

Grade 3 Book 3-2 Theme 3 Story 5

“Visitors From Space”

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare and Contrast pg. 404

1. How are our ideas about comets today DIFFERENT from people’s ideas about comets of long ago?
 - A. Long ago, people thought comets brought earthquakes. Today, we know that comets do bring earthquakes.
(incorrect contrast)
 - B. Long ago, people thought comets appear suddenly. Today, we know that comets appear suddenly.
(incorrect contrast)
 - C. Long ago, people were afraid of a flaming ball falling from the sky. Today, people are still afraid of a flaming ball from the sky.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - D. Long ago, people thought comets meant something terrible was going to happen. Today, we know comets are not a sign of bad things to happen.
(correct)

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2. Which words from the story have almost the SAME meaning?
 - A. gravity, force
(correct)
 - B. solar, system
(incorrect meaning of words)
 - C. sun, moon
(incorrect meaning of words)
 - D. ice, mist
(incorrect meaning of words)

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3. What is ALIKE about the comet’s tails?
- A. All tails always point to the sun.
(plausible but incorrect based on text)
 - B. All tails always are made of gas.
(incorrect comparison)
 - C. All tails always point away from the sun.
(correct)
 - D. All tails always are longer and curved.
(incorrect comparison)

LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pgs. 402-411

4. Why did the author write the “Visitors From Space?”
- A. To show how the moon moves.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
 - B. To teach readers about the planets.
(fact that does not represent author’s purpose)
 - C. To explain all about comets.
(correct)
 - D. To tell how the Sun’s gravity pulls a comet.
(fact that does not represent author’s purpose)