

Practice Understanding What You Read

Directions: After reading "My Vacation: Part 1," read each question carefully. Choose the answer that **BEST** answers the question or write the correct answer on the blank lines provided.

1. Based on the story, why does the narrator wake up before her alarm clock goes off?
 - A. She does not like to sleep.
 - B. She is excited about going on vacation.
 - C. She does not want to sleep too long and be crabby.
 - D. She is worried that she will sleep too long and miss her vacation.

2. "This was not normal for me because I loved being tucked in my warm, comfy bed. But today was no ordinary day."

What does **ordinary** mean as it is used in the sentence?

 - A. bad
 - B. boring
 - C. special
 - D. usual

3. Which word from the sentences in number 2 gives a clue to the meaning of **ordinary**?
 - A. normal
 - B. loved
 - C. tucked
 - D. warm

4. "I was so excited that I hardly slept a wink."

What does the narrator mean when she says she **hardly slept a wink**?

 - A. She was unable to get much sleep.
 - B. She was blinking too much to sleep.
 - C. Her eyes were too tired to stay open.
 - D. Her eyes did not move during the night.

5. Which sentence from the story **BEST** supports the correct answer to number 4?
 - A. I woke up long before my alarm clock.
 - B. I was too excited to sleep because it was vacation day!
 - C. Mom said I'd better get some rest because otherwise I'd be crabby.
 - D. Dad told me that I'd need a lot of energy to do all the things he had planned for our camping trip.

6. Fill in the chart below by telling **WHO** matches with each statement in the "WHAT" column. Next, give the paragraph number(s) to show where in the story you found the answer.

Who	What	Where in the story
	Is too excited to sleep	
	Has never been camping before	
	Roasts marshmallows on a campfire	
	Believes the camping trip will be fun	
	Loves to take long walks through the forest	
	Has planned things for the family's vacation	
	Goes swimming in a big lake while camping	
	Believes that not getting enough sleep can make a person crabby	