

Reading ACAP 4th

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1. A student is writing a report about pets. Read the paragraph from the report.

Common household pets include dogs, cats, birds, and fish. Some families have just one pet, while other families have many pets. Family members spend a lot of their time caring for their pets. They spend time feeding and brushing their pets. They also spend time cleaning up after them and making sure their pets get exercise. Playing with pets is one of the most fun parts of owning a pet. When people spend this much time with their pets, it is no wonder pets are often considered important members of the family.

Which sentence would provide the **best** introduction for the paragraph?

- A. Many people today have pets.
 - B. It is fun to spend time playing with pets.
 - C. Some pets require special care.
 - D. Pets should go to a veterinarian regularly.
2. A student is doing research on the healthiest foods to eat for breakfast. Which source would be the **best** to use to find information about this topic?
- A. A company website would be best to use because it would have products for sale.
 - B. A book written by a child would be best to use because it would have interesting pictures.
 - C. A government website would be best to use because it would have current information.
 - D. A blog written by a sports star would be best to use because it would have personal opinions.

3. Which sentence uses correct capitalization?
- A. Veterans Day is a holiday that is celebrated in the United states each year on November 11.
 - B. Veterans Day is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States each year on November 11.
 - C. Veterans day is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States each year on November 11.
 - D. Veterans Day is a Holiday that is celebrated in the United States each year on November 11.

4. Read the sentences.

Leah and Dad set up the telescope in their backyard. "It's really dark and clear tonight, Leah. We should be able to see many stars!" Dad exclaimed. "Also, tonight we may even be able to see some distant planets, like Jupiter and Saturn."

What does the combination of the roots "tele" and "scope" help the reader understand about the purpose of a "telescope"?

- A. It makes something appear smaller.
- B. It allows one to see things that are far away.
- C. It is helpful in finding things underwater.
- D. It allows one to measure the direction of the wind.

Miss Mole Searches for the World's Most Wonderful Thing

an adaption of a Korean folktale

Long ago, by the Kingin River, in the dark, rich soil beneath a giant stone sculpture named Miryek, there lived a curious mole name Miss Mole, who was determined to find the most wonderful, amazing thing in the world.

Miss Mole asked her friends and neighbors, "What is the most wonderful thing in all of nature?"

Everyone agreed. "It is Great Blue Sky."

Miss Mole went up to visit Great Blue Sky and said, "With your beautiful azure robe, you must be the most wonderful thing in the world."

“It is true that I am wonderful,” he said. “But Sun is more amazing. I can only swirl my blue robe when Sun rises in the sky. When Sun goes down, darkness falls.”

So, Miss Mole, Miss Mole went to Sun. She shielded her eyes from Sun's golden fire. “With your brilliance, you must be the most wonderful thing in the world.”

Sun laughed. “Cloud is more amazing,” she said. “Cloud can cover me up and make me disappear!”

So Miss Mole went to visit Cloud. She watched Cloud change from soft layers, like white cotton, to gray sheets, to shooting fire, and to tears. “With your many moods, you must be the most wonderful thing in the world.”

“Oh, not at all,” said Cloud glumly. “Wind is in charge of me. Wind can drive me across Great Blue Sky.”

So Miss Mole went to visit Wind. “With your grace and motion, you must be the most wonderful thing in the world.”

“I certainly am wonderful,” blew Wind. “But, sadly, there is someone more wonderful than I am. Have you seen the statue of Miryek? No matter how I roar in his ears, he does not flinch. I dance right into his eyes, and he does not blink. I've tried for thousands of years, and he does not move. Only someone very amazing could resist me like that.”

So Miss Mole visit Miryek. “With your calm, granite strength, you must be the most wonderful thing in the world.”

Miryek murmured, “I am indeed great. I am the same in day or night, no matter what Great Blue Sky does. Sun cannot burn me. Cloud cannot make me disappear. Wind cannot wear me down. Yes, I am great.”

Miss Mole held her breath.

“But there is something even more amazing,” said Miryek. Miss Mole sighed.

“Below the ground,” he continued, “working in the dark, rich soil beneath me, lives a small, kind creature with soft brown fur.”

Miss Mole looked at her own soft brown fur. Miryek was not finished. “This creature digs night and day and makes tunnels through the soil. If it digs enough tunnels beneath me, the soil will not hold me. I will topple and lie there like any rock in a garden. That creature is the most amazing.” His granite eyes sparked. “Perhaps you know the creature I am describing?”

“I do!” said Miss Mole. She thanked Miryek and scurried down a tunnel to tell her family and friends, the most wonderful creatures in the world.

Emperor Bahman's Challenge

a retelling of a Persian folktale

Long ago, the wise Emperor Bahman ruled over Persia. He cared deeply for this people. However, when he reached a certain age, he wished to step down from this throne. He called his sons together.

“It's time to choose a new ruler,” Emperor Bahman explained, “but that person must be worthy. Therefore, I'll give my diamond crown to the one who performs the noblest deed. Go out into the world for a year. Then return to report your deed.”

At once his sons traveled to distant lands, eager to meet their father's challenge. In time, they all accomplished deeds. They returned and stood before their father.

First, Emperor Bahman asked his eldest son, Amir, “What noble deed have you done?”

Lifting his chin, Amir stated, “I carried the packs of a rich merchant. Every day, I held his fortunes in my hands. Easily, I could have slipped a coin in my pocket. Instead, I faithfully guarded his wealth.”

Emperor Bahman thoughtfully stroked his beard. “To be honest is not a noble deed,” he concluded. “I, too, expect honesty from my servant.”

Next, Dalir stepped forward to recite his tale with confidence.

“I worked aboard a ship,” Dalir said. “At the final port, a puppy tumbled from the docks into the icy harbor, and I drove into the waters and saved it.”

Emperor Bahman smiled, but then he said, “You acted well, my son, but not nobly. It is our duty to help another living thing when we are capable of doing so.”

At last, the youngest son, Hamid, spoke.

“Father, I worked on the Royal Road,” Hamid said. “Another worker, Ghazi, carelessly let a wagon of stones crash into some buildings. He blamed me. I worked for weeks to repair them. Finally, I journey home and noticed a man napping beneath a tree. In his sleep, he'd rolled toward the edge of the cliff. It was Ghazi, but I still rescued him.”

“Yes!” Emperor Bahman joyfully exclaimed. “Hamid, my crown is yours. Repaying a spiteful act with goodness is the noblest deed of all. Few have such wisdom or strength; you are a worthy emperor.”

5. Which statement shows how "Miss Mole Searches for the World's Most Wonderful Thing" would change if it were a drama?
- A. The solution Miss Mole uses to solve the problem would be explained.
 - B. Stanzas would be used to separate the conversations of Miss Mole.
 - C. Stage directions would describe how the characters should act and speak.
 - D. Similes and metaphors would be used to give an example of the settings.
6. Which sentence from "Emperor Bahman's Challenge" **best** expresses a theme of the passage?
- A. ". . . Go out into the world for a year. . . ."
 - B. ". . . Easily, I could have slipped a coin in my pocket. . . ."
 - C. ". . . It is our duty to help another living thing when we are capable of doing so."
 - D. ". . . Repaying a spiteful act with goodness is the noblest deed of all. . . ."
7. How are the events in **both** passages similar?
- A. Miss Mole and Emperor Bahman ask important questions and receive a variety of answers.
 - B. Miss Mole and the three sons work to repay debts caused by their careless actions.
 - C. Miss Mole and Emperor Bahman travel great distances to gain an understanding of how others view the world.
 - D. Miss mole and the three sons improve their behaviors after solving problems.

8. Miryek in "Miss Mole Searches for the World's Most Wonderful Thing" and Emperor Bahman in "Emperor Bahman's Challenge" are alike in some ways. Write an essay analyzing how Miryek and Emperor Bahman are similar. Use evidence from **both** passages to support your response.