bright stripes almost like the coral snake's. The bullsnake pretends to be a rattlesnake. It lifts its tail and shakes it, even though it is not a real rattler.