

## Reading — Story

A. Lam is reading a story. Read the story. Answer the following questions in complete sentences and blacken the correct circles.

**Seven-Day Magic (Excerpt)**

Edward Eager

When Miss Downs saw the red book, she said, "That's a seven-day book." Susan was surprised. "How **strange**," she thought, "the books which you must return in seven days are always the newest ones. And nobody can call this book new."

5 The librarian stamped the red book. A minute later Susan and the other four children went out of the library. It was a **bright** summer morning. The children lived in the same street, so they walked home together.

10 John and Susan were brother and sister. John was a year older than Susan, but they were in the same class at school, because when John was eight, he was very ill and could not go to school for a whole year. But that was a long time ago. At this time John was big and strong and played **half-back** on the school football team. Susan was the **captain** of the girls' basketball  
15 team. And they were both very good at chess.

In schoolwork their marks were good and sometimes excellent. Susan and John had no parents. Their father and mother were **dead**. The children lived with their grandmother in a big white house.

20 It is usually grandmothers that take care of the children, but Susan and John's **Granny** was not like other grandmothers. They had to take care of her, because she was very old but still very **energetic**. She liked to climb trees or stand on the **window sill** when she wanted to clean the windows, and both of  
25 her grandchildren were afraid to leave her alone in the house. She could do something **dangerous** at any time.

1. Who is surprised at the book?

- A. Susan.  B. The librarian.  
 C. Miss Downs.  D. John.

2. What is a seven-day book?

- A. a book that takes seven days to read.  
 B. a book that has seven pages.  
 C. a book that must be returned in seven days.  
 D. a book that has seven paragraphs.

3. What season is the story set in?

- A. winter  B. spring  
 C. summer  D. autumn

4. Who is older, John or Susan?

- A. John is older.  B. Susan is older.  
 C. John and Susan are the same age.  D. The author does not say.

5. What activities are they good at? Fill in the table below.

John	i) _____ ii) _____
Susan	i) _____ ii) _____

6. Which house do you think is the one that John and Susan live in?

A.



B.



C.



D.



7. Whom do John and Susan live with?

\_\_\_\_\_

8. What is John and Susan's grandmother like? Use the information from the passage to complete the sentence below.

Their grandmother was very \_\_\_\_\_ but full of \_\_\_\_\_. She was not like other grandmothers.

9. Number the events 1-4 in the order in which they happened.

- (        ) We learn about John and Susan.
- (        ) Miss Downs helps Susan check out the red book.
- (        ) The children walk home.
- (        ) We learn about Grandma.

B. Fill in the blanks by using the following vocabularies.

excerpt	strange	bright	half-back	captain
dead	Granny	energetic	windowsill	dangerous

1. He's very \_\_\_\_\_, isn't he, for a man of his age?
2. An ambulance crew was called to his home, but he was \_\_\_\_\_ by the time they arrived.
3. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is going to take care of you today.
4. The light was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I had to cover my eyes.
5. His parents won't let him play ice hockey because they think it's too \_\_\_\_\_.
6. An \_\_\_\_\_ from her new thriller will appear in this weekend's magazine.
7. It's \_\_\_\_\_ that tourists almost never visit this village.
8. He has a few plants in pots on the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Peter is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the school basketball team.
10. A: Which position do you play on the football team?  
B: I play \_\_\_\_\_ on the school football team.

