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"Seeing Stars"

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories
Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Yana is my mother.

Tony is my father.

My name is Sasha.

We live in a red house.

We have a blue car.

We sit in the yard at night.

We look at the stars.

Father says the stars make him happy.

Mother says the stars make her want to sing.

I like to think about how many stars are in the sky.

We hear a baby cry next door. My mother sings.

The baby stops crying. We think he heard my mother's pretty song.

We all smile.

Questions:

1) Who is Yana?

   A. Sasha's father
   B. Sasha's mother
   C. Tony's father
   D. Tony's mother

2) What color is Sasha's house?

   A. red
   B. blue
   C. purple
   D. orange

3) Who is telling the story?

    A. father
    B. mother
    C. Sasha
    D. the baby

4) When does the family sit in the yard?

    A. in the morning
    B. in the afternoon
    C. in the evening
    D. at night

5) How do the stars make Sasha's father feel?

    A. funny
    B. happy
    C. like counting
    D. like singing

6) What happens after Mother sings?

    A. A friend comes by.
    B. Father gets sleepy.
    C. Sasha counts stars.
    D. The baby stops crying.

7) What does Sasha like to do when she sees the stars?

    A. She likes to sit in the car.
    B. She likes to hold the baby.
    C. She likes to sing with her mother.
    D. She likes to guess how many there are.

8) What do Mother, Father, and Sasha do at the end of the story?

    A. They cry.
    B. They laugh.
    C. They smile.
    D. They talk.

Do you ever look at the stars? What do they make you think about?

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Answers and Explanations

1) **B**
   The first line of the story reads, "Yana is my mother." Later, we learn, "My name is Sasha." Yana is Sasha's mother. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **A**
   In sentence 4, Sasha says, "We live in a red house." Therefore **(A)** is correct. Sentence 5 tells us that Sasha's family's car is blue. From this we know that the *car* is blue, <u>not</u> the *house*. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. The story does not contain information to support **(C)** and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **C**
   Sentence 3 reads, "My name is Sasha." This lets us know that Sasha is telling the story. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **D**
   In the middle of the story, Sasha tells us, "We sit in the yard at night." When Sasha says "we," she means herself and her family. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) **B**
   In the middle of the story, Sasha says, "Father says the stars make him happy." Therefore **(B)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

6) **D**
   Near the end of the story, Sasha says, "My mother sings." Sasha tells us in the next sentences, "The baby stops crying. We think he heard my mother's pretty song." The baby stops crying after Sasha's mother sings. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

7) **D**
   Near the end of the story, Sasha says, "I like to think about how many stars are in the sky." Because Sasha cannot know how many stars are in the sky, we can understand that this means she likes to guess how many stars there are. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

8) **C**
   The last line of the story is, "We all smile." When Sasha says "we," she means her mother, her father, and herself. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.