

# Reading Comprehension Test

Unit 8, Week 3

**Directions:** Read the story. Then answer the questions about the story.

## JORDAN'S IDEA

Alicia hid behind her paper as she stood in front of her English class and gave her book report. Her soft voice trembled, and her paper shook. Alicia was just learning English, and this was her first report in front of the class. Even Jordan, who was sitting in the front row, had to lean forward and strain to hear her classmate's uncertain words.

Jordan could imagine how nervous Alicia felt. Now that Jordan was taking Spanish, she understood how difficult it was to speak a new language. But more than that, Jordan knew how it felt to be on stage and have everyone's eyes on you. A few years ago, Jordan had been so shy that she could barely speak to anyone outside of her own family. Then she joined junior theater, and through acting, she discovered a new sense of bravery and freedom. Now Jordan was much more confident in speaking situations.

As Alicia finished her report and hurried back to her seat, an idea in Jordan's mind suddenly sprouted to the surface. The junior theater could perform plays partly in Spanish and partly in English. It would help make speaking a new language easier and less frightening. She just knew it would help make Alicia, and lots of other students, feel more comfortable.

The bell signaled the end of class. Jordan hurried toward Alicia to share her idea and invite Alicia to join junior theater.

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- 1 Which phrase from the story **best** supports the idea that Alicia is scared?
- (A) *gave her book report*
  - (B) *soft voice trembled*
  - (C) *just learning English*
  - (D) *had to lean forward*
- 2 What happens in the beginning of the story?
- (A) Jordan joins junior theater.
  - (B) Jordan invites Alicia to join junior theater.
  - (C) Jordan listens to Alicia give a book report.
  - (D) Jordan has an idea to help students learn a new language.
- 3 What happens as Alicia finishes her report?
- (A) Jordan speaks with Alicia.
  - (B) Jordan notices that Alicia is nervous.
  - (C) Jordan gets an idea that may help Alicia.
  - (D) Jordan invites Alicia to join junior theater.
- 4 Which statement from the story best supports the idea that Jordan understands Alicia's fear?
- (A) "Alicia was just learning English, and this was her first report in front of the class."
  - (B) "Even Jordan, who was sitting in the front row, had to lean forward and strain to hear her classmate's uncertain words."
  - (C) "But more than that, Jordan knew how it felt to be on stage and have everyone's eyes on you."
  - (D) "Now Jordan was much more confident in speaking situations."
- 5 What is this story mostly about?
- (A) how to make new friends
  - (B) learning how to act on stage
  - (C) how to give a good book report
  - (D) being nervous speaking in front of people
- 6 What is the theme of this story?
- (A) Preparation brings good results.
  - (B) Real friends tell each other the truth.
  - (C) Learning new languages is important.
  - (D) Personal experiences can lead to good ideas.

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Why does Jordan think it would help students to have the junior theater perform a play partly in English and partly in Spanish? Use details from the story to support your answer.

**Score**

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