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# Trial • • • • • Context Clues



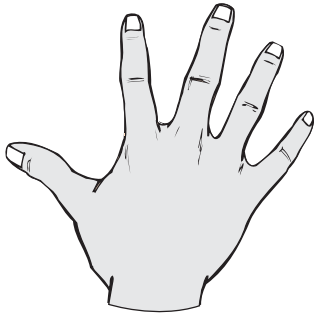
Trent goes to the courthouse for jury duty. He and eleven other people are selected to **serve** on a jury. Trent goes into the courtroom. He sits with the other jurors. The judge **instructs** the jurors to listen carefully to the facts. They listen to each lawyer share the proof and facts. The judge tells the jury to make a decision. Trent and the other jurors leave the courtroom to talk about the case. They all agree the man on trial is **guilty**. The judge thanks Trent and the other jurors for their time. Trent is proud to have been on the jury.

1. What does the word **serve** mean in the passage?
  - A. hand out food or drinks
  - B. hit a tennis ball over a net
  - C. hold a position
  
2. What does the word **instructs** mean in the passage?
  - A. teaches and explains
  - B. ignores and does not talk to
  - C. forgets to tell
  
3. What does the word **guilty** mean in the passage?
  - A. has nothing to do with a crime
  - B. has committed a crime
  - C. has no problem

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# Reflexology • • • • • Main Idea



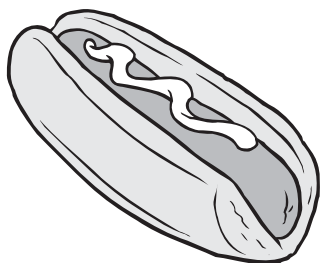
Reflexology uses reflex points in the hands, feet, and ears to ease the body's stress. It is a technique that has been used for thousands of years. The basis for reflexology is that each organ, gland, and part of the body is connected to a reflex point. The reflex point can be found on the hands, feet, and ears. Charts of the hands, feet, and ears show the location of each reflex point. Stress is relieved from a part of the body when its reflex point is rubbed. Reflexology helps the body relax. When relaxed, the body can work normally. Healthy parts of the body will then aid those parts that need to heal.

1. What is this passage mainly about?
  - A. about the feet
  - B. how reflexology works
  - C. about charts and graphs
  
2. Which sentence best states the main idea of the passage?
  - A. Reflexology uses reflex points in the hands, feet, and ears to ease the body's stress.
  - B. Charts of the hands, feet, and ears show the location of each reflex point.
  - C. Healthy parts of the body will then aid those parts that need to heal.

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# Student Council Fundraiser • • • Predicting Outcomes



The student council of Main Intermediate has planned a fundraiser for school. Council members want to raise money to buy more software for the library and the rest of the school. To raise funds, the student council has organized a picnic in Goodlake Park. The student council plans on cooking hotdogs and hamburgers. They will sell tickets for both. Other school groups will bake sweets and sell them. However, it rains the entire week before the picnic. Members of the student council meet to decide what they will do if it rains the next day, the date of their fundraiser. They decide that the fundraiser will have to be postponed if it rains. The next morning, the student council members meet at the park. The sky is blue, without a cloud to be seen. Sun shines on about one hundred people who are already in line to buy meal tickets.

1. What do you predict the weather will be the day of the fundraiser?
  - A. It will be a sunny day.
  - B. It will be a chilly day.
  - C. It will be a rainy day.
2. What do you predict will happen with the fundraiser?
  - A. The students will only sell a few tickets.
  - B. The students will raise a lot of money for their school.
  - C. The students will postpone the fundraiser to a later date.

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# Yo-Yo Ma • • • • • • • • • • Fact and Opinion



Yo-Yo Ma is the greatest cello player in the world. Ma was born October 7, 1955, to Chinese parents in Paris, France. He became a genius on the cello. Ma held his first public concert when he was merely five years old. His family moved to New York where he performed at Carnegie Hall when he was nine years old. Ma studied cello at Julliard. Then, he graduated from Harvard in 1977. He went on to a career full of amazing accomplishments. Ma is known

for his ability to play classical pieces by Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. He has played classical and contemporary pieces with many musicians. Ma's recordings of the classics have won him worldwide recognition. His performances have gained new interest in the classics. Yo-Yo Ma has won many international and Grammy awards. He is a talented and highly-praised musician.

1. Which sentence states a fact about Yo-Yo Ma?
  - A. Yo-Yo Ma is the greatest cello player in the world.
  - B. Ma was born October 7, 1955, to Chinese parents in Paris, France.
  - C. Yo-Yo Ma is a talented and highly-praised musician.
  
2. Which sentence states an opinion about Yo-Yo Ma?
  - A. Yo-Yo Ma has won many international and Grammy awards.
  - B. Yo-Yo Ma is a talented, highly praised musician.
  - C. Ma held his first public concert when he was merely five years old.