

Grade 5 Theme 3 Story 5
“The Case of the Flying Saucer People”

LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 353

1. Read this sentence from the story.

Mr. Janus says that the flying saucer people were able to talk to him in English with some kind of translation machine they carried.

Which word has the SAME root as translation?

- A. transitory
(word with construct similar to correct response)
- B. translator *
- C. transplant
(word with construct similar to correct response)
- D. transmission
(word with construct similar to correct response)

LA.E.2.2.1 Cause/Effect pg. 353 - 361

2. Why did Mr. Janus decide to go public with his story?
- A. He wanted publicity.*
 - B. He wanted to be a scientist.
(incorrect cause)
 - C. He wanted to become a writer.
(incorrect cause)
 - D. He wanted to share his experience.
(plausible but incorrect response based on text)

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LA.A.2.2.7 Compare /Contrast pg. 355

3. How does Einstein ‘s behavior change when Mr. Janus is around?
- A. He listens closely. *
 - B. He is rude and arrogant.
(incorrect contrast)
 - C. He asks lots of questions.
(incorrect contrast)
 - D. He ignores him when he speaks.
(incorrect contrast)

LA.E.1.2.3 Similarities and Differences pg. 358

4. Which words BEST describe the reaction of Einstein after Mr. Janus finishes his story?
- A. calm but doubtful *
 - B. surprised but puzzled
(incorrect comparison)
 - C. amused but uncertain
(incorrect comparison)
 - D. disappointed but pleased
(incorrect comparison)

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5. The FIRST mistake that Mr. Janus makes while telling the story is related to
- A. his description of the saucer people.
(event from passage presented out of order)
 - B. the lack of atmosphere on the moon. *
 - C. his description of how the moon looks.
(event from passage presented out of order)
 - D. the temperature of the moon’s surface.
(plausible but incorrect)

LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pg. 361

6. Why did the author write “The Case of the Flying Saucer People”?
- A. to teach readers about space and space people
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
 - B. to persuade readers to learn more about flying saucers.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
 - C. to tell readers about a man’s experience with outer space.
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
 - D. to entertain readers with a suspenseful science fiction story. *

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7. If the story “The Case of the Flying Saucer People” needed a new title, which would be BEST?
- A. “Mr. Janus Goes Public”
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
 - B. “Einstein Uncovers the Truth”*
 - C. “Einstein and the Scientific Genius”
(inference not supported by the text)
 - D. “The Mysterious Flying Saucer Ride”
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)