

“My Friend”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

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

My name is Julie. I have a friend.

My friend lives in California.

My friend is a girl.

She is seventeen years old.

Her name is Jessica Roberts.

Jessica is cool. I like her a lot.

She likes to read. She is a good reader.

She is good at math, too. It is her best subject.

Jessica is smart.

I like to eat lunch with her. We eat lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Jessica is my friend.



Questions:

1) Where does Julie's friend live?

- A. Colorado
- B. Texas
- C. California

2) Is Julie's friend a girl or a boy?

- A. She is a girl.
- B. He is a boy.

3) How old is Julie's friend?

- A. 15 years old
- B. 16 years old
- C. 17 years old

4) What is Julie's friend's first name?

- A. Jenny
- B. Jessica
- C. Julie

Answers and Explanations

- 1) **C**
At the beginning of the story, Julie says, “My friend lives in California.” Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 2) **A**
Near the beginning, Julie says, “My friend is a girl.” Therefore **(A)** is correct. Since Julie’s friend is a girl, she is not a boy. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.
- 3) **C**
Near the middle of the story, Julie says, “She is seventeen years old.” We can understand from this that Julie’s friend is seventeen years old. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 4) **B**
Near the middle of the story, Julie says, “Her name is Jessica Roberts.” From this, we can understand that Julie’s friend’s first name is Jessica. Therefore **(B)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choice **(A)**. Therefore it is incorrect. The narrator’s name is Julie, but Julie’s friend is named Jessica. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.
- 5) **C**
Near the middle of the story, Julie says, “Her name is Jessica Roberts.” We can understand from this that Julie’s friend’s last name is Roberts. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 6) **B**
In the middle of the story, Julie describes what Jessica likes. Julie says, “She is good at math, too. It is her best subject.” We can understand from this information that Jessica’s best subject is math. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

Although Julie says that Jessica “likes to read” and “is a good reader,” Julie does not say that English is Jessica’s best subject. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. The story does not provide information to support answer choice **(C)**. Therefore it is incorrect.
- 7) **A**
Near the end of the story, Julie says, “I like to eat lunch with her. We eat lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.” We can understand from this that Julie eats with Jessica on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This makes 3 days. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

The story does not provide information to support answer choices **(B)** and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.