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Book 5, Lesson 1 Test

Choose the *BEST* way to complete each sentence or answer each question. Circle the letter of your answer.

- Which is an example of someone with resilience?
 - someone who is gets good grades in school
 - someone who is a very talented artist and writer
 - someone who gets well quickly after an illness
 - someone who is able to memorize facts easily
- In the spring, our town has a pervasive scent of flowers blooming. This means that the scent
 - is lovely.
 - is unpleasant.
 - can be smelled throughout town.
 - is too sweet.
- Drivers experienced a rebuff as they traveled down the highway. The highway was
 - many lanes wide.
 - closed due to a landslide.
 - the quickest route to the nearest city.
 - recently paved.
- Our puppy is avid for our attention. This means that she
 - is greedy for attention.
 - stands at attention.
 - doesn't obey commands.
 - is very obedient.
- From his brusqueness on the phone, I could tell that Dan was upset. Dan spoke
 - absentmindedly.
 - in a silly way.
 - abruptly.
 - about unfamiliar topics.

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Book 5, Midterm Test 1 (Lessons 1–10)

Read the passage. Choose the *BEST* answer for each sentence or question about an underlined word. Circle the letter of your answer.

CINDERELLA

adapted from the fairy tale by Charles Perrault

Once upon a time there was a wealthy couple with a wonderful young daughter. Sadly, the girl's mother died. After several years had elapsed, her father remarried. His second wife was a widow with two daughters. All three women were proud, selfish, and mean-spirited. The gentleman's own daughter had a sweet disposition. Since the girl's charming personality made her stepsisters appear even more vulgar, her stepmother despised her. She put her to work as a household slave, scrubbing pots and tending the fire. Her father would have intervened, but he, too, died soon after his remarriage. In the evenings the poor girl would sit in the chimney corner upon the cinders, so her unkind stepsisters dubbed her Cinderella. Since her mother had taught her to be clean and tidy, Cinderella's slovenly appearance humiliated her. This made it doubly excruciating to be called by the derisive nickname.

One day the king announced a birthday ball for his son. All members of the social élite received invitations. For weeks, Cinderella's stepsisters talked of nothing but gowns and hairstyles. When Cinderella timidly asked whether she was invited, her stepmother sneered that it would be unseemly to bring a dirty, ragged girl to the palace. As the family set off for the ball in their finest clothes, Cinderella felt a pang of loneliness and despair.

As she sat weeping she heard a melodious voice. "Well, my dear, isn't it time you were off to the ball?" There stood a radiant old woman, Cinderella's fairy godmother. The talented fairy quickly transformed a pumpkin into a luxurious coach, six gray mice into dapple-gray horses, a fat white rat into a jolly old coachman, and six slithering lizards into footmen in fine clothes. "Our preparations are complete," the fairy godmother announced.

Poor Cinderella stared down at her rags. She spoke in a tremulous voice, holding back tears. "Dear Godmother, I'm not ungrateful, but I can't go clad in this ragged dress."

Book 5, Midterm Test 2 (Lessons 1–10)

Read the passage. Choose the BEST answer for each sentence or question about an underlined word. Circle the letter of your answer.

MOUNT ST. HELENS

Up until the spring of 1980, Washington's vast Mount St. Helens wilderness area was a lovely place to visit. Although the mountain was an active volcano, more than a century had passed since its last eruption. For generations the region had been home to many kinds of plants and animals. Mount St. Helens and the Spirit Lake Basin provided recreation for thousands of visitors.

The mountain began to show signs of volcanic unrest in March of that year. The first scientists who came to investigate had an inkling that something big was about to happen. Soon teams of volcanologists (scientists who study volcanoes) were deployed all around the area. They took meticulous measurements of earthquakes, escaping steam, and other signs of volcanic activity deep inside the mountain. Many warned that a calamity was coming. Soon local authorities began to entreat nearby residents to evacuate. The authorities endeavored to get everyone out of the danger zone, but some residents chose to remain.

One of those who wouldn't budge was an old man named Harry Truman. He had the same name as the U.S. President who served at the end of World War II. The Harry on Mount St. Helens became famous for stubbornly refusing to leave his beloved lodge on the mountain. Throughout the spring of 1980, scientists warned him that a major eruption was imminent, but Harry stayed put.

By mid-May, earthquakes shook the mountain almost daily. Plumes of gas, smoke, and ash rose ominously into the Washington sky. Hundreds of scientists and a fascinated nation watched and waited. Then on the morning of May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted. The north face of the mountain collapsed in a massive explosion. In a few moments, a gigantic slab of rock and ice slammed into nearby Spirit Lake. A deluge of debris roared fourteen miles down the Toutle River.

Next, a tremendous second explosion swept over ridges and toppled trees. The blast devastated nearly 150 square miles of forest. At the same time, a mushroom-shaped column of ash rose thousands of feet into the air, turning day into night. Gray ash fell all across western Washington and beyond. Tons of rock and mud scoured the volcano's sides. The eruption lasted nine hours, wreaking terrible damage.

Book 5, Final Test 1 (Lessons 1–20)

Read the passage. Choose the BEST answer for each sentence or question about an underlined word. Circle the letter of your answer.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN, PART 1

No one has left a more indelible mark on film than Charlie Chaplin. Throughout his prolific 50-year career, Chaplin was a beloved international star. His impeccable comedic timing and cinematic skills came along just as movies were becoming an important art form. With his irrepressible “Little Tramp” character, always clad in a derby hat and loose-fitting pants, Charlie Chaplin showed the world that humor was the true international language.

Charles Spencer Chaplin was born on April 16, 1889, in London, England. His parents separated when he was only a year old, and he was raised by his mother. Though his mother suffered from mental illness, she inspired her young son. Before her illness, she was a music hall performer, and, apparently, she bequeathed to Charlie her talents for humor, singing, and dancing. As a child, Charlie developed an ardent love for performing. Though he worked various jobs onstage and off to help support his family, he soon decided to become an entertainer himself.

At first Charlie worked for a pittance as a performer in assorted dance troops and musical theater companies. One of these, the Fred Karno Company, had a huge impact on his comedic development. In 1910 and 1912, Charlie toured the U.S. with the Karno group. During the tour, producer Mack Sennett, the patriarch of American silent film comedy, happened to catch the show. Sennett was impressed with Charlie’s agile manner on stage and knew that he had found a great talent. Sennett hired Chaplin right away. A new epoch in screen comedy was about to begin.

Chaplin made his film debut in 1914 with *Making A Living*. He then starred in a string of films, most of them vignettes. Soon Chaplin wanted more control of his movies. He began directing with his thirteenth film, *Caught in the Rain*. Even in 1915 when he began working with a new film company, Essanay, Chaplin kept creative control over his work. Chaplin, the indefatigable genius, turned out hit after hit. Among his most renowned early comedies are *The Rink*, *Easy Street*, *The Cure*, *The Immigrant*, *Sunnyside*, *The Idle Class*, and the full-length