Part 1 Phonics

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Which word has a short a vowel sound?
   a. mask
   b. change
   c. rain

2. Which word has the same vowel sound as *chop*?
   a. chip
   b. choke
   c. block

3. Which word starts with the same blend as *flop*?
   a. flag
   b. stop
   c. fork

4. Which word rhymes with *stump*?
   a. stop
   b. sum
   c. jump

5. Which word in this sentence has a long a vowel sound?
   Sam tells tall tales.
   a. Sam
   b. tall
   c. tales

6. Which word has the same vowel sound as *drum*?
   a. cube
   b. stuff
   c. tune

7. Which word has the same vowel sound as *late*?
   a. pack
   b. stay
   c. latch

8. Which word has a long e vowel sound?
   a. feet
   b. tries
   c. tent

9. Which word has a long i vowel sound?
   a. paint
   b. sight
   c. flip

10. Which word has the same vowel sound as *show*?
    a. cow
    b. cone
    c. shop
11. Which word in this sentence has a long e vowel sound?
   They like to eat fresh bread.
   a. eat
   b. fresh
   c. bread

12. Which word rhymes with stone?
   a. mane
   b. ton
   c. loan

13. Which word has a long u vowel sound?
   a. cup
   b. mule
   c. shout

14. Which word correctly completes the sentence?
   Tom tied a piece of ____ around the box.
   a. sting
   b. string
   c. spring

15. Which word correctly completes the sentence?
   The ____ sailed across the sea.
   a. sip
   b. chip
   c. ship

16. Which word has the same ending sound as comb?
   a. home
   b. globe
   c. coach

17. Which word correctly completes the sentence?
   The house has a tall ____ around the yard.
   a. fenz
   b. fens
   c. fence

18. Which word correctly completes the sentence?
   You must drive across the ____ to cross the river.
   a. brij
   b. bridge
   c. bridj

19. Which word has the same starting sound as phone?
   a. hose
   b. pony
   c. fun

20. Which word correctly completes the sentence?
   Did you hear a ____ at the door?
   a. knock
   b. nock
   c. knok
The Ant and the Dove

One day, an ant wanted a drink of water. He walked to the stream. But then he fell in. The ant was not a good swimmer. He splashed in the water. He tried to swim to the bank. The water kept pushing him away.

Just then, a dove flew down. She saw the little ant. She felt sorry for him. So she dropped a blade of grass into the water. The ant climbed onto the blade of grass. Then he floated safely to shore. The ant was grateful to the dove for saving his life.

A few days later, the ant saw a hunter in the woods. He was looking for doves. The hunter spotted the dove in a tree. He put an arrow in his bow. Then he aimed it at the dove. Seeing this, the ant jumped onto the hunter’s foot. The ant bit down hard. The man yelped in pain. His arrow sailed off into the bushes. Startled, the dove flew to safety.
1. How does the dove feel when she sees the ant in the water?
   a. angry
   b. sorry
   c. pleased

2. Which of these events happens first?
   a. An ant has a hard time getting out of a stream.
   b. An ant tries to get a drink of water.
   c. A dove helps an ant.

3. How are the ant and the dove alike?
   a. Both help others.
   b. Both are poor swimmers.
   c. Both have painful bites.

4. What happens when the ant bites the hunter?
   a. The arrow sails away.
   b. The arrow hits the dove.
   c. The ant falls in the stream.

5. How does the dove help the ant?
   a. She warns him about the hunter.
   b. She bites the hunter on the foot.
   c. She puts a blade of grass into the water.
Read the newspaper article. Answer questions 6–9.

**Storm Causes Damage**

A big storm hit Fort Worth at 4 PM Monday during rush hour. Large hail and heavy rain fell. There were also strong winds. The storm caused damage all over town. There were long traffic delays.

Golf ball size hail fell. It cracked windshields and broke windows. Many roofs were also damaged by the hail. For a while, the streets were covered in a sheet of ice. Several car accidents were reported.

Strong winds brought down trees. Some large limbs fell on houses. Other homes had roof damage. Tree limbs knocked down power lines. Crews worked all night to get the power back on. Nearly 10,000 homes are still without power.

Two inches of rain fell during the storm. The heavy rain caused streets to flood. Storm drains clogged. Creeks overflowed. Some buildings had water damage.

Several trees were uprooted during the storm.
6. What is this newspaper article mostly about?
   a. what causes hail to form
   b. how to stay safe during a storm
   c. the damage caused by a storm

7. When did the storm happen?
   a. early in the morning
   b. late in the afternoon
   c. in the middle of the night

8. How much rain fell during the storm?
   a. two inches
   b. three inches
   c. four inches

9. What was one effect of the hail falling?
   a. Homes lost power.
   b. Storm drains clogged.
   c. Windshields cracked.
Cell Phones at Work

Many people have cell phones. And they use them everywhere. People talk on phones in the car. They use phones on the bus. Some people talk and text in stores. People even use their phones while walking.

But you should not use a cell phone in some places. Work is one of them. First you should find out the rules at your job. Some jobs do not allow cell phones. At other jobs, follow these rules:

1. When you get to work, put your phone away. You can also turn it off completely. A cell phone can distract you from work.

2. Turn off the ringer. Noise can bother other workers or customers.

3. Use your phone on breaks or during lunch hour. Find a private place. Don’t bother others with your calls.

4. Never use the phone in the restroom. This is rude to the person you are talking to and other workers.

Using your cell phone at work can be a distraction and can bother other employees.
10. What is the main point of paragraph 1?
   a. You can talk and text on a cell phone.
   b. People use cell phones everywhere.
   c. Some people walk and talk on their phone.

11. What does the article say to do first?
   a. Find out the rules for phones at your job.
   b. Use the phone during a break or at lunch.
   c. Go to a private place to use your phone.

12. What should you do when you get to work?
   a. Call friends and family and tell them what you are doing.
   b. Go to the restroom to make a call.
   c. Put the phone away or turn it off.
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