

Grade 5 Theme 2 Story 3 “Iditarod Dream”

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare/Contrast pgs. 188 – 189

1. How is this year’s Jr. Iditarod DIFFERENT than last year’s Jr. Iditarod?
 - A. This year the Jr. Iditarod is starting much earlier in the morning.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - B. The weather is much warmer this year, which is perfect for the dogs.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - C. This year the Jr. Iditarod is starting at a more difficult part of the trail. *
 - D. The required amount of dog food each racer must carry is greater this year.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)

LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pg. 191

2. Why is Dusty on edge as he enters the woods for the first time?
 - A. The trail is only a few feet wide.
(detail from passage, not significant)
 - B. His dogs piled into each other tangling their lines.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - C. The sled is going too fast and may skid sideways.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - D. There are many obstacles on this part of the trail. *

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LA.E.2.2.1 Cause/Effect pg. 191

3. How does crashing into a tree become a positive experience for Dusty?
- A. It helped him to avoid a collision with another racer.
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
 - B. He realizes that his sled is stronger than he thought.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - C. It reminds him to slow down and get control of his team. *
 - D. He looks behind him and he realizes that he is in the lead.
(incorrect effect)

LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 193

4. When the author writes that Dusty “smiles to himself, knowing that his training has paid off”, he means that the training
- A. had value*
 - B. is paid for
(correct meaning of phrase / does not fit the context)
 - C. earned money
(incorrect meaning)
 - D. cost Dusty money
(incorrect meaning)

LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea/Sequence pg. 194

5. What chore does Dusty do right AFTER he starts his stove to melt snow?
- A. He ties the sled to a tree.
(events drawn from the passage presented out of order)
 - B. He spreads straw around the dogs.
(events drawn from the passage presented out of order)
 - C. He puts ointment on the dogs’ feet.
(events drawn from the passage presented out of order)
 - D. He fills a cooler with hamburger and dry food. *

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LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pgs. 188 - 196

6. With which statement would the author of “Iditarod Dream” MOST likely agree?
- A. The Jr. Iditarod is too risky for the sled dogs.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
 - B. Competing in the Jr. Iditarod requires skill and training. *
 - C. Only experienced adults should compete in the Jr. Iditarod.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
 - D. The number 6 starting position is the best for winning the race.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)