

Common Core Aligned Comprehension Assessment

Mailing May
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Name: _____

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Directions:

Use what you know about **Mailing May** to answer each of the following questions.

1. Why did Pa take May to the post office?

- A To mail a letter to Grandma
- B To mail a package to Grandma
- C To mail May to Grandma
- D To visit Grandma while she was working at the post office

2. May went to Alexander's Department Store looking for a job. Why was she looking for a job?

- A So she could purchase new clothes
- B To earn money for a train ticket
- C To buy shoes
- D To buy her Ma and Pa a surprise

3. What was the result of Pa's idea to send May through the U.S. Postal Service to visit her Grandma Mary?

- A May refuses to be mailed to her Grandma's house in Idaho.
- B Ma tells Pa that it is too dangerous to send May on the train with the mail.
- C The postmaster tell Pa that it is against the rules to mail May.
- D May is able to visit her grandma.

4. In the sentence "Let's find out exactly how much you and your valise weigh." What does the word *valise* mean?

- A suitcase
- B coat
- C poultry
- D train car

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5. *Mailing May* is a true story. If you wanted to find out more information about May, the railroad, or the postal service, what could you do? (RI.3.5)

- A Conduct an internet search using the words Charlotte May Pierstorff
- B Go to the library and read a book titled, *All About the U.S Railroad*
- C Visit the National Postal Museum
- D All of the above

6. Which of the following best describes the author's point of view in *Mailing May*? (RI.3.6)

- A First person, the author uses "I"
- B Second person, the author uses "you"
- C Third person, the author uses "he" and "she"
- D Both B and C

7. In *Mailing May*, the illustrations include small pictures that look like photographs. What is the main purpose of these small pictures? (RI.3.7)

- A They are fun to look at.
- B The small pictures provide more details about the story.
- C They help the illustrator use up space.
- D The small pictures are not related to the story.

8. May's stomach was feeling weak while riding the train, what caused her to feel this way? (RI.3.8)

- A She was coming down with the stomach flu.
- B She ate too much at lunch.
- C The train was twisting back and forth down the mountain.
- D She was missing Ma and Pa.

9. Which of the following are key details of *Mailing May*? (RI.3.9)

- A Ma and Pa made a promise to May to let her visit her Grandma Mary.
- B A train ticket cost as much money as Pa made in an entire day.
- C The rule book for mailing packages did not say anything about children.
- D All of the above.

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Answer Key

