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“What are Mascots?/Tulane’s Mascot Journey” Answer Options (Items 1 – 7)

“The Coypu Street Fair” Answer Options (Items 8 – 13)

“Natchitoches, A Great Place to Visit” Answer Options (Items 14 – 18)

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“Myella’s HBCU Legacy” Answer Options (Items 19 – 24)

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Session 1

Session 1 – Item 1 Answer Options

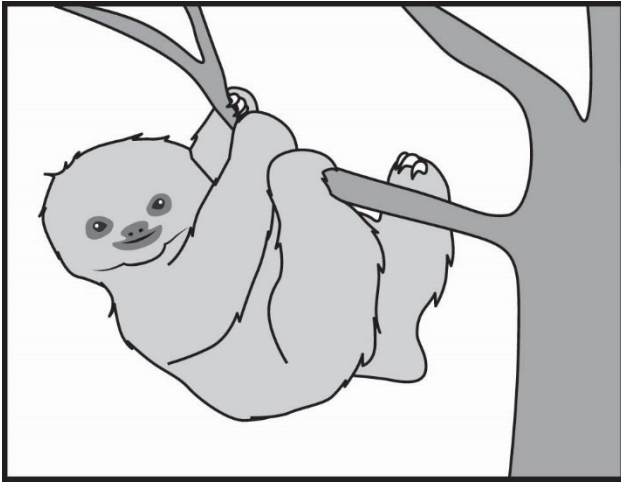


- A. Sir Saint Says New Orleans Saints Will be Number 1.

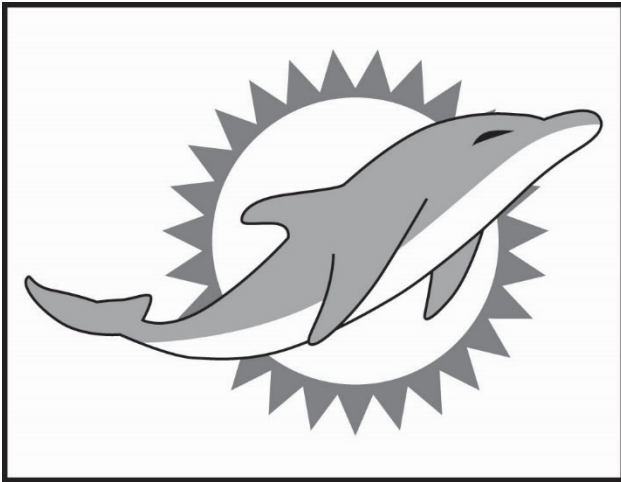


- B. St. Landry Football Team Wins Again!

Session 1 – Item 2 Answer Options



A. Animals are very lazy.

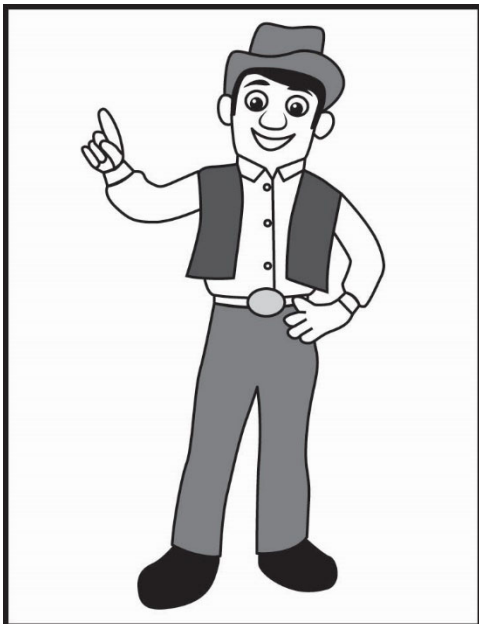


B. Animals are used as mascots.

Session 1 – Item 3 Answer Options



A. Mascots can be silly and fun.



B. Mascots are always people.

Session 1 – Item 4 Answer Options

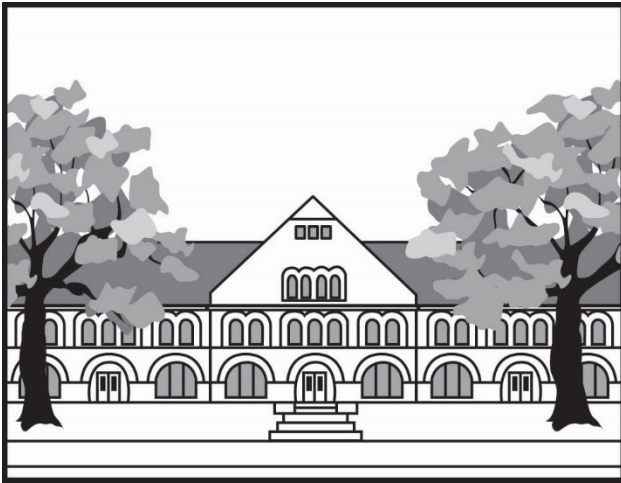


A. crowd

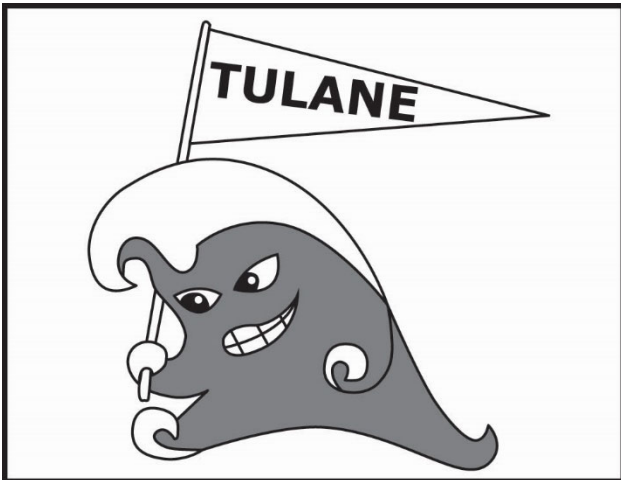


B. excitement

Session 1 – Item 6 Answer Options



A. Tulane is a university in New Orleans.



B. Tulane's mascot is an ocean wave.

Session 1 – Item 7 Answer Options

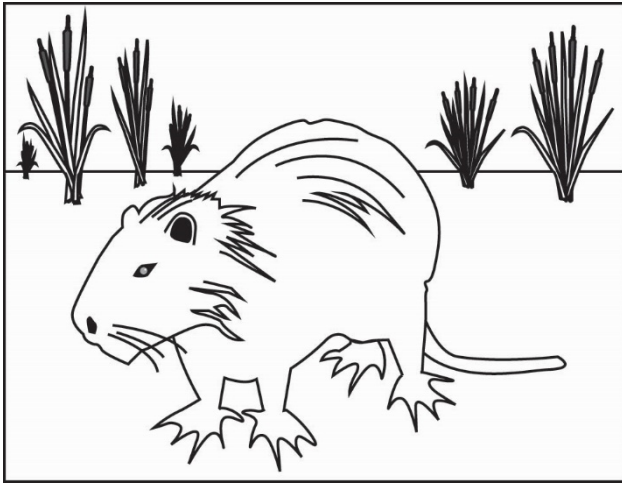


A. They are angry that their team lost.



B. They are happy that their team has two mascots.

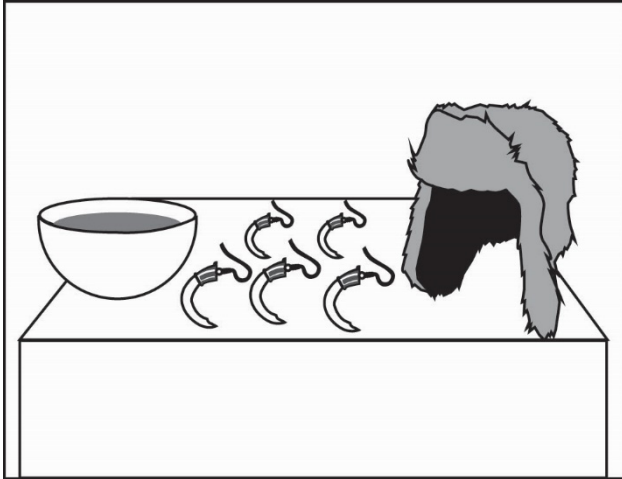
Session 1 – Item 8 Answer Options



- A. The coypu has soft fur and makes its home in the wetlands of Louisiana.



- B. Thomas and his mother wake up early in the morning to attend the street fair.



- C. Using nutria in many ways keeps its population small and supports the community.

Session 1 – Item 9 Answer Options



A. Thomas's mother takes a picture of him.

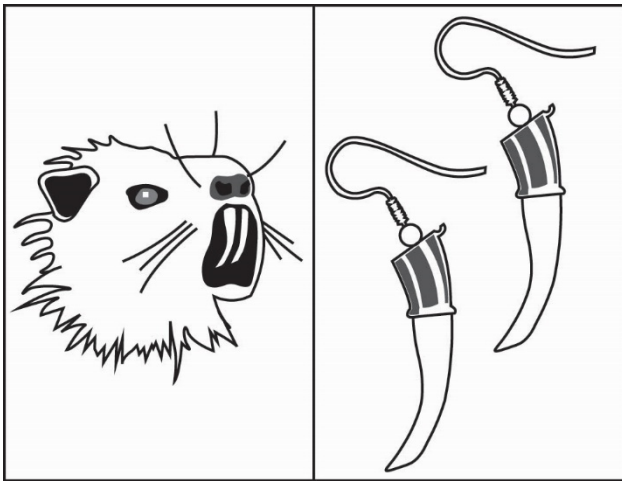


B. Thomas finds hats made out of nutria fur.

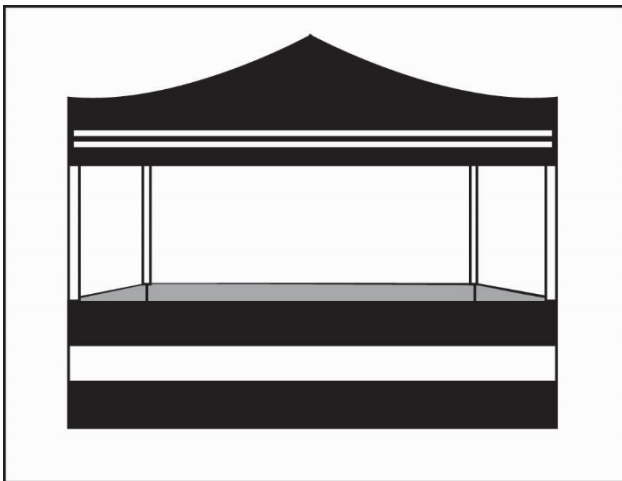


C. Thomas and his mother visit a booth that sells clothing.

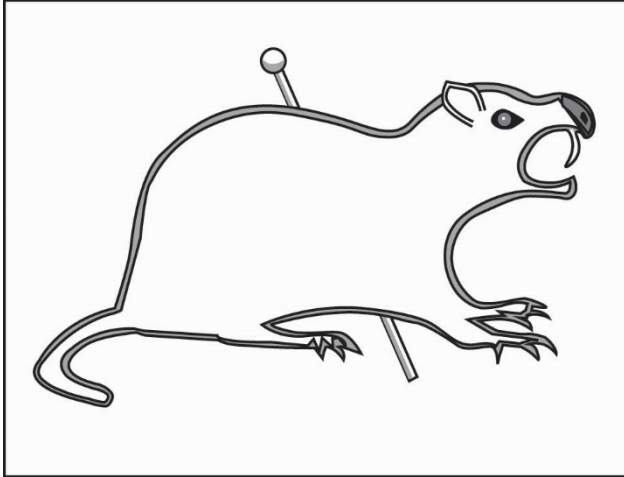
Session 1 – Item 10 Answer Options



A. The jewelry is made from nutria teeth.



B. The jewelry is sold in a large outdoor tent.



C. The jewelry is created to look like an animal.

Session 1 – Item 11 Answer Options

- A. Thomas learns that street fairs are hard work.

- B. Thomas learns that there will be a street fair again next year.

- C. Thomas learns that the street fair helps the wetlands and the community.

Session 1 – Item 12 Answer Options

- A. He learns that people want his help growing their nutria businesses.

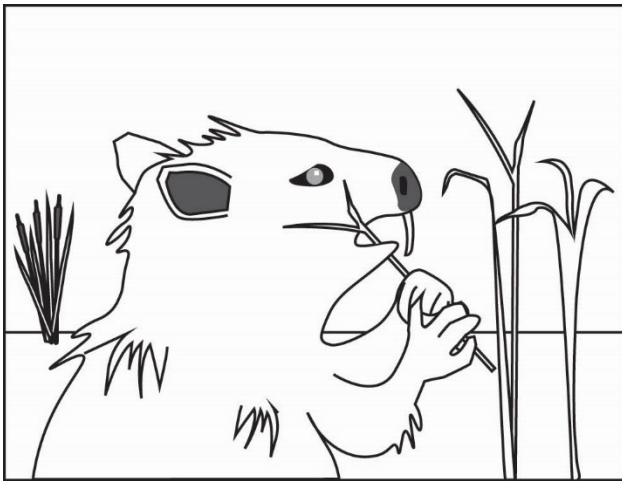
- B. He learns that using the nutria in different ways helps control the population.

- C. He learns that protecting the wetlands means letting the nutria live wherever they want.

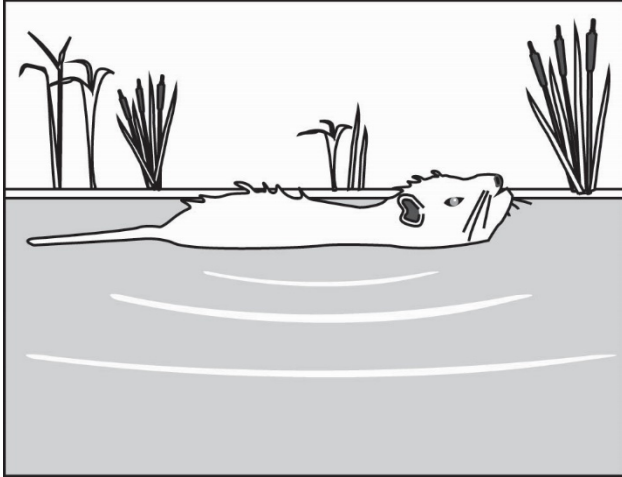
Session 1 – Item 13 Answer Options



A. lives



B. chews



C. swims

Session 1 – Item 14 Answer Options

- A. “Natchitoches is a small city in Louisiana with many things to see and do.”

- B. “If you are not sure how to say Natchitoches, you are not alone.”

- C. “Natchitoches has historical places to visit.”

Session 1 – Item 15 Answer Options

A. “It is the oldest city in Louisiana.”

B. “Many people say it wrong.”

C. “You can learn about the city as you explore.”

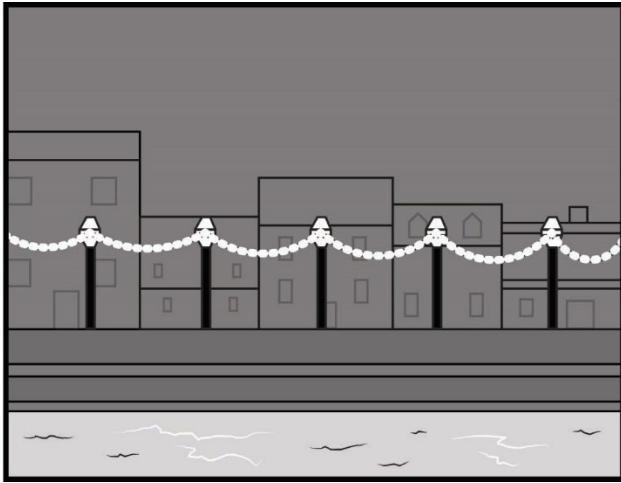
Session 1 – Item 16 Answer Options

A. The French built a historical place for visitors.

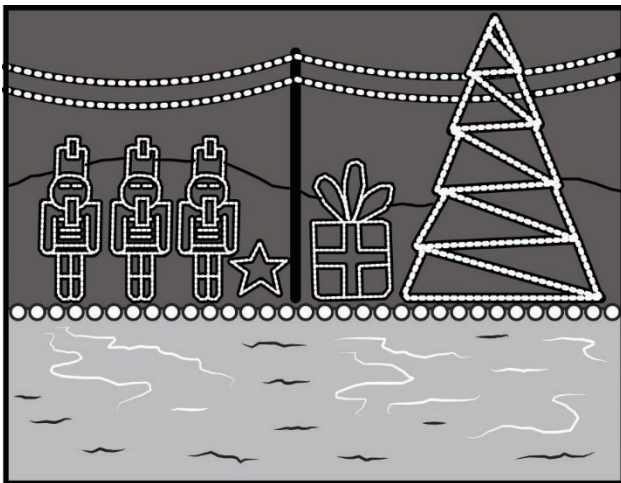
B. The Spanish army built the fort for protection.

C. The Native Americans helped make the fort a trade center.

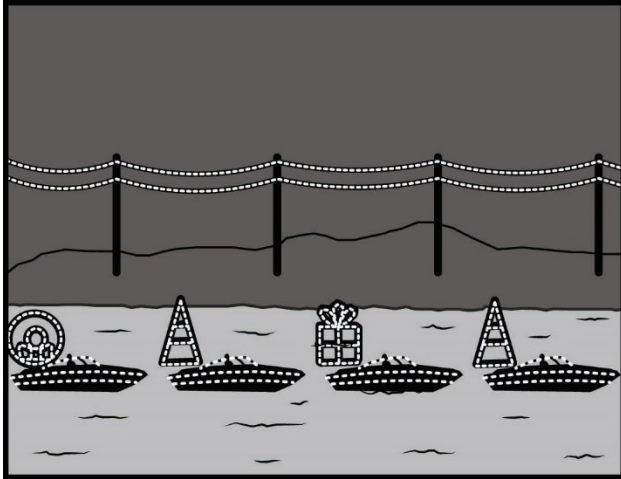
Session 1 – Item 17 Answer Options



- A. "It started as a one-day festival with one street lined with lights."

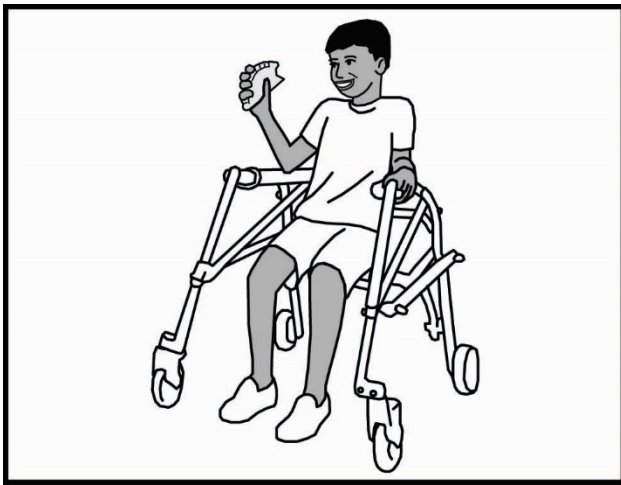


- B. "The festival has over 300,000 lights with decorations downtown and along the Cane River Lake."

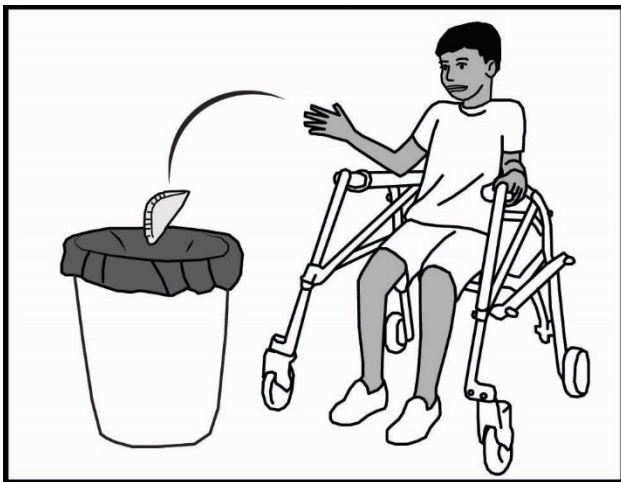


C. "It also has a lighted boat parade."

Session 1 – Item 18 Answer Options



A. eaten



B. wasted



C. ruined

Session 2

Session 2 – Item 19 Answer Options

- A. “Myella’s summer is almost over.”

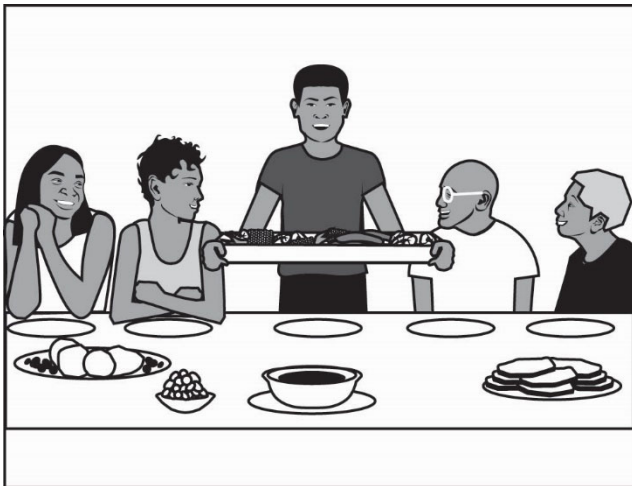
- B. “Before Myella moves away to college, her family prepares a special meal for her.”

- C. “Myella hopes she can appreciate the traditions of an HBCU like her parents and grandparents did.”

Session 2 – Item 20 Answer Options



- A. "She will miss her friends but is excited to begin her new adventure."



- B. "Before Myella moves away to college, her family prepares a special meal for her."

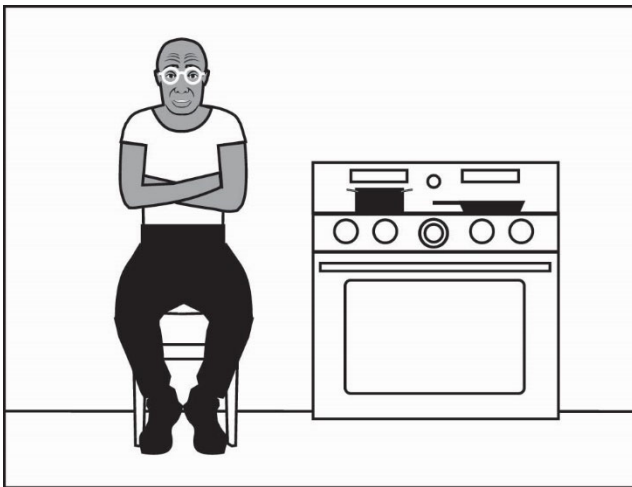


C. "But he loves to dance, so he is in charge of the music!"

Session 2 – Item 21 Answer Options



A. "They cook some of Myella's favorite foods."



B. "Her grandfather does not cook."



C. "Myella asks him if he made many friends."

Session 2 – Item 22 Answer Options

- A. “She asks everyone what they remember about college.”

- B. “Her father shares first.”

- C. “His favorite memory is being elected class president for two years!”

Session 2 – Item 23 Answer Options

- A. “Next, Myella’s mother shares.”

- B. “Myella’s grandparents both went to Xavier University, another HBCU in Louisiana.”

- C. “Her grandmother enjoyed doing science experiments in the labs.”

Session 2 – Item 24 Answer Options

- A. going to the same college as her parents and grandparents

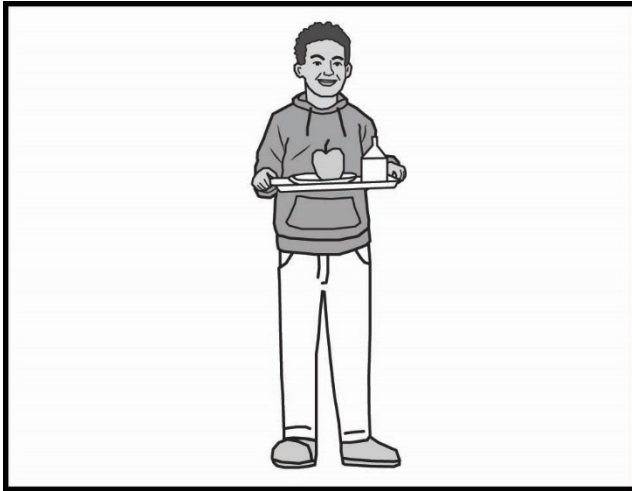
- B. walking in the same direction as her parents and grandparents

- C. staying close behind her parents and grandparents

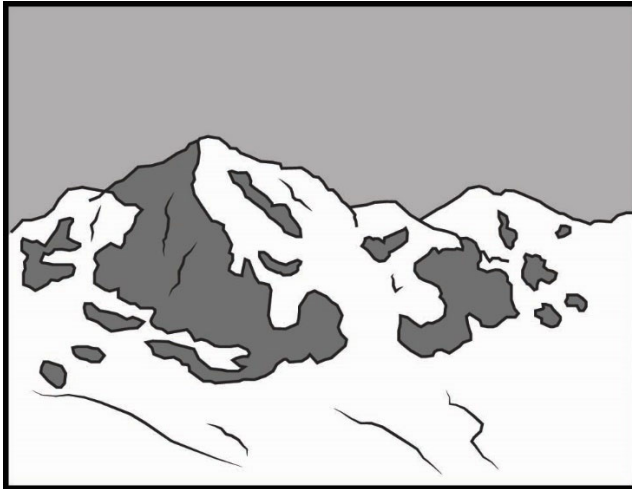
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Session 3 – Item 25 Answer Options

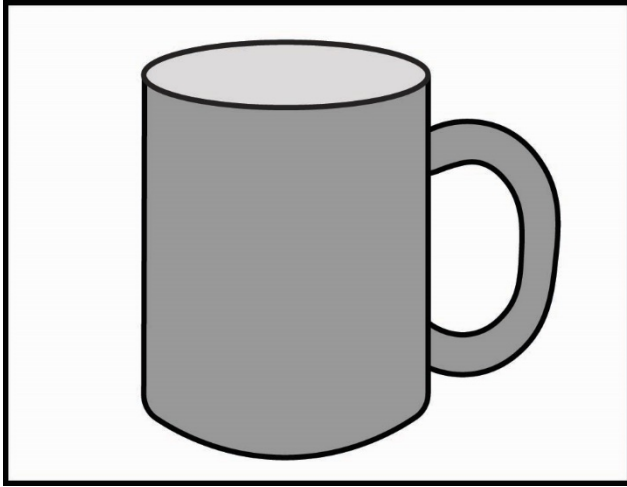
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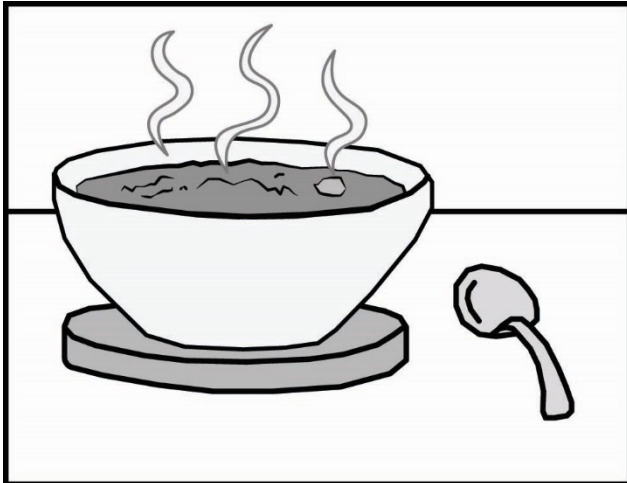
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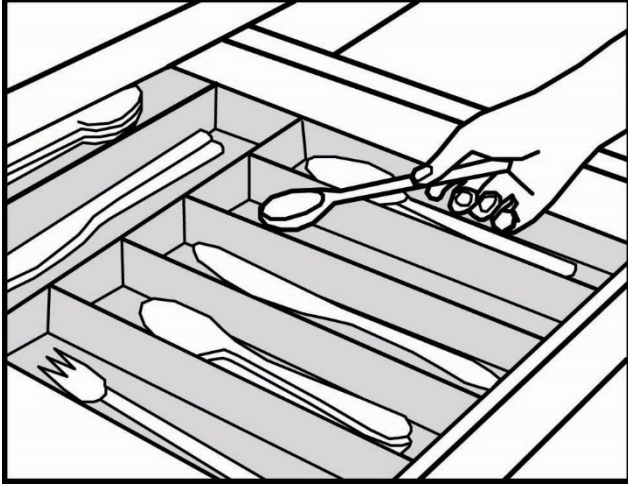
Session 3 – Item 26 Answer Options



A. Isaac has a special mug.



B. Spoons are better for soup than forks.



C. Isaac takes a spoon out of the drawer.

Session 3 – Item 27 Answer Options

- A. Mardi Gras is a holiday in Louisiana.

- B. The water on the lake is calm and peaceful.

- C. People shout and hold up their hands for beads.

Session 3 – Item 28 Answer Options

- A. Sarah and her brother spend the day fishing.

- B. Sarah starts to eat another biscuit.

- C. Sarah goes back to sleep.

Pancakes on Sunday

I will tell you about how oversleeping can cause you to miss breakfast.

Anyone who oversleeps does not get pancakes.

The pancakes are thick and fluffy.

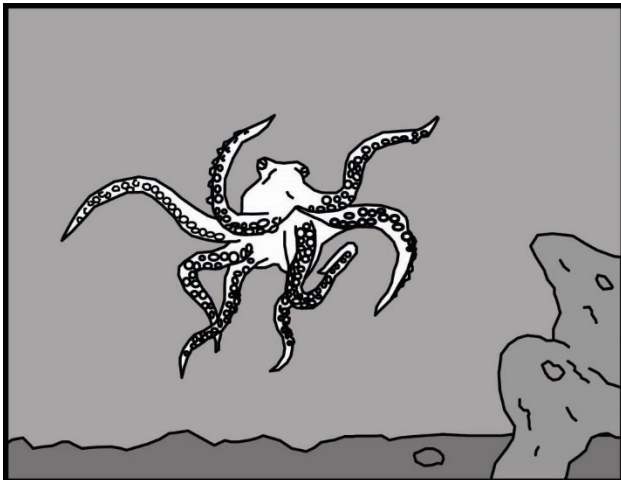
If someone sleeps late, then they will not get pancakes.

In conclusion, oversleeping can cause you to miss breakfast.

Session 3 – Item 29 Answer Options

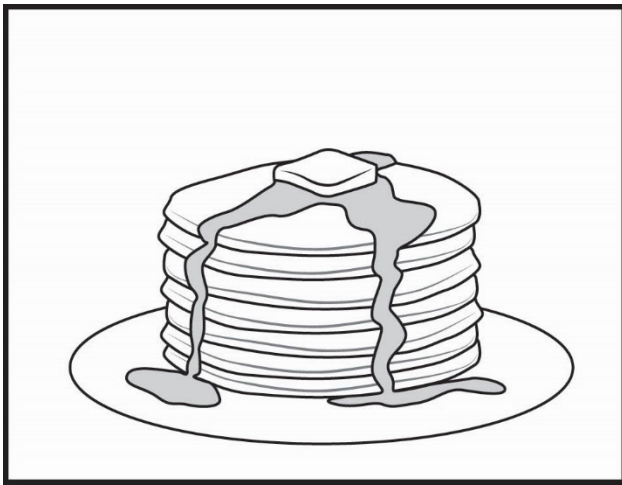


A. Oversleeping can cause you to be late.

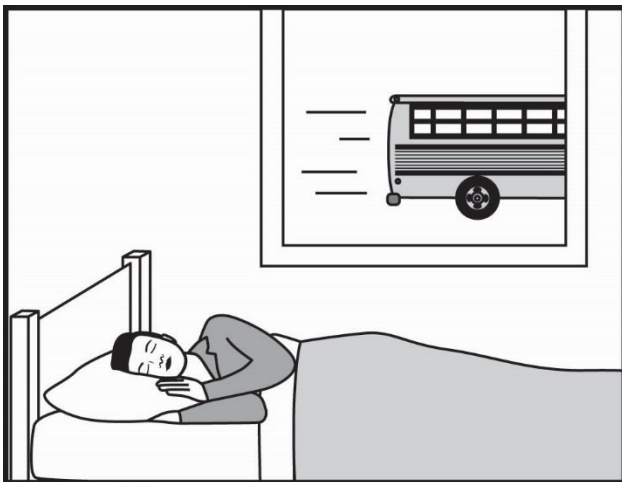


B. There is an octopus at the aquarium.

Session 3 – Item 30 Answer Options

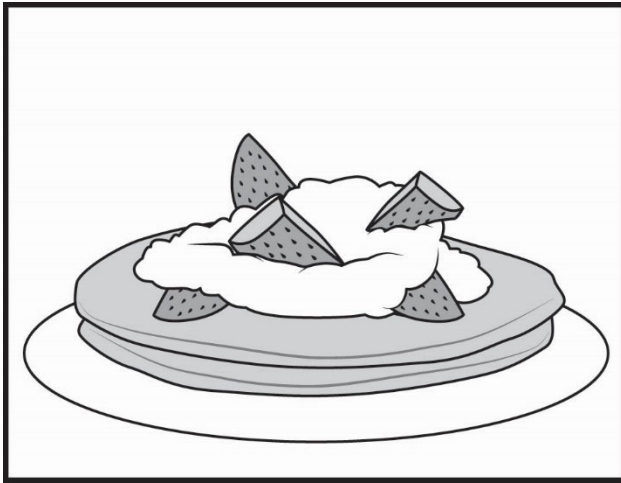


A. Pancakes are good for breakfast.

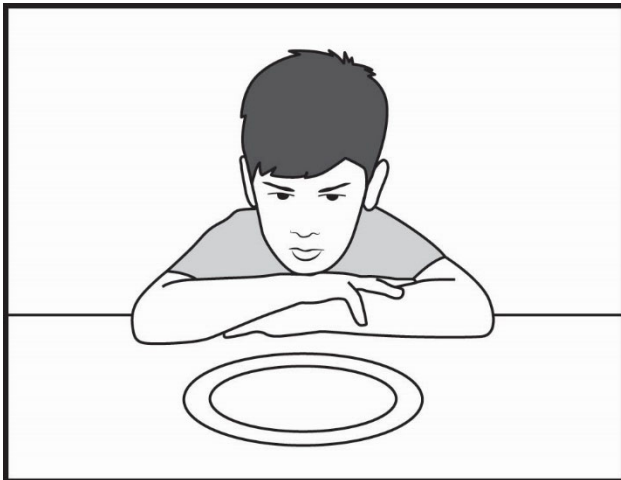


B. I will tell you about how oversleeping can cause you to miss breakfast.

Session 3 – Item 31 Answer Options



A. Pancakes are served early on Sunday mornings.

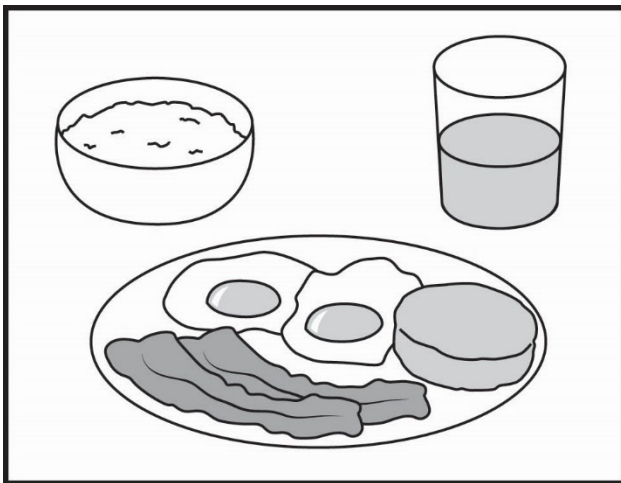


B. Anyone who oversleeps does not get pancakes.

Session 3 – Item 32 Answer Options

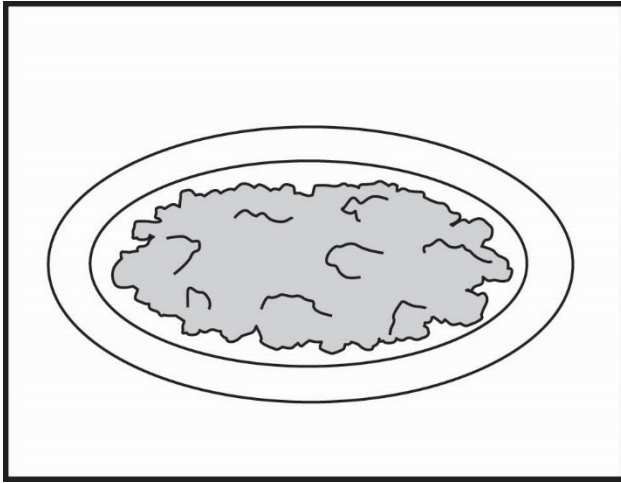


A. The pancakes are thick and fluffy.

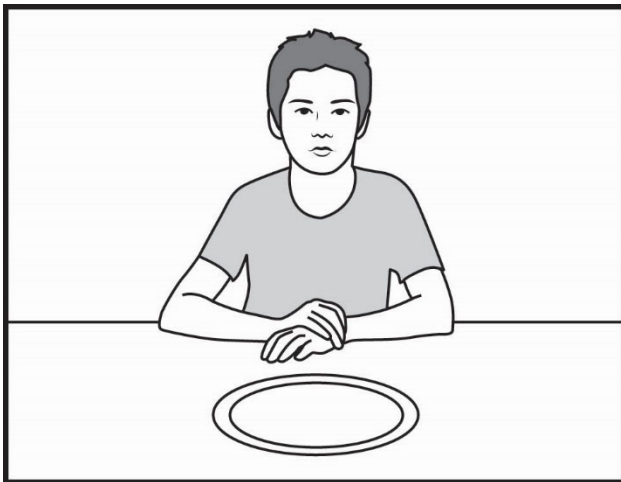


B. Breakfast is good.

Session 3 – Item 34 Answer Options



A. In conclusion, I learned to make scrambled eggs.



B. In conclusion, oversleeping can cause you to miss breakfast

Session 4

Writing Stimulus 2: "Working as a Team"

Card 1a: Graphic Organizer Cause and Effect

Card 2a: they will learn new skills

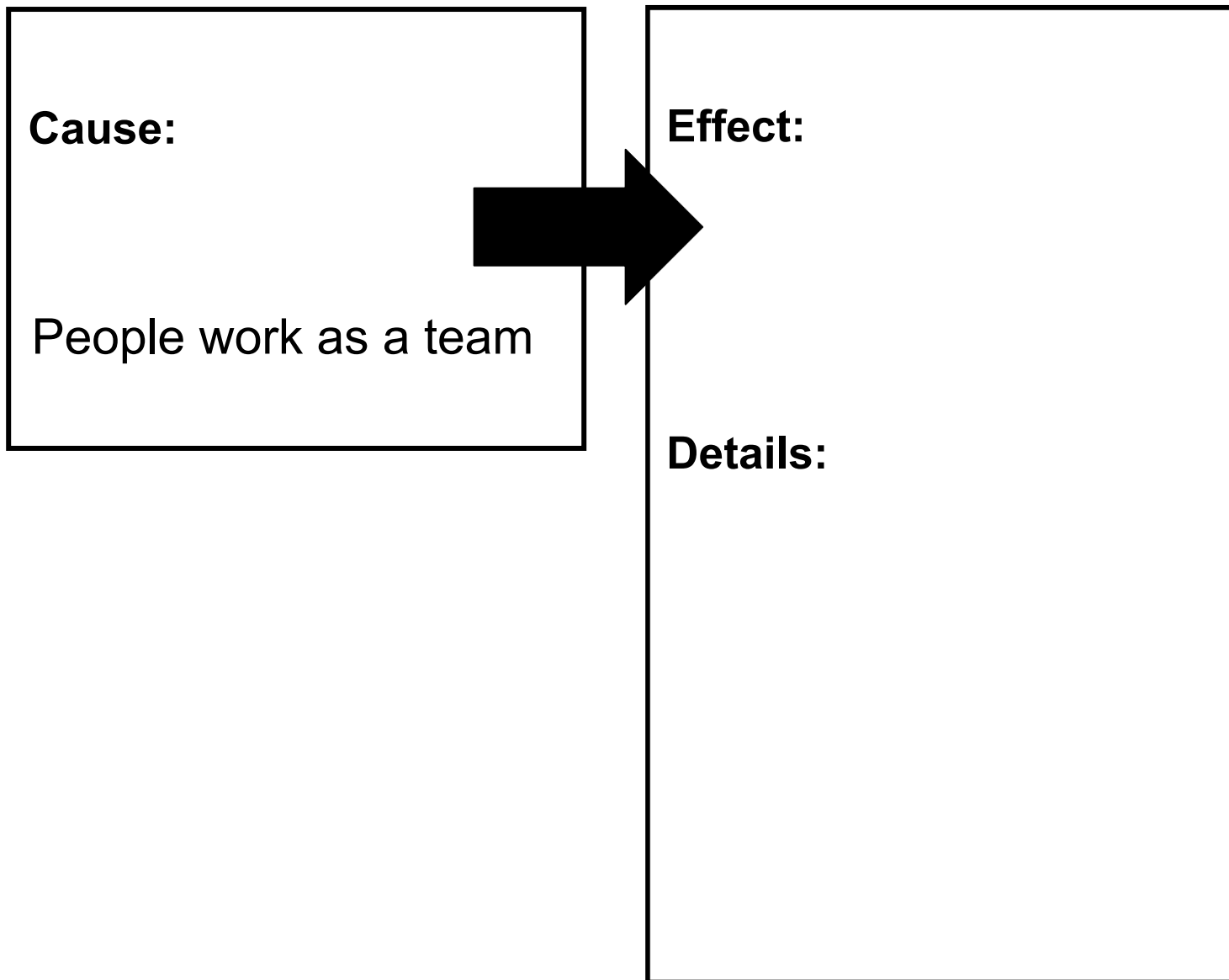
Card 3a: they will build relationships

Card 4a: Helping someone else makes them feel happy and loved.

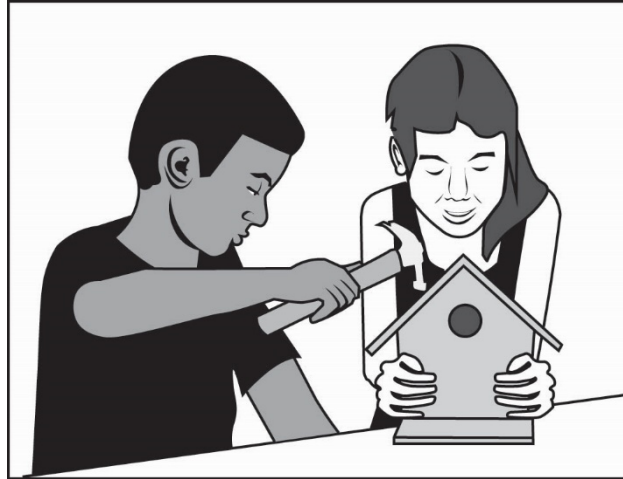
Card 5a: Response Template

Card 6a: Capital letters, end punctuation, and complete sentences

Topic: What Might Happen When People Work as a Team



Working as a Team Card 1a - **Must be securely destroyed after testing.**



they will learn new skills

Working as a Team Card 2a - **Must be securely destroyed after testing.**



they will build relationships

Working as a Team Card 3a - **Must be securely destroyed after testing.**



Helping someone else makes them
feel happy and loved.

Working as a Team Card 4a - **Must be securely destroyed after testing.**

Card intentionally left blank.

In this essay, I will write about the
cause and effect of _____

When people work as a team, _____

This can be described _____

In conclusion, _____

Working as a Team Card 5a - **Must be securely destroyed after testing**

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Good writers use complete sentences.

Working as a Team Card 6a - **Must be securely destroyed after testing.**

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