

Young Lives 2016-17 School Surveys Item level analysis

India

Wave 2

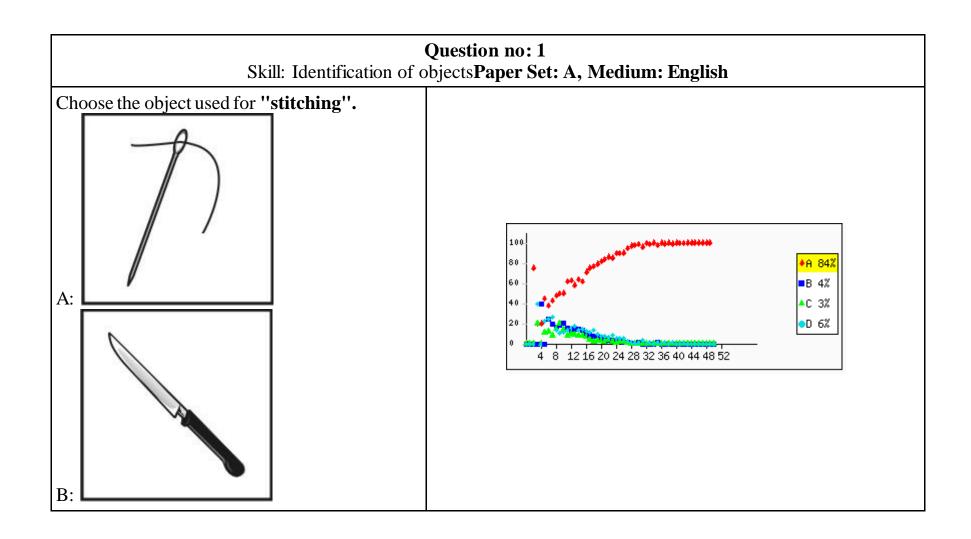
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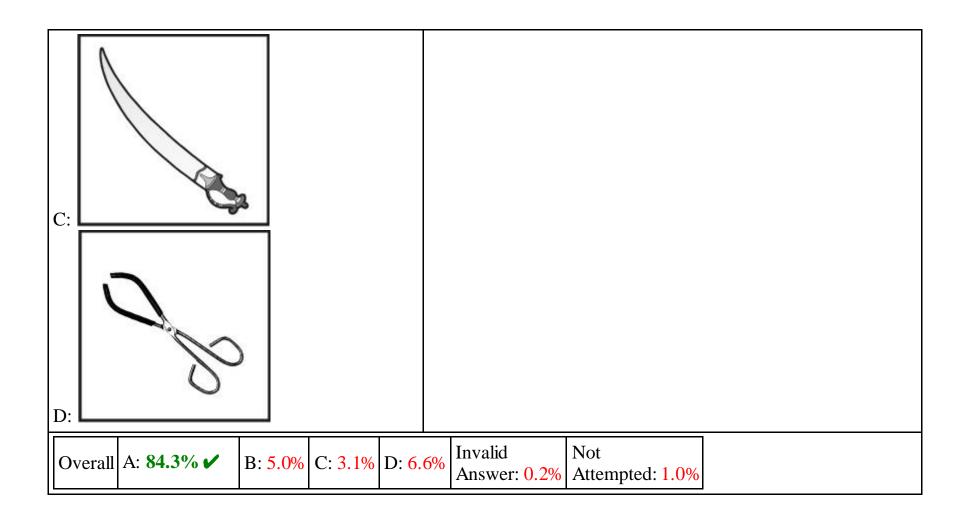
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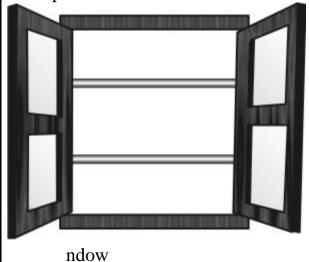
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Skill: Identification of objectsPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the correct letters to complete the name of the object in the picture.

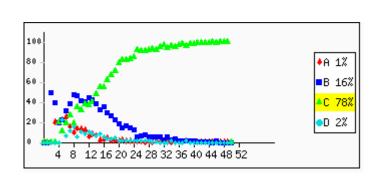


A: wu

B: we

C: wi

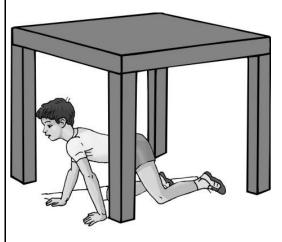
D: wa



D: 2.7% Invalid Not Overall A: 2.0% B: 16.1% C: 78.3% Answer: 0.3% Attempted: 0.7%

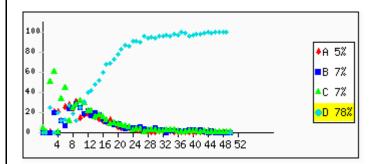
Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence correctly for the picture.



The boy is hiding _____ the table.

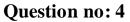
A: before B: behind C: above D: under



Overall A: 5.4% B: 7.0% C: 7.3% D: 78.8%

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Answer: 0.3% Attempted: 1.2%



Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

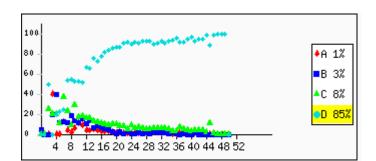
Which option matches the sentence given below?

The monkey is about to eat the bananas.

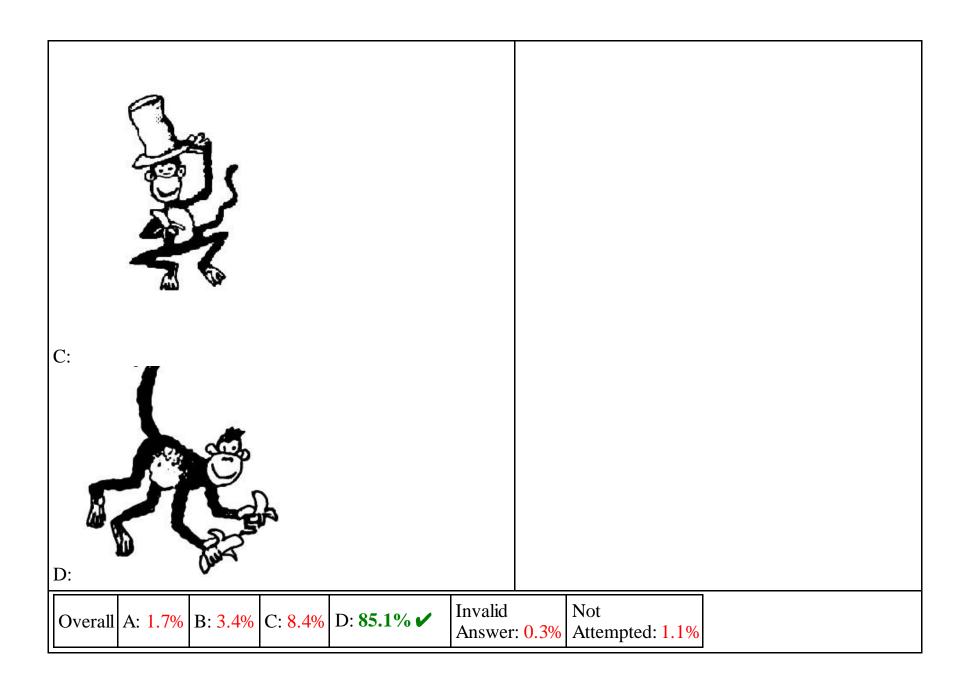


A:





B:



Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the question for the given answer.

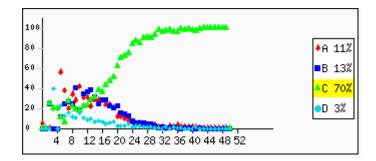
Question:______ is the pen? Answer: It is near the book.



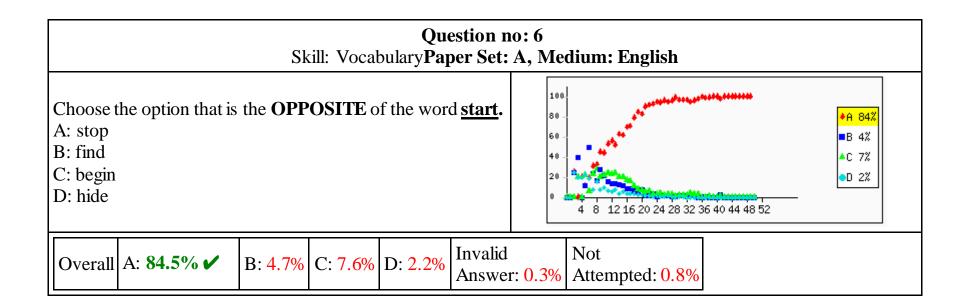
A: How B: What

C: Where

D: When



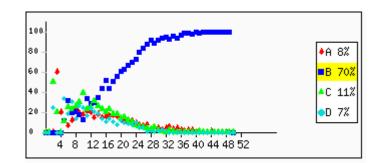
Invalid Not Overall A: 11.4% B: 13.2% C: 70.6% D: 3.5% Answer: 0.2% Attempted: 1.1%



Skill: Identification of objectsPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the name for the given picture.





A: turtle B: snail

C: mongoose

D: chameleon

Overall A: 8.9% B: 70.1% 🗸

C: 11.1% D: 7.3%

Invalid

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Answer: 0.4% Attempted: 2.2%

Skill: Identification of objectsPaper Set: A, Medium: English

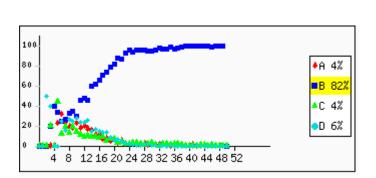
Choose the answer that best matches the picture.



A: east

B: mountain

C: feast D: river



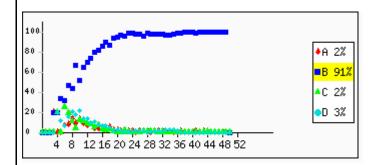
Overall	A: 4.9%	B: 82.7% 🗸	C: 4.5%	D: 6.6%	Invalid	Not	
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Question no: 9 Skill: Identification of objects Paper Set: A, Medium: English

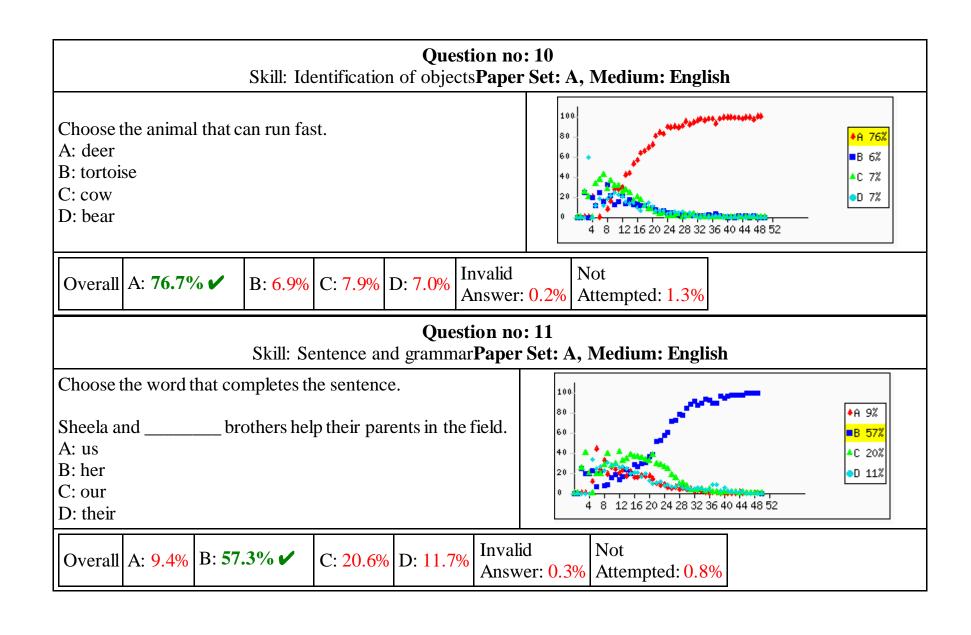
Who among the following is <u>most likely</u> to use this object for their work?



A: lawyerB: doctorC: farmerD: carpenter



Overa 11	A: 2.0 %	B: 91.3%	C: 2.2 %	D: 3.4 %		Not Attempted: 0. 8%
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Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the option that answers the question correctly.

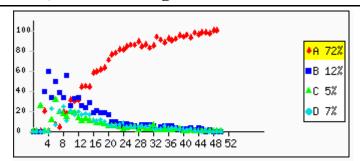
Would you like to have a chocolate?

A: Yes, thank you!

B: You're welcome.

C: It doesn't matter.

D: Oh, sorry. Thanks not!



Overall A: **72.8%** B: 12.2% C: 5.6% D: 7.5% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Attempted: 1.7%

Question no: 13

Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Complete the sentence below with the appropriate option.

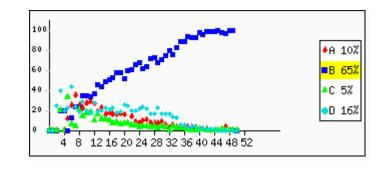
Neena: Is your sister there?

Sunil: Yes, ____ here.

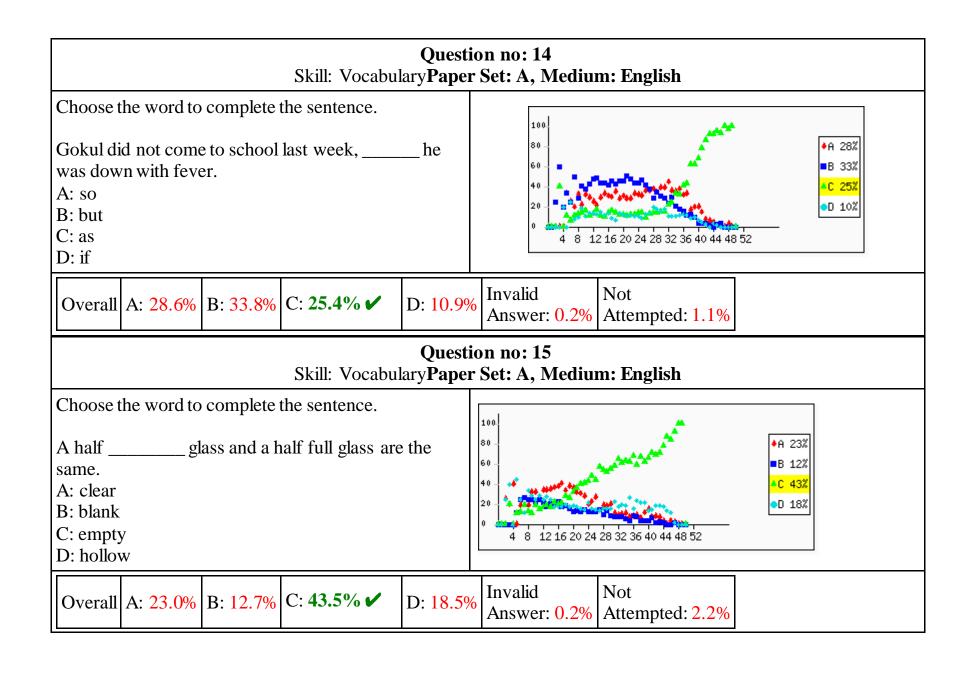
A: she must

B: she is C: she sees

D: she comes



Overall A: 10.6% B: 65.7% C: 5.7% D: 16.5% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.3%



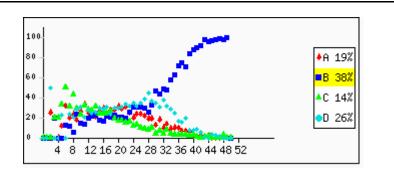
Question no: 16 Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence.

If we want to say something very softly into someone's ears, we _____ the words.

A: screamB: whisperC: stammer

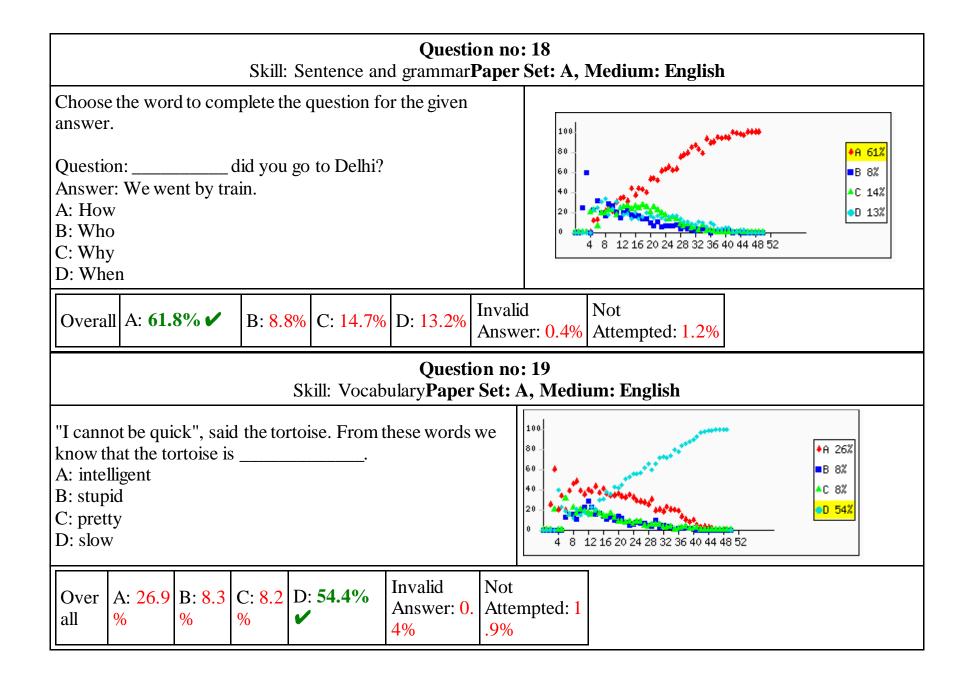
D: spell out



Overall A: 19.2% B: 38.1%

C: 14.3% D: 26.6% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Attempted: 1.8%

Question no: 17 Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English Choose the word that completes the sentence. Amir is a _____ person as he never completes any work on time. 80 A: lazy ■B 12% 60 B: boring ▲C 13% C: selfish •D 7% D: cruel 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 Invalid Not Overall A: 65.7% 🗸 B: 12.7% C: 13.1% D: 7.1% Answer: 0.3% Attempted: 1.2%



Ouestion no: 20 Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English Choose the correct option to complete the question. 100 80 •A 11% Can you _____ me what time I should meet you tomorrow? 60 <u>■</u>Β 23% A: give 4C 50% B: call •D 12% C: tell 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 D: say C: 50.9% 🗸 D: 12.8% B: 23.2% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Overall A: 11.6% Not Attempted: 1.1% **Question no: 21** Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English Choose the correct question to the answer given by Sumati to Manjula. 100 ♦A 16% Manjula: ■B 46% Sumati: Yes. I learnt it from my aunt. **△**C 9% •D 26% A: Won't you speak Urdu? B: Do you speak Urdu? C: Does you speak Urdu? D: Are you speak Urdu? Overall A: 16.5% B: 46.7% 🗸 C: 9.1% D: 26.5% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 0.8%

Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the <u>best</u> option to complete the question.

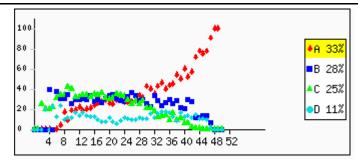
well can we bake a chocolate cake at home?

A: How

B: How much

C: How many

D: How often



Overall A: 33.5% 🗸

B: 28.1% C: 25.3% D: 11.4% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.3%

Question no: 23

Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word that completes the sentence.

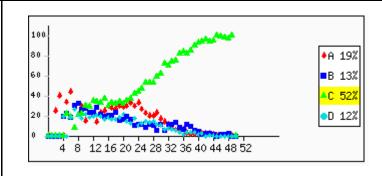
All the players taking part in a game can be called

A: observers

B: spectators

C: competitors

D: organisers



Overall A: 19.2% B: 13.8% C: 52.7% 🗸

D: 12.3% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.7%

Question no: 24 Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

"You have to work hard, not spend time sleeping", said Ashok's mother.

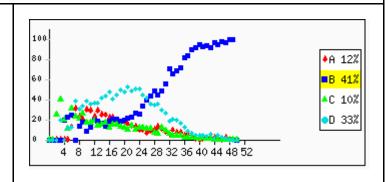
His mother was asking Ashok not to be _____.

A: slow

B: lazy

C: proud

D: hardworking



Overall A: 12.9% B: 41.9% C: 10.2% D: 33.2% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.4%

Question no: 25

Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the most suitable option to complete the given sentence.

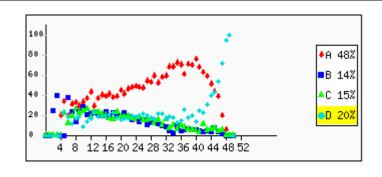
I was just about to leave for the playground when _

A: my mum asked me have you already done your homework.

B: my mum asks if I had done already my homework.

C: my mum ask if I have already done my homework.

D: my mum asked if I had already done my homework.



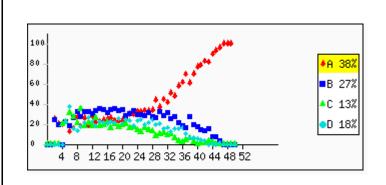
Overall A: 48.1% B: 14.7% C: 15.4% D: 20.2%
Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 1.5%

Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Since we did not know the <u>precise</u> meaning of many words, the teacher advised us to use the dictionary.

Identify the word which means the same as <u>precise</u> as used in the sentence above.

A: exact
B: similar
C: uniform
D: identical



Overall A: 38.9% 🗸 B: 28.0% C: 13.6% D: 18.1% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.2%

Question no: 27

Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Due to floods in this region, food and medical supplies have become <u>scarce</u>. People have to make do with whatever is left.

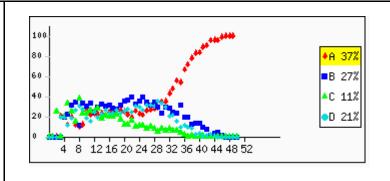
What does the underlined word above mean?

A: insufficient

B: damaged

C: borrowed

D: distributed



Overall A: 37.4% ✓ B: 27.4% C: 12.0% D: 21.6% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.4%

Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

'Raju could not stop screaming and jumping when India won the match'.

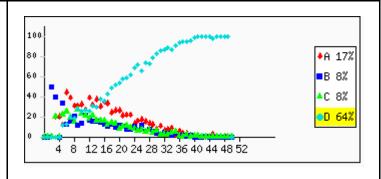
What does this line best describe Raju?

A: his greed

B: his sadness

C: his confusion

D: his happiness



Overall A: 17.5% B: 8.0% C: 8.9% D: 64.1% 🗸 Invalid Answer: 0.5% Not Attempted: 1.0%

Ouestion no: 29

Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

My aunt lives in a house on a steep hill. It was an arduous journey up the hill to reach her house. But seeing us puffing and panting, my aunt served us cool and refreshing lemonade.

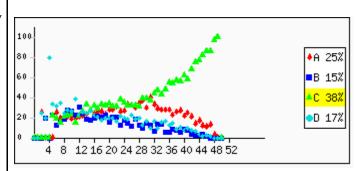
In the above sentence "arduous" probably means

A: fun and exciting

B: thorny and tricky

C: difficult and tiring

D: wild and dangerous



Overall A: 26.0% B: 15.0%

C: 39.0% 🗸

D: 17.8% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 2.0%

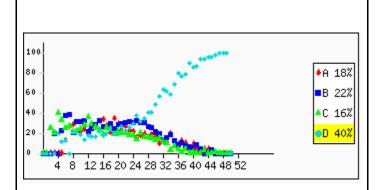
Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

The following poster was put on a school notice board. But the words on that poster are all jumbled up as given below.

teeth brushing keeps away cavities daily your

Choose the option that makes the poster meaningful and **CORRECT**.

- A: Brushing your teeth keeps away cavities daily.
- B: Daily teeth brushing keeps away your cavities.
- C: Teeth brushing daily keeps your cavities away.
- D: Brushing your teeth daily keeps cavities away.



Overall	A: 18.7% B:	: 22.7% C: 16.2%	D: 40.6% 🗸	Invalid Answer: 0.3%	Not Attempted: 1.4%
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Question no: 31 Skill: Vocabulary Paper Set: A, Medium: English

Choose the word to complete the sentence.

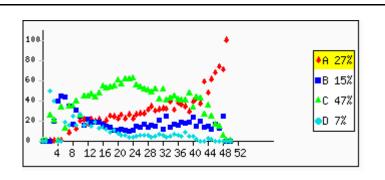
We can go swimming in the _____ at the bottom of the mountain.

A: pond

B: valley

C: waterfall

D: peak



Overall A: 27.8% 🗸 B: 15.3% C: 47.8% D: 7.7% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 1.2%

Question no: 32

Skill: VocabularyPaper Set: A, Medium: English

Neha was **permitted** to meet the Principal after a long wait.

What does the word 'permitted' mean in the above

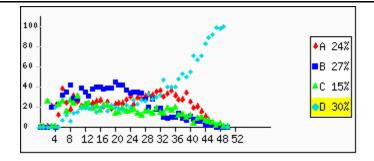
sentence?

A: decided

B: selected

C: excited

D: allowed



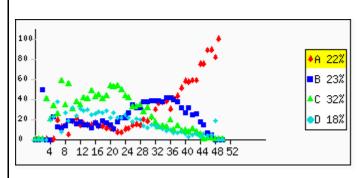
Overall A: 24.5% B: 27.9% C: 15.7% D: 30.2% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.4%

Skill: Sentence and grammarPaper Set: A, Medium: English

The team is going to a <u>far away</u> village.

Which of the following **means the same** as the underlined phrase in the sentence given above?

A: remote
B: nearby
C: beautiful
D: poor



Overall A: 22.7%
B: 23.5% C: 32.7% D: 18.9% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.8%

Passage

Read the story and answer the following four questions.

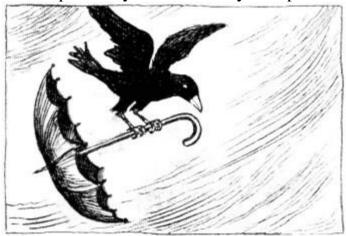
Asha had a red umbrella. She took it and went out for a walk on a windy day.



The wind was very strong. She could not hold her umbrella. It flew out of her hand.



A crow passed by and took away the open umbrella with her claws.



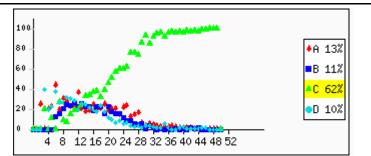
The crow turned the umbrella upside down and placed it on the branch of a tree. She used it as a nest for her babies.



Question no: 34 Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

What did the crow do with the umbrella?

- A: She let it go with the wind.
- B: She returned it to Asha.
- C: She made it her nest.
- D: She started playing with it.



Overall A: 14.0% B: 11.6% C: 62.5% V D: 10.1% Invalid Answer: 0.2% Not Attempted: 1.6%

Question no: 35

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

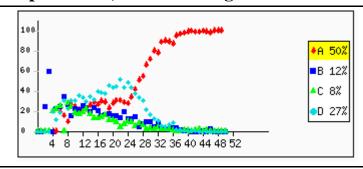
How did the crow carry the umbrella?

A: with the help of her claws

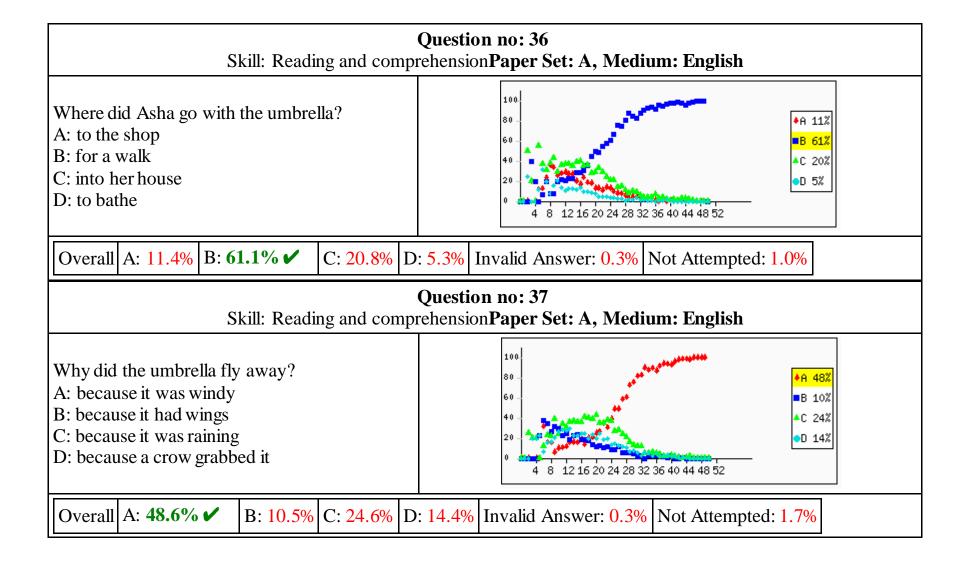
B: with the help of the wind

C: with the help of her wings

D: with the help of her babies



Overall A: 50.1% 🗸 B: 12.1% C: 8.3% D: 27.5% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.7%



Passage

Read the story given below and answer the following four questions.

Crocodiles lay their eggs and cover them with sand. After three months, the baby crocodiles are ready to come out of the eggs. But the babies cannot dig their way out of the sand above them. They peep out and make some sound while hatching out of their shells. At that time, the mother, who has been guarding them hears them. She then digs them free.



Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

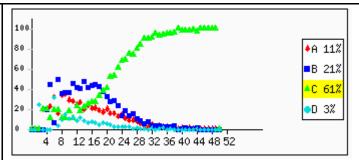
How many months after the mother crocodile has laid the eggs do the baby crocodiles come out of the eggs?

A: One

B: Two

C: Three

D: Four



Overall A: 12.0% B: 21.6% C: 61.2% D: 3.7% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.2%

Question no: 39

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

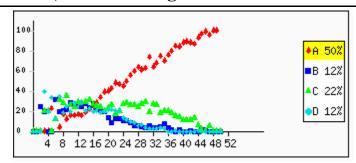
Why does the mother crocodile dig her babies out of the sand?

A: The babies cannot come out by themselves.

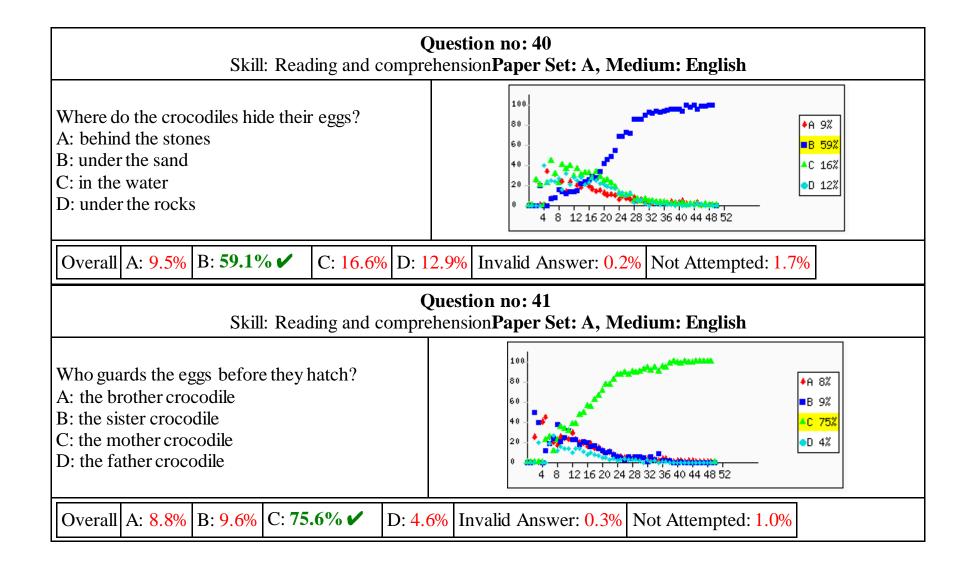
B: She is playing a game with them.

C: She is saving them from enemies.

D: The babies start fighting with each other.



Overall A: 50.4% 🗸 | B: 12.1% | C: 22.4% | D: 12.8% | Invalid Answer: 0.3% | Not Attempted: 2.0%



Passage

Read the story given below and answer the following four questions.

One evening a poor worker went to a sweet shop and stood there for some time. Then he turned to go because he did not have money to buy the sweets. Suddenly he heard the shopkeeper's voice, "Stop. You can't go away without paying."

"For what?" asked the worker.

"For the sweets," said the shopkeeper.

"But I have not eaten any," said the worker.

"But you did enjoy its smell, didn't you?" asked the shopkeeper. "Smelling is as good as eating."

The poor man was worried.

A wise man was seeing all this. He whispered something to the worker. The worker then went up to the shopkeeper and jingled a few coins in his pocket. The shopkeeper told him to pay the money.

The worker said, "I have paid it."

The shopkeeper got confused.

The worker said, "Didn't you hear the money jingling? If smelling is as good as eating, hearing is as good as receiving."

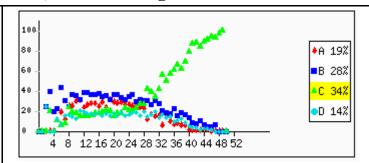
Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

In the story, the shopkeeper was _ the poor worker.

A: taking a bet with B: making a plan with

C: trying to be cleverer than

D: showing he was kinder than



Overall A: 19.8% B: 28.7% C: 34.5% 🗸 D: 14.8% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.8%

Question no: 43

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

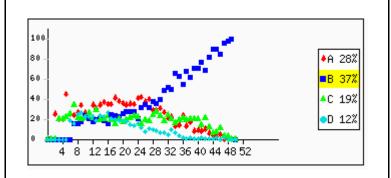
'If smelling is as good as eating, hearing is as good as receiving.'

In this sentence, which word can **REPLACE 'receiving'?**

A: giving B: getting

C: listening

D: watching

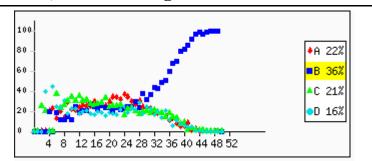


Overall A: 28.1% B: 37.5% 🗸 C: 19.8% D: 12.6% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.6%

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

What could the wise man have WHISPERED in the worker's ear?

- A: I have a plan to help the shopkeeper.
- B: I have a plan to trick the shopkeeper.
- C: I have a plan to steal from the shopkeeper.
- D: I have a plan to hide from the shopkeeper.



Overall A: 22.5% B: 36.8%

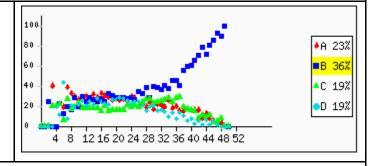
C: 21.2% D: 17.0% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 2.1%

Question no: 45

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

The worker is LIKELY to feel ______as he prepares to LEAVE the sweet shop.

A: funny
B: unhappy
C: shocked
D: surprised



Overall A: 23.2% B: 36.6% C: 19.2% D: 19.2% Invalid Answer: 0.3% Not Attempted: 1.6%

Passage

Read 'Sea Turtle Tips' and answer the following five questions.

SEA TURTLE TIPS

If You Encounter Turtle Hatchlings*:

- Watch your step
- Turn off all lights
- Let turtles walk on their own to the ocean

If You Encounter A Nesting Turtle*:

- Keep some distance and stay quiet
- Turn off all torches
- Avoid flash photography

If You Spot Sea Turtle Tracks:

- Please do not disturb tracks or nest site
- Call local authorities with location of activity





Glossary:

- *Hatchlings baby animals that have just emerged from eggs.
- *A Nesting Turtle is a turtle that is ready to lay eggs

Source: 'Sea Turtle Tips' - http://surfridergrandstrand.org/files/old-pics/18.jpg

Question no: 46
Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

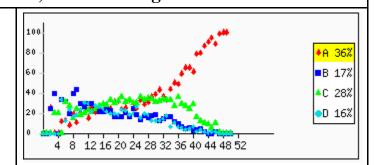
If we see a turtle on the beach, we should

A: leave it alone

B: dig a nest for it

C: carry it to the sea

D: light its way using a torch



Overall A: **36.4%** ✓ B: 17.0% C: 28.0% D: 16.9% Invalid Answer: 0.4% Not Attempted: 1.3%

Question no: 47

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

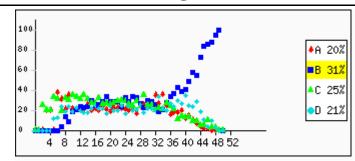
What is the purpose of the poster?

A: to encourage people to adopt turtles as pets

B: to educate people on what might harm turtles

C: to inform people about when and where turtles nest

D: to request people to help catch those who harm turtles



Overall A: 20.2% B: 31.5% C: 25.0% D: 21.1% Invalid Answer: 0.5% Attempted: 1.7%

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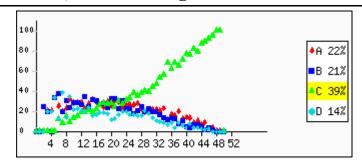
Most of the sentences in the poster tell you,

A: how to do particular tasks

B: why you should do something

C: what to do in certain situations

D: where you should do something



Overall A: 22.4% B: 21.5% C: 39.4% D: 14.5% Invalid Answer: 0.5% Not Attempted: 1.8%

Question no: 49

Skill: Reading and comprehensionPaper Set: A, Medium: English

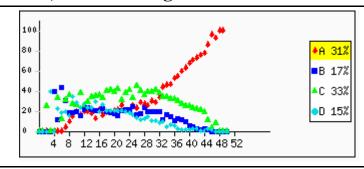
Based on the given information, we can say that the nesting sea turtles do not like

A: flash lights

B: hatchlings

C: photography

D: silence



Overall A: 31.6% 🗸

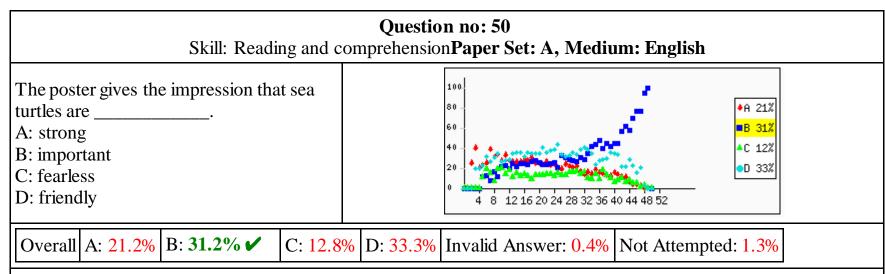
B: 17.1% C: 33.7% D: 15.4%

Invalid

Answer: 0.3%

Not

Attempted: 2.0%



Note: For each question, options marked with RED letters shows % of students who gave wrong answers, options marked with GREEN letters shows % of students who gave correct answers.