

Grade 5 Theme 5 Story 2
“Little by Little”

LA.E.1.2.2 Plot Development pg. 517

1. Which problem did Jean expect to have when she started fifth grade?
 - A. The students would not be friendly.
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
 - B. The desk would be nailed to the floor.
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
 - C. She would not be able to get good grades.
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
 - D. She wouldn't be able to read the chalkboard. *

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare/Contrast pg. 517

2. How was Jean's desk DIFFERENT from her classmates' desks?
 - A. Jean's desk was nailed to the floor.
(incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
 - B. Jean's desk was a dark wine color.
(incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
 - C. Jean's desk was new and a shiny, golden brown. *
 - D. Jean's desk was attached to the desk behind her.
(incorrect identification of contrasted elements)

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LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 522

3. Read this sentence from the story.

“ With painstaking neatness, I penciled in the number 24 beside the number 1.”

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as painstaking?

- A. painful
(incorrect meaning of word)
- B. careful *
- C. painless
(incorrect meaning of word)
- D. careless
(incorrect meaning of word)

LA.E.2.2.1 Cause/Effect pg. 523

4. Why did Jean feel that she had to pretend to have the correct answers on the multiplication test?
- A. Jean wanted Shirley to be her friend.
(incorrect cause)
 - B. Jean wanted to be accepted on the playground.
(incorrect cause)
 - C. Jean did not want to be embarrassed in front of her teacher.
(incorrect cause)
 - D. Jean did not want anyone to know that she did not know her timetables. *

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LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pgs. 515 - 526

5. What is the MOST important lesson that Jean learns?
- A. It is okay to be different.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - B. Making friends is very important.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - C. Cheating is sometimes necessary.
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
 - D. It is important to learn from your mistakes. *

LA.A2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pg. 515 - 526

6. Why did the author write the passage “Little by Little?”
- A. To share her childhood experiences. *
 - B. To inform readers about life during a war.
(incorrect interpretation of the author’s purpose)
 - C. To persuade readers to treat others kindly.
(incorrect interpretation of the author’s purpose)
 - D. To teach the importance of learning times tables.
(incorrect interpretation of the author’s purpose)