
“The Drive”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Gustavo works far away from his home.

He drives a car to work. It takes him 3 hours to get there.

Gustavo drives.

While he drives, he thinks about many things.

He thinks about his little girl. She likes to ride horses.

He thinks about his little boy. He plays fireman all the time.

He thinks about his wife. She milks the cows on the farm.

Gustavo thinks of things he needs to do when he gets home.

He needs to cut the grass. It is too long.

He needs to water the flowers so they will grow.

He wants to read a story to his little girl.

He wants to play a game with his little boy.

He wants to sit with his wife. He wants to tell her about his day.



Questions:

1) How does Gustavo get to work?

- A. by bus
- B. by car
- C. by horse
- D. by train

2) What does Gustavo do while he drives?

- A. He sings.
- B. He talks.
- C. He thinks.
- D. He works.

Questions (continued):

3) What does Gustavo think about while he drives?

- I. his work
- II. his wife
- III. his little boy

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

4) How long does it take Gustavo to get to work?

- A. 15 minutes
- B. 30 minutes
- C. 2 hours
- D. 3 hours

5) What does Gustavo's little girl like to do?

- A. milk cows
- B. play fireman
- C. ride horses
- D. water flowers

6) What does Gustavo's little boy like to do?

- A. milk cows
- B. play fireman
- C. ride horses
- D. water flowers

7) What does Gustavo **need** to do when he gets home?

- I. milk the cows
- II. cut the grass
- III. water the flowers

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

8) What does Gustavo **want** to do when he gets home?

- I. sit with his wife
- II. read to his little girl
- III. play a game with his little boy

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. II and III
- D. I, II, and III

9) Why does Gustavo **need** to cut the grass?

- A. So it will grow.
- B. It is too brown.
- C. It is too long.
- D. It is too old.

10) What does Gustavo **need** to water when he gets home?

- A. the grass
 - B. the cows
 - C. the horses
 - D. the flowers
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Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

At the beginning of the story, it says, “Gustavo works far away from his home.” It also says, “He drives a car to work.” We can understand from this that Gustavo drives a car to work. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

The story does not say anything about a bus. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. Gustavo’s little girl likes to ride horses, but Gustavo does not ride a horse to work. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. The story does not say anything about a train. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

2) **C**

At the beginning, the story says, “Gustavo drives. While he drives, he thinks about many things.” We can understand from this that Gustavo thinks while he drives. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **C**

The story does not say Gustavo thinks about his work while he is driving. This eliminates **option (I)**. In the middle, the story says while “Gustavo drives,” he “thinks about his wife.” This supports **option (II)**. In the middle, the story also says Gustavo “thinks about his little boy” while Gustavo drives. This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

4) **D**

At the beginning, the story says Gustavo “drives a car to work.” It takes “3 hours to get there.” We can understand from this that it takes Gustavo 3 hours to drive to work. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The story does not contain information to support answer choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) **C**

In the middle, the story says Gustavo “thinks about his little girl. She likes to ride horses.” We can understand from this that Gustavo’s little girl likes to ride horses. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

In the middle, the story says that Gustavo’s wife milks cows. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. In the middle, the story says that Gustavo’s little boy plays fireman. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. In the middle, the story says that Gustavo needs to water the flowers. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

6) **B**

In the middle, the story says Gustavo “thinks about his little boy. He plays fireman all the time.” We can understand from this that Gustavo’s little boy likes to play fireman. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

In the middle, the story says that Gustavo’s wife milks cows. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. In the middle, the story says that Gustavo’s little girl rides horses. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. In the middle, the story says that Gustavo needs to water the flowers. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

7) **C**

Gustavo’s wife, not Gustavo, milks the cows. This eliminates **option (I)**. At the end of the story, “Gustavo thinks of the things he needs to do when he gets home.” First, the story says Gustavo “needs to cut the grass.” This supports **option (II)**. Next, the story says Gustavo “needs to water the flowers.” This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

8) **D**

At the end of the story, we learn that Gustav “wants to sit with his wife.” This supports **option (I)**. Gustavo also “wants to read a story to his little girl.” This supports **option (II)**. Gustavo also “wants to play a game with his little boy.” This supports **option (III)**. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

9) **C**

In the middle of the story, it says Gustavo “needs to cut the grass. It is too long.” We can understand from this that Gustavo needs to cut the grass because the grass is too long. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The story says Gustavo needs to water the flowers so they can grow. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The story does not say what color the grass is. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. The story does not say how old the grass is. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

10) **D**

At the end, the story says Gustavo “needs to water the flowers so they can grow.” Therefore **(D)** is correct.

The story says Gustav “needs to cut the grass.” Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The story says that Gustav’s wife milks the cows, but it does not say that Gustav waters the cows. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. The story says that Gustav’s little girl likes to ride horses, but it does not say that Gustav waters the horses. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.