

Day 1

There are a lot of easy things that people of any age can do to help the planet. Recycling used items is very helpful, of course. Reusing items like glass jars and paper towel tubes helps, too. This can lower the amount of waste that ends up in landfills. While recycling cans, plastics, paper products, and more is good, people can also cut back on how much they use in the first place. Plastic-free packaging is now very common. Buying bulk packages can also lead to less wasted material. Using washable products can also reduce the amount of trash created over time.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

a. Washable products are better for the environment.

b. People can do many things to help the environment.

c. Recycling is the most important thing someone can do to help the planet.
2. What inference can be made about the passage?

a. Plastic packaging can be bad for the environment.

b. People should avoid reusing too many items.

c. Kids are limited in what they can do to help the planet.
3. Write a quote from the passage that supports your answer to #2.

Day 2

A paper doll is a picture of a doll that comes with clothes to dress it up. Shirts, dresses, pants, shoes, and other items can be mixed and matched to change the doll's outfit. Paper dolls were sold in London in the early 1800s. It is believed that people in other countries made them even earlier. Paper dolls came in all different shapes and sizes. Paper dolls were not only made of paper but were also made of materials like cloth and plastic. They could be found in magazines, advertisements, newspapers, and books. They were so popular in the early 1900s that people started to collect them.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

a. Paper dolls have been sold for hundreds of years.

b. Paper dolls were popular toys that came in a variety of formats.

c. Paper dolls can be found in magazines and books.
2. What inference can be made about the passage?

a. Most people were not interested in paper dolls.

b. It is difficult to keep up with all the pieces that go with paper dolls.

c. Paper dolls were affordable toys.
3. Write a quote from the passage that supports your answer to #2.

Day 3

Virtual reality allows a person to experience a simulated environment. This is done by wearing different types of equipment, including headsets. The equipment contains many sensors that create the feeling of a 3-D environment. If you were in a virtual reality house, you'd be able to walk into different rooms and feel like you were really there. You might even be able to "pick up" objects that feel like they were actually in your hand. Virtual reality can be very useful for different reasons. It has been used for entertainment such as video games and is even used by the government for military training.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a. Virtual reality is a technology with many uses.
 - b. Virtual reality is helpful for video games.
 - c. Specific equipment is required for virtual reality.
2. What inference can be made about the passage?
 - a. Virtual reality is too expensive for most people.
 - b. Virtual reality is not very useful.
 - c. Virtual reality can seem very realistic.
3. Write a quote from the passage that supports your answer to #2.

Day 4

Volleyball was invented in 1895 by William G. Morgan. Intended as an indoor sport, it became popular very quickly. It even became an Olympic sport in 1964. The game is usually played with two teams of six players. The court has lines and a net separating the two sides. It can be played both indoors and outdoors. When it is played in the sand, it is called beach volleyball. The goal of the game is to have the ball touch the other team's court before they can send it back. A player from one team serves the ball. This is done by throwing the ball in the air and hitting it hard to the other team. Many fans enjoy watching this popular sport.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
 - a. Volleyball is played between two teams.
 - b. Volleyball is a popular team sport.
 - c. A net is required to play volleyball.
2. What inference can be made about volleyball?
 - a. Many people find volleyball too difficult to play.
 - b. People were interested in playing indoor sports.
 - c. It is very difficult to score in volleyball.
3. Write a quote from the passage that supports your answer to #2.

Day 5

Going to the movie theater is fun, but have you ever wondered about the history of movie theaters? Picture shows were popular in the 1800s. These shows were also known as magic lantern shows. These shows had no motion or sound, just pictures projected onto the wall using a bright light. The earliest movies were usually shown in existing buildings, such as theaters where actors and actresses performed live. As movies became more popular, business owners realized it made sense to build theaters that were only used for showing movies. Most of these movie theaters had just one room for watching a movie. In the 1950s, a new type of movie theater, known as the drive-in, became popular in America. Drive-in theaters have an outdoor movie screen where people drive up and watch the movie from their car. Today's movie theaters often have multiple rooms all showing different movies at the same time.

1. What is a central idea of the passage?

- a. The first movie was shown in 1850.
- b. Movie theaters have changed over time.
- c. Modern movie theaters can show many different movies.

2. What inference can be made about movie theaters?

- a. Having a small, local theater is important to moviegoers.
- b. Americans were not interested in watching movies in their cars.
- c. Having a choice in what movie they watch is important to moviegoers.

3. Write a quote from the passage that supports your answer to #2.

4. Write a summary of the passage.
