

Grade 4 Theme 5, Story 2
“A Very Important Day”

LA.A.1.2.3 – Vocabulary pg. 534

1. Read this sentence from the story.

Echoing the judge phrase-by-phrase, sentence-by-sentence, the many voices resounded as one, swearing loyalty to the United States of America.

If sound means a tone or noise, what does *resounded* mean?

- A. repeat the sound
(correct answer)
- B. whisper the sound
(incorrect meaning)
- C. yell the sound
(incorrect meaning)
- D. change the sound
(incorrect meaning)

LA.A.2.2.1 - Main Idea - pg. 534

2. What happened AFTER the people received the certificates but BEFORE they took the oath?

- A. Relatives left to wait in the hall.
(events out of order)
- B. The weather changed and it stopped snowing.
(events out of order)
- C. Relatives came into the chamber.
(correct answer)
- D. The judge left the chamber.
(plausible but incorrect)

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LA.A.2.2.2 - Author’s Purpose - pg. 525-536

3. What was the author’s purpose in writing the story, “A Very Important Day”?
- A. To teach readers family values.
(incorrect interpretation)
 - B. To persuade readers to become U.S. citizens.
(details that do not represent author’s purpose)
 - C. To show readers how to travel into town on a snowy day.
(details that do not represent author’s purpose)
 - D. To entertain readers with a story about becoming a U.S. citizen.
(correct answer)

LA.E.1.2.2 - Plot Development - pg. 534-536

4. What is the FIRST event in the story that tells the reader that this is a very important day?
- A. The examiner passed out the certificates.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - B. The family from Ghana had taken pictures.
(plausible but incorrect)
 - C. The examiner declared the people qualified for citizenship.
(correct answer)
 - D. The judge entered the chambers.
(plausible but incorrect)

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LA.E.1.2.3 - Similarities and Differences pg. 526-536

5. Which words BEST describe the reaction of the families when they awoke on this day?
- A. frightened but hopeful
(incorrect contrast)
 - B. excited but defeated
(incorrect contrast)
 - C. angry but hungry
(inference based on the text but not related to the question)
 - D. surprised but determined
(correct answer)