

• Reading Comprehension 8 Level 3

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

Passage

Matt is moving into his new bedroom today. He has four pieces of furniture to move into the room. He has a bed, a dresser, a desk, and a chair. Matt has to plan out how he will move everything. The bed must go in first. It has to be taken apart to fit through the doorway. It will be easier to put the bed back together if it is the only thing in the room. Then he can push the bed against the far wall. The other pieces of furniture can go into the room in any **order**. However, the dresser and desk are both too wide to fit through the doorway. They must be turned sideways. The chair is the smallest piece of furniture. It is also the easiest to move.

Questions

- 1) What is the only piece of furniture that cannot go in the room last?
 - A. bed
 - B. dresser
 - C. desk
 - D. chair

- 2) Which sentence from the passage best lets us know that Matt has to plan how he will move everything?
 - A. "He has four pieces of furniture to move into the room."
 - B. "It will be easier to put the bed back together if it is the only thing in the room."
 - C. "The other pieces of furniture can go into the room in any order."
 - D. "The chair is the smallest piece of furniture."

- 3) What does Matt have to do make the bed fit through the doorway?
 - A. take it apart
 - B. turn it sideways
 - C. put it in first
 - D. push it against the far wall

- 4) This passage is mostly about
- A. a new bedroom
 - B. moving furniture
 - C. taking furniture apart
 - D. the moving day
- 5) Based on its use in the passage, we can understand that **order** belongs to which word group?
- A. cleanliness, organization, tidiness
 - B. command, demand, direction
 - C. grouping, pattern, system
 - D. area, room, space
- 6) Based on information in the passage, we can understand that furniture is easier to move if it
- A. goes in first
 - B. goes in last
 - C. cannot be taken apart
 - D. is small

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

In the passage, the author writes that Matt “has four pieces of furniture to move into the room. He has a bed, a dresser, a desk, and a chair.... The bed must go in first.” Since the bed must go in first, it cannot go in last. Later in the passage, the author writes, “The other pieces of furniture can go into the room in any order.” This means that the other pieces of furniture could all go in last. The bed is the only piece of furniture that cannot go in the room last. Therefore **(A)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **B**

In the passage, the author writes, “Matt has to plan out how he will move everything.” This tells us that Matt has to think about how he will move everything because he cannot just put the furniture in the room in any order. Then the author explains that the bed must go in first. He or she writes, “It will be easier to put the bed back together if it is the only thing in the room.” This detail explains why the bed must go in first, so it best supports the idea that “Matt has to plan out how he will move everything.” Therefore **(B)** is correct. The fact that Matt “has four pieces of furniture to move into the room” does not necessarily mean that he “has to plan out how he will move everything.” If he could move these four pieces in any order, then he would not have to make a plan. This means **(A)** is incorrect. Since “the other pieces of furniture can go into the room in any order,” Matt does not have to plan out how he will move them. This eliminates **(C)**. The author tells us that “the chair is the smallest piece of furniture,” but this does not mean that Matt has to plan out how to move the chair. This makes **(D)** incorrect.

3) **A**

In the passage, the author writes, “The bed must go in first. It has to be taken apart to fit through the doorway.” This means that Matt has to take the bed apart to make it fit through the doorway. Therefore **(A)** is correct. Matt has to turn the dresser and the desk sideways, not the bed. This means **(B)** is incorrect. Although “the bed must go in first,” putting it in first does not make it easier to fit through the doorway. This makes **(C)** incorrect. The author tells us that after Matt puts the bed back together, “he can push the bed against the far wall.” But this is after the bed is inside the room. Pushing it against the far wall will not make the bed fit through the doorway. This means **(D)** is incorrect.

4) **B**

At the beginning of the passage, the author writes, “Matt is moving into his new bedroom today. He has four pieces of furniture to move into the room.” Then the author explains what furniture Matt has, how the pieces must be moved, and in what order. Since the passage describes the process of how Matt will move his furniture, we can understand that this passage is mostly about moving furniture. Therefore **(B)** is correct. Although Matt is moving into “his new bedroom,” the passage does not tell us anything about the new bedroom. Instead, it describes the process of moving furniture. This eliminates **(A)**. While Matt does have to take the bed apart to make it “fit through the doorway,” he does not have to take anything else apart. However, he does have to move everything else. This tells us that the passage is mostly about moving furniture, not taking it apart. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect. The author writes, “Matt is moving into his new bedroom today.” But the rest of the passage describes the process of moving furniture. It does not describe the moving day. This makes **(D)** incorrect.

5) **C**

order (*noun*): the arrangement of people or things according to a particular sequence or pattern.

In the passage, the author writes, “The other pieces of furniture can go into the room in any order.” From earlier sentences in the passage, we know that the bed “must go in first,” so “the other pieces of furniture” refer to the desk, the dresser, and the chair. This means that although the bed must go in before everything else, the other pieces of furniture can go in any sequence or pattern. They do not have to go in before anything else. This tells us that in this context *order* means sequence or pattern. This means it belongs to the word group *grouping, pattern, system*. Therefore **(C)** is correct. Although in another context the word order could mean organization, here it refers to the sequence of how the furniture goes in the room, not to whether it is organized in the room. This means that in this context order does not belong to the word group *cleanliness, organization, tidiness*. This eliminates **(A)**. Although in another context the word order could mean a command, here it refers to the sequence of how the furniture goes in the room. This tells us that in this context order does not belong to the word group *command, demand, direction*. This makes **(B)** incorrect. Although the furniture does go in the room, the word order refers to the sequence of how it goes in the room. It does not refer to the space where the furniture will go. This tells us that order does not belong to the word group *area, room, space*. This means **(D)** is incorrect.

6) **D**

In the passage, the author provides information to suggest that it is more difficult to move furniture if it is too big to fit through the doorway. For example, he or she tells us that the bed “has to be taken apart to fit through the doorway.” Also, the author writes that “the dresser and desk are both too wide to fit through the doorway. They must be turned sideways.” On the other hand, the author writes, “The chair is the smallest piece of furniture. It is also the easiest to move.” From this we can understand that the chair is the easiest to move because it is small enough to fit through the doorway. It does not have to be taken apart or turned sideways. Based on this information, we can understand that furniture is most likely easier to move if it is smaller. Therefore **(D)** is correct. The author tells us that “the bed must go in first.” But this does not make the bed easy to move. It must be taken apart to fit through the doorway. This means that furniture is not necessarily easier to move if it goes in first. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The chair is the “easiest to move” and it could go in the room last. But the author tells us that “the other pieces of furniture can go into the room in any order,” so the dresser or desk could also go in last. This means that furniture is not necessarily easier to move if it goes in last. This makes **(B)** incorrect. We do not know if the chair cannot be taken apart. But we do know that it is “the smallest piece of furniture” and “also the easiest to move.” This means we do not know whether furniture that cannot be taken apart is easier to move. This eliminates **(C)**.