

Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.
Then fill in the answer on your answer document.

from **Princess for a Week**

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- 1 "You don't even know for sure you're getting a dog," Jacob grumbled. "We might be doing all this work for nothing."
- 2 "I do know for sure," Roddy corrected him. "I was there when my mom's friend Linda called this morning. She shows dogs for rich people, and she's taking one to a show in Philadelphia today. Her neighbor's supposed to come in and look after things when Linda's away, but the neighbor has the flu. So Linda needs someone to take care of her own dog, Princess, for a week. My mom said okay. And," Roddy finished triumphantly, "the minute I heard that I remembered this doghouse."
- 3 "Still a lot of work for one week," Jacob mumbled.
- 4 Roddy didn't argue. He'd wanted a dog for as long as he could remember. Now he had a week to prove to his mom that he was old enough to take care of one himself.
- 5 "You taking that thing to the dump?"
- 6 Both boys jumped. Neither one had noticed the girl coming toward them.
- 7 "Want some help?" she asked coolly. "I don't mind."
- 8 "No, thanks," Roddy said.
- 9 "Sure," Jacob said.
- 10 "I'll push," the girl announced, as if she hadn't heard Roddy at all. She was skinny and brown, with a long, almost white braid and startling blue eyes. She wore a baggy T-shirt with SAVE THE PLANET EARTH printed on it.
- 11 They started up the hill. Roddy pulled, the girl pushed, and Jacob kept both hands on the doghouse to keep it from slipping.
- 12 "How far to the dump?" the girl demanded.
- 13 Roddy pretended not to hear.

- 14 "We're going to Roddy's house," Jacob explained. "He's getting a dog, and it's going to need a house."
- 15 The girl snorted. "That poor dog will drown in the first rainstorm," she said. "Look at the roof."
- 16 "The roof will be fine," Roddy snapped. "I've got plans."
- 17 The wagon began to move faster. Soon Roddy almost had to run to keep ahead of it. When he looked back he saw that Jacob was running, too. The girl was out of sight behind the wagon, but when she spoke again she wasn't panting at all.
- 18 "I'd never make a dog sleep in a doghouse," she said. "I'd have it in my bedroom. Right on my bed."
- 19 What a pain she was! "Stop pushing," Roddy growled. "This is where I live."
- 20 The girl's head popped up from behind the doghouse. "You're kidding!" she exclaimed. "You're Roddy Hall? I didn't know you were getting a dog. That's great!"
- 21 "The dog isn't here yet," Roddy told her. "She's coming today."
- 22 "Princess," Jacob added. "That's her name."
- 23 The girl's blue eyes narrowed. She looked at Jacob, then at Roddy. Then she looked down at the doghouse.
- 24 "You are so not bright," she said. "I'm Princess. Princess Thornberry. My stepmother Linda dropped me off an hour ago. And if you think I'm going to sleep in a broken down doghouse, you're crazy. Your mom said I get the bedroom with all the dinosaur posters."
- 25 Roddy blinked. "Now just wait," he sputtered. "You're not—you can't—you're not a dog."
- 26 "Smart kid," the girl said. "You should be a detective."
- 27 Roddy was stunned. Whoever heard of a girl called Princess? "I don't believe you," he said faintly.
- 28 "I do." Jacob sighed. "I just knew we were doing all this work for nothing." He poked Roddy with his elbow. "That's your bedroom she's talking about," he said. "The bedroom with all the dinosaur posters. Maybe you're the one who gets to sleep in the doghouse tonight."

- 1** What is Roddy’s reason for moving the doghouse soon after he overhears his mother’s telephone conversation?
- A** He thinks repairing the doghouse will be a fun project.
 - B** He wants to spend time with Jacob before a new dog keeps him too busy.
 - C** He is expecting to meet Princess on his way home with the doghouse.
 - D** He wants to show that he can be responsible enough to own a dog.
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- 2** In paragraph 25, the word sputtered means —
- F** spoke in a confused way
 - G** acted out in an amusing way
 - H** made a polite suggestion
 - J** moved at a slow pace
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- 3** Which of these is a lesson Roddy learns in the story?
- A** Teamwork is important when trying to accomplish a goal.
 - B** Relying on good friends is helpful in difficult situations.
 - C** Drawing conclusions without enough information can lead to mistakes.
 - D** People should not judge others by their appearance.

- 4** In paragraphs 16 and 19, Roddy's reaction to Princess shows that Roddy is —
- F** appreciative of her help
 - G** disappointed with her efforts
 - H** inspired by her ideas
 - J** annoyed by her comments

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- 5** How does Jacob know that the girl is telling the truth about being Princess?
- A** She is excited to hear that Roddy is getting a dog.
 - B** She offers to help the boys without being asked.
 - C** She points out that the doghouse is in need of repairs.
 - D** She is able to describe Roddy's bedroom.

- 6 Read these sentences from paragraph 26.

"Smart kid," the girl said. "You should be a detective."

These sentences suggest that Princess thinks that —

- F Roddy shouldn't waste his time working on the doghouse
 - G Roddy's observation was obvious
 - H Roddy is an intelligent person
 - J Roddy is a good listener
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- 7 Which sentence best foreshadows what happens at the end of the story?
- A *"We might be doing all this work for nothing."*
 - B *"So Linda needs someone to take care of her own dog, Princess, for a week."*
 - C *"You taking that thing to the dump?"*
 - D *"He's getting a dog, and it's going to need a house."*

- 8** Why does Princess become upset with Roddy?
- F** She is jealous of Roddy's friendship with Jacob.
 - G** She thinks Roddy's idea to fix the doghouse is foolish.
 - H** She is offended that Roddy thought she would be a dog.
 - J** She is bothered that Roddy does not offer his room to her.