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7th Grade

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Nonfiction Reading Test

Black Friday

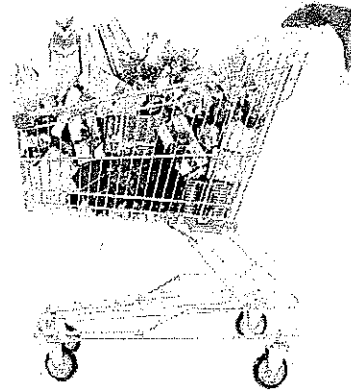
Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

The day after Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday shopping season. Thanksgiving is always on a Thursday, so the day after is a Friday. This day has come to be known as Black Friday. It has been the busiest shopping day of the year since 2005.

Most stores offer great deals on Black Friday. They open their doors in the wee hours of the morning. They try to attract shoppers with big discounts. Some items like TVs are much cheaper than usual. Stores may even lose money on these items. They hope that shoppers will buy gifts for other people while they are in the store.

Black Friday is a great time to get good deals. The problem is that there are not enough low-priced items to go around. Each store may only have a few. These items are in high demand. People stand in long lines to get such great deals. They may line up hours before a store opens. They may be hoping to get a low price on a TV or laptop, but not everyone who wants one will get one. Some people leave disappointed.

The situation can be tense. Some Black Friday events have been violent. Large, eager crowds have trampled workers. Fights have broken out over toys or people cutting in line. People have shot one another over parking spots. But most Black Friday events are safe and fun. Still, if you plan on going, expect large crowds and a bit of shoving.



So where does the name "Black Friday" come from? It was first used in Philadelphia in the 1950s. The police called this day Black Friday because of the heavy traffic it drew. In the 1960s, stores tried to rename the day "Big Friday." It did not stick. The name "Black Friday" continued to spread across the country. It seems that it is here to stay.

Now people all over the country take part in the event known as Black Friday. It is even spreading to other parts of the world. Stores have held Black Friday events in the U.K., Australia, and Brazil since 2012. In Costa Rica Black Friday is known as "Viernes Negro." And in Mexico, stores offer an annual weekend of discounts. They call it "El Buen Fin," which means "the good weekend" in Spanish. I guess the language of savings is universal.

Day 1 Read story + summarize
with (5-7) sentences.

1. According to the text, why do stores set prices so low on some items that they lose money?
 - a. They want people to enjoy the holidays.
 - b. They hope people will buy other gifts while they are in the store.
 - c. They are in a giving mood because the holiday season is just beginning.
 - d. They are trying to get rid of old items from last year to make room for new items.

2. Which is **not** true about Black Friday?
 - a. Black Friday is always the day after Thanksgiving.
 - b. Black Friday is the busiest shopping day of the year.
 - c. Black Friday is a national holiday.
 - d. Black Friday is the start of the holiday shopping season.

3. Where does the name Black Friday come from?
 - a. The police called this day Black Friday because there is a lot of traffic.
 - b. The stores called this day Black Friday because it is a serious shopping day.
 - c. The police called this day Black Friday to remember the victims of violence.
 - d. The stores called this day Black Friday because they make a lot of money.

4. Which best explains the main idea of the third paragraph?
 - a. People stand in long lines on Black Friday.
 - b. Black Friday is the best time of the year to get good deals.
 - c. Black Friday is a really disappointing time of the year.
 - d. Black Friday deals are limited and not everyone will get one.

5. Which country does **not** participate in Black Friday?
 - a. France
 - b. Costa Rica
 - c. Brazil
 - d. United Kingdom

6. Which happened first?
 - a. Stores tried to rename the day after Thanksgiving "Big Friday."
 - b. Black Friday events began happening in Australia.
 - c. Police began calling the day after Thanksgiving "Black Friday."
 - d. Black Friday became the busiest shopping day of the year.

7. Which title best expresses the author's purpose in writing this text?
 - a. *Black Friday: Stories from the Parking Lot*
 - b. *Black Friday: Why You Should Go This Year*
 - c. *Black Friday: The Stuff That You Should Know*
 - d. *Black Friday: How to Save Money on the Big Day*

8. Which best describes the overall structure of the fifth paragraph?
 - a. chronological order
 - b. problem and solution
 - c. compare and contrast
 - d. order of importance

Day 2 # (1-5)

Day 3 # (6-10)

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Why is Black Friday a frustrating experience for some people? Refer to the text in your answer.

Why is violence more likely to occur in a store on Black Friday? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

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Nonfiction Reading Comprehension Test

Hummingbirds

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

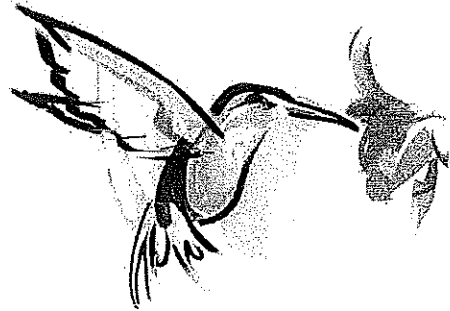
Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? They make a buzzing noise when they fly. They make this noise because they beat their wings so fast. They beat their wings up to 80 times a second. All that flapping makes a lot of noise. That's why we call them hummingbirds.

Hummingbirds fly in a unique way. They move their wings so fast that they can hover. This means that they can stay in one spot in the middle of the air, like a helicopter. Sometimes they fly or hover upside down. They are the only bird that flies backward.

Hummingbirds are small. One type called the bee hummingbird is the smallest bird in the world. Bee hummingbirds weigh less than a penny. They are just a little bit bigger than bees. I guess that's where they get their name.

Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests. They use cobwebs and bits of bark to make their homes. Their homes are only an inch around. This is big enough for their eggs though. Their eggs are smaller than peas. People have found these tiny nests on a clothespin.

Hummingbirds move fast. It takes lots of energy to move as fast as they do. This means that they need to eat a lot of food. Their favorite food is nectar, a sweet liquid inside of some flowers. They drink more than their own weight in nectar daily. They have to visit hundreds of flowers to get enough nectar to live. They can only store enough energy to survive through the night. They live on the edge.



Hummingbirds don't use their long beaks like straws. They have a tongue just like you. They use their tongues for eating. They flick their tongues in and out of their mouths while inside of flowers. They lap up nectar. Flowers give them the energy that they need.

Hummingbirds help flowers too. They get pollen on their heads and bills when they feed. Flowers use pollen to make seeds.

Hummingbirds help pollen get from one flower to the next. This helps flowers make more seeds. More seeds means more flowers. More flowers means more food for hummingbirds. Isn't it nice how that works out?

Day 7 Read Story

1. Why are they called hummingbirds?
 - a. They are very light
 - b. They sing when they fly
 - c. Their wings make a humming sound
 - d. Their song sounds like humming
2. How do hummingbirds eat?
 - a. They drink nectar through their beaks like a straw.
 - b. They chew up flower petals with their beaks.
 - c. They use their heads and bills to eat pollen.
 - d. They lap up nectar with their tongues.
3. How do hummingbirds help flowers?
 - a. They drink nectar.
 - b. They eat pollen.
 - c. They bring pollen from one flower to the next.
 - d. They plant seeds.
4. According to the text, which does the bee hummingbird use to make nests?
 - a. straw
 - b. concrete
 - c. bark
 - d. sticks
5. Which best describes the main idea of the fifth paragraph?
 - a. Hummingbirds move fast.
 - b. Hummingbirds like to eat nectar.
 - c. Hummingbirds use lots of energy and eat often.
 - d. Hummingbirds drink their own weight in nectar every day.
6. Which statement about bee hummingbirds is **not** true?
 - a. Bee hummingbird eggs are smaller than peas.
 - b. Bee hummingbirds weigh less than a penny.
 - c. Bee hummingbirds have built nests on clothespins.
 - d. Bee hummingbirds do not grow larger than bees.
7. What is unique about the way that hummingbirds fly?
 - a. They can fly faster than any other bird.
 - b. They can fly longer than any other bird.
 - c. They can fly forward and backward.
 - d. They can only fly for a few seconds at a time.
8. Which best defines the word **hover** as used in paragraph two?
 - a. To stay in one spot in the air
 - b. To clean an area thoroughly
 - c. An animal that has hooves
 - d. To move your wings very fast
9. Why do flowers need pollen?
 - a. Flowers eat pollen.
 - b. Pollen attracts hummingbirds.
 - c. Hummingbirds eat pollen.
 - d. Flowers use pollen to make seeds.
10. Which title best describes the main idea of this text?
 - a. *Bee Hummingbirds: The World's Smallest Bird*
 - b. *Pollination: How Birds and Flowers Work Together*
 - c. *Hummingbirds: Unique and Uniquely Helpful*
 - d. *Interesting Facts About Birds*

Day 8 (1-10) Write on notebook paper.

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3. Why is the ability to hover useful to a hummingbird? Refer to the text to support your answer.

