4. Reading Comprehension

Starter Quiz ·

TOEFL Junior Name: _____ Score: _____

1. Reading has 42 questions in 50 minutes. About how many seconds is that per question? (Nearest whole number.)

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2. Which question types appear with academic passages? Choose all that apply.

   ☐ Meaning of a word in the passage

   ☐ What a reference word points to

   ☐ Your own opinion about the topic

   ☐ Main idea or best title

   Tick every correct option.

3. When Ana cannot find the map, how does she feel?

   ☐ Embarrassed and worried

   ☐ Bored

   ☐ Proud

   ☐ Angry with Ben

4. "In the dry season, water becomes scarce, so elephants walk many kilometres to find it." Scarce is closest in meaning to

   ☐ cold

   ☐ hard to find

   ☐ deep

   ☐ dirty

5. Email: "The bus leaves at 8:00 sharp. Please be at the front gate by 7:45 so we can check names." When should students arrive?

   ☐ 8:15

   ☐ 7:45

   ☐ 8:00

   ☐ 7:30

6. A passage explains what volcanoes are, why some erupt and how scientists watch them. Which title is best?

   ☐ Why Lava Is Hot

☐ The Biggest Volcano in Japan

☐ Natural Events on Earth

☐ Volcanoes and the People Who Study Them

7. Why does Ben's idea not work?

   ☐ Mr Ortiz says phones are not allowed

   ☐ His phone battery is empty

   ☐ There is no phone signal in the park

   ☐ The map on the phone is wrong

8. The most common meaning of a word is always the right answer in a vocabulary question.

   ☐ True ☐ False

9. From the table: Robotics meets on _____.

   _____

10. If an option states a true fact from the passage, it must be the answer to a main-idea question.

    ☐ True ☐ False

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Answers ·

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1. **71**

   $50 \times 60 = 3{,}000$ seconds; $3{,}000 \div 42 \approx 71$ seconds, including reading time.

2. **Meaning of a word in the passage; What a reference word points to; Main idea or best title**

   Questions ask about the passage, never about your opinion.

3. **Embarrassed and worried**

   She ”froze” and ”her face turned red” while looking at the students who depend on her.

4. **hard to find**

   They walk far to find it, so it is hard to find.

5. **7:45**

   The bus leaves at 8:00, but students must be at the gate by 7:45.

6. **Volcanoes and the People Who Study Them**

   It covers what volcanoes are, eruptions and scientists. The others are too narrow or too wide.

7. **There is no phone signal in the park**

   The park had no signal, so the screen showed only a grey square.

8. **False**

   The trap option is often the common meaning; choose the meaning in this sentence.

9. **Friday**

   Read across the Robotics row to the Day column.

10. **False**

    A true detail can still be the wrong answer if the question asks for the main idea.