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# Rain Forest • • • • • Context Clues



The rain forest is a wet place with a lot of plants. Plants grow well there because the **climate** is tropical. It is warm and **humid** all year. About one hundred inches of rain fall each year. Rain helps all of the plants grow. In fact, the rain forest has more than half of all of the world's plants. Most of these plants are trees. Trees and other plants **produce** oxygen that all living things need.

1. What is the correct meaning of **climate**?
  - A. the type of usual weather in an area
  - B. a large body of water
  - C. the type of land in an area
  
2. What is the correct meaning of **humid**?
  - A. dry and hot
  - B. dry and cold
  - C. damp and hot
  
3. What is the correct meaning of **produce**?
  - A. take away
  - B. create
  - C. vegetables and fruits

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# Toys for the Hospital • • • • • Main Idea



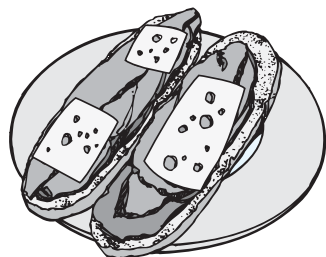
Two years ago, Lily was in the hospital. Her nurse gave Lily a teddy bear. It made Lily feel safe and not as scared as she had been. Now, Lily collects teddy bears to give to other sick children in the hospital. Many students at Lily's school donate new and used teddy bears. Lily boxes up the teddy bears. She takes them to the hospital. The nurses thank Lily for the teddy bears. They know the teddy bears will help the children.

1. What is this passage mainly about?
  - A. helping nurses
  - B. being sick
  - C. collecting teddy bears
  
2. Which sentence best states the main idea of the passage?
  - A. Two years ago, Lily was in the hospital.
  - B. Lily collects teddy bears to give to sick children in the hospital.
  - C. Many students at Lily's school donate new and used teddy bears.

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# Sandwich • • • • • Predicting Outcomes



Trace walks into the kitchen. He is hungry. So is his little brother. Trace pulls the ham and cheese out of the refrigerator. He gets the bread out of the pantry. His brother sits on a chair to watch. Trace makes a large sandwich. He cuts the large sandwich in half. His brother smiles. Trace places two halves on two plates. Then, he opens the cookie jar. There are two cookies left.

1. What do you predict Trace will do with the sandwich?
  - A. Trace will eat both halves of the sandwich.
  - B. Trace will save one half of the sandwich for later.
  - C. Trace will share the sandwich with his little brother.
  
2. What do you predict Trace will do with the two cookies?
  - A. Trace will give one to his brother and eat the other.
  - B. Trace will eat both cookies.
  - C. Trace will put the cookies back and save them for later.

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# Zipper • • • • • Fact and Opinion



The zipper is a great invention. It has two rows of plastic or metal teeth. A small grip slides up and down the teeth. The teeth lock and unlock. Elias Howe made the Automatic Continuous Clothing Closure in 1851. He also invented the sewing machine. Howe was too busy to teach people about the first zipper. Whitcomb L. Judson made the clasp locker. He brought it to the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. The clasp locker was made from hooks, eyes, and a slide clasp.

It was not as easy to use as the zippers of today. Gideon Sundback changed the clasp locker in 1912. Sundback made it better. He put spring clips in place of the hooks and eyes. He called it the Hookless Fastener. The B.F. Goodrich Company used the Hookless Fastener on boots in 1923. They called it a zipper. This zipper was put on clothes in the late 1920s. Now, many clothes and other items have zippers.

1. Which sentence is a fact about the zipper?
  - A. Elias Howe made the Automatic Continuous Clothing Closure.
  - B. The clasp locker was not as easy to use as the zippers of today.
  - C. The B. F. Goodrich Company made the best zipper.
  
2. Which sentence is an opinion about the zipper?
  - A. Gideon Sundback changed the clasp locker in 1912.
  - B. The zipper is a great invention.
  - C. The clasp locker was made from hooks, eyes, and a slide clasp.