

• Reading Comprehension 2 Level 4

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

Next week I am on vacation. While I am on vacation, I will work on two projects.

First, I will fix the washing machine. The washing machine has been broken for two weeks. To fix it, I will need three tools: a screwdriver, a wrench, and a clamp. It will take one day to fix the washing machine.

Next, I will fix our back porch. This is a bigger project. It will probably take about two days to fix the back porch, and will **require** a screwdriver, a hammer, nails, and a saw.

My vacation starts on Monday. I have a lot of work to do, but hopefully I can relax after I finish my work

Questions

- 1) Which of these tools will the author use more than once?
 - A. a screwdriver
 - B. a hammer
 - C. a clamp
 - D. a saw

- 2) As used in paragraph 3, what does **require** mean?
 - A. need
 - B. use
 - C. find
 - D. buy

- 3) Which of the following tools does the author not need to fix the back porch?
 - A. a screwdriver
 - B. a wrench
 - C. nails
 - D. a saw

- 4) What is the earliest day that the author can finish both projects?
 - A. Monday
 - B. Wednesday
 - C. Thursday
 - D. Friday

- 5) On which project will the author need to use the most tools?
- A. fixing the washing machine
 - B. fixing the back porch
 - C. both projects need the same number of tools
 - D. neither project needs any tools
- 6) According to the passage, fixing the back porch will take longer because
- A. the author really doesn't want to do it
 - B. it has been broken longer
 - C. it needs more tools
 - D. it is a bigger project
- 7) The author of this passage can best be described as
- A. interesting
 - B. lazy
 - C. constructive
 - D. intelligent

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

In paragraph 2, the author says that to fix the washing machine, he or she will need “a screwdriver, a wrench, and a clamp.” In paragraph 3, the author says that to fix the back porch, he or she will need “a screwdriver, a hammer, nails, and a saw.” The author needs the screwdriver for both projects, so it will be used more than once. Choice **(A)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **A**

require (*verb*): to have a need for.

In paragraph 2, the author writes that to fix the washing machine, “I will need three tools: a screwdriver, a wrench, and a clamp.” In paragraph 3, the author talks about the next job, which is fixing the porch. Like in paragraph 2, the author writes that, “It will probably take about two days to fix the back porch, and will require a screwdriver, a hammer, nails, and a saw.” In paragraph 3, the author is telling us about the tools he or she will require, or need, to complete the job, just like in paragraph 2. Using this information, it can be understood that *require* means *need*. Therefore **(A)** is correct. The passage does not provide information to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) **B**

In paragraph 3, the author says that he or she requires, or needs, “a screwdriver, a hammer, nails, and a saw” to fix the back porch. The author does not say that he or she needs a wrench. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) **B**

In the final paragraph, the author writes, “My vacation starts on Monday.” In paragraph 1, the author writes, “While I am on vacation, I will work on two projects.” This lets us know that the author plans to start working on Monday. In paragraph 2, the author writes that, “It will take one day to fix the washing machine.” In paragraph 3, the author writes that, “It will probably take about two days to fix the back porch.” If the author starts the projects on Monday, the first day of vacation, and it takes 3 days to finish both projects, the earliest that he or she can be finished is Wednesday. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

5) **B**

In paragraph 2, the author writes that to fix the washing machine, “I will need a screwdriver, a wrench, and a clamp.” This is 3 tools. In paragraph 3, the author writes that to fix the back porch, he or she will require, or need, “a screwdriver, a hammer, nails, and a saw.” This is 4 tools. 4 is greater than 3, so **(B)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

6) **D**

In paragraph 3, the author writes, “Next, I will fix our back porch. This is a bigger project. It will probably take about two days to fix the back porch.” The author says that fixing the porch is a bigger project just before he or she says that it will take two days to fix the back porch. Since these ideas are next to each other, the reader can understand that being a bigger project is the reason the back porch will take longer to fix. Choice **(D)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

7) **C**

The author tells us about the projects that he or she plans to complete during vacation. Both projects involve fixing things. Since the author is willing to work during his or her vacation, and since the author plans to fix things using tools, we can understand that he or she can best be described as *constructive*. Choice **(C)** is correct. Although the author may seem like an *interesting* person, we cannot know this simply because he or she fixes things during vacation. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The author plans to work during his or her vacation. This means that he or she is not *lazy*. **(B)** is incorrect. The author talks about fixing things. However, the author does not talk about *how* he or she plans to fix them. It may be the case that the author plans to fix them in a unintelligent way. Therefore, we cannot tell if the author is intelligent or not. Choice **(D)** is incorrect.