

Reading Comprehension: Lost and Found

Answer the following questions about “Lost and Found.”

1. What does the simile in the first sentence of the passage suggest about the sun’s rays?

- A. They feel sharp and uncomfortable.
- B. They feel like they come from a long distance away.
- C. They feel strange and unfamiliar.
- D. They feel warm and cozy.

2. Read the sentence from the passage.

“Is beach clean-up always this tedious?”

What does the word tedious mean in this sentence?

- A. harmful
- B. boring
- C. unfortunate
- D. serious

3. Which context clues help identify the meaning of tedious?

In paragraph 1, Ashley describes cleaning up the beach as the “least entertaining” way to spend her morning. In paragraph 3, Tasha says “it’s not the most exciting thing we’ve ever done together,” which also shows that something tedious is boring.

4. How does Ashley and Tasha’s interaction with the older couple further the plot?

When Ashley and Tasha interact with the older couple, the couple provides information about the missing dog signs, which leads the girls to contact Wally’s family.

5. **Part A:** Which of the following statements expresses a theme of this passage?

- A. Laughter is the best medicine.
- B. It is important to balance work and play.
- C. True friends will always support each other.
- D. Even the most ordinary tasks can be memorable.

Part B: Explain how the author developed the theme throughout the passage.

Ashley thought the beach cleanup was “tedious” and “the least entertaining way” to spend a Saturday morning. But after they found Wally, she “affectionately rubbed his ears” and joked that she didn’t realize “a beach cleanup could be this exciting.”

6. An objective summary exclusively focuses on the facts of the story, leaving out opinions and judgments. Write an objective summary of “Lost and Found.”

In the story “Lost and Found”, the author shows that an ordinary task can be unexpectedly exciting. At first, Ashley complains about the mundane task of cleaning up the beach, but she is later pleasantly surprised when she finds a lost dog. After successfully reuniting the dog with its family, her perspective changes, and she feels more positive about doing the volunteer work.

