

Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer

Mary liked to run. When she was in third grade, she started training to run long distances. Then, when she was in eighth grade her parents agreed to let her run in the *Banana Classic*. The *Banana Classic* is a ten-kilometre race. It takes place every year in Mattydale. The winners get a lifetime supply of peanuts and fruit juice from Paul's Peanut Stand.

Mary practiced by running ten kilometres, twice per day. On the average run, she would finish in thirty minutes. The year before, the winner finished the race in twenty-six minutes and ten seconds.

On the day of the race, Mary ran faster than on any other day in her life. As she came across the last kilometre of the race, she was in fourth place. She picked up the pace and quickly reached second place, just as she could see the finish line. She was very tired and she was also hot and extremely thirsty. It didn't matter. She kept running fast towards the finish line, but she just wasn't fast enough to get ahead of the leader. Mary was very disappointed, but her parents said, "Don't worry. You can try again next year."



1. If you win the Banana Classic, they give you a big money prize. TRUE FALSE

2. When did Mary start training to run long distances?

3. How often did she go running to train for the Banana Classic?

4. How did Mary feel when she was near the finish line?

5. Mary's parents were angry because she didn't win the race. TRUE FALSE

2. Choose the correct verb.

John is Mary's younger brother. He likes chocolates very much, but his mother never **IS GIVING / GIVES** him any, because they are bad for his teeth, she thinks. But his grandfather sometimes brings John chocolates when he comes **VISIT / TO VISIT** him. Then his mother lets him **EAT / TO EAT** them.

One evening, a few days before John's seventh birthday, he **SAID / WAS SAYING** his prayers in his bedroom before he **WENT / WAS GOING** to bed. "Please, God" he shouted, "make them give me a big box of chocolates for my birthday on Saturday". His mother **IS / WAS** in the kitchen and she heard the small boy shouting and went into his bedroom quickly. "Why **DO YOU SHOUT / ARE YOU SHOUTING**, John?" she asked her son, "God **CAN HEAR / COULD HEAR** you when you talk quietly" "I know" answered the clever boy with a smile, "but Grandfather **IS / WAS** in the next room, and he can't. Now I'm sure Grandpa **IS GIVING / IS GOING TO GIVE** me a big box of chocolates next Saturday!"



3. Complete with words from the box. Be careful. There's an extra word!

WHY	SHALL	IF	TO	AGO	THAN	BECAUSE	ABOUT	MUST	OF	LIKE
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Grandpa is telling John a story. Listen

"Many years _____ there was a king in a faraway country. He was always angry. Everyone was afraid _____ him. The king was angry _____ he was often ill. He was often ill because he ate and drank too much.

"I am always ill", the king told his doctor. " _____ can't you cure me?"

The doctor didn't want _____ tell the king the reason. He knew this would make the king angrier _____ he was. "Try this other medicine, Your Majesty", he said, "Let's see _____ it works."

"Your medicine tastes _____ rotten eggs. It makes me worse", the king said. "You _____ cure me before the end of the month or I _____ I put you in prison."



4. Go on reading the story and complete with ONE word from the box. Be careful! There's an extra word.

KNOW	EATING	AFTER	NEED	LOT	BEST	END	EVERY	POLITE	EVERYBODY	NOBODY
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"Perhaps your food is making you ill", the doctor said. This was a _____ way of saying "you eat too much."

"Nonsense," the king shouted. "My cook is the _____ cook in the world. _____ makes better food than him. No, I am ill because you are a fool. You do not _____ how to cure me. I have stomachache and a headache _____ day. Now go and study your books. Find a cure or ..."

"Yes, yes, Your Majesty," the doctor said and went to his room. He made a _____ of new medicines but they did not cure the king.

At last, a few days before the _____ of the month, the doctor went into the forest and picked up some plants. He made a new medicine and gave it to the king. _____ that the king didn't feel hungry and he practically stopped _____. He started feeling really well and he didn't _____ any medicine after that. He gave the doctor a big bag of gold coins as a prize.



5. Grandpa is at a shop. He's buying John his birthday present. Complete the conversation with the bubbles. Be careful! There's an extra bubble.

What about this one	Can I help you	is it
Are they	How much is it	What size would you like

Nancy: _____ ?

Max: I'd like to buy a box of chocolates.

Nancy: _____ ?

Max: The biggest one, please.

Nancy: _____ ? It's the biggest one we have.

Max: It looks all right. _____ ?

Nancy: Only \$100. It's not very expensive, _____ ?

Max: OK. I'll take it.

6. Composition

Choose ONE of the following:

- You are John. Write about your birthday party. OR
- Tell the story of a prince in an imaginary country.