

1. Mary lives in Austin, Texas.
2. Sue and Mary were high school classmates.
3. Sue told the 411 operator Mary's first and last name, and the city and state where Mary lived.
4. Reply means to answer or respond.
5. A 411 call costs about \$1.50.
6. A person would use 411 if they wanted to access someone's phone number.

The Common Cold

1. You can keep from spreading a cold by washing your hands and by coughing and/or sneezing into you arm (instead of your hands).
2. C. - A small flat piece of medicine; pill.
3. You can keep from getting a cold by washing your hands, getting enough sleep and exercise, and by eating healthy foods and Vitamin C.
4. Germs cause colds.
5. Hand-washing is important because germs stay in hands unless they are washed away.

Daily Exercise

1. Some forms of exercise are walking, biking, lifting weights, swimming, jogging, playing tag with your kids, and mowing the grass.
2. The word solid means continuous, without a break.
3. You should get at least thirty minutes of exercise every day.
4. You should exercise every day.
5. A person should exercise because it helps tone and stretch muscles, it burns fat, it gets you in a better mood, and it helps you manage stress.

Eggs – A Wise Buy

1. Eggs are a healthy food because they contain a lot of protein, vitamins and iron builds muscle and helps are body function properly.
2. The phrase “a good buy” means you are receiving a valuable product at a reasonable price; in the case of a carton of eggs, you are getting 12 healthy eggs for under \$1.50.
3. If Mary bought 3 dozen eggs, she bought 36 eggs total.
4. Eggs are a good food for young children because they are healthy and easy to chew.
5. Inexpensive means not expensive; low in cost.

The First Moon Walk

1. President John F. Kennedy desired to put a man on the moon.
2. Apollo 11 took the team into space.
3. Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.
4. Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin was the second man to walk on the moon.

5. They did experiments and picked up bits of moon dirt and rock on the moon. They also put a U.S. flag on the moon and left a sign there with the date of the first U.S. moon walk.
6. The first moon walk took place on July 20, 1969.

Fishing is a Great Hobby

1. Fishing is a great hobby because people of all ages and abilities can participate, it's both relaxing and exciting, and it doesn't cost much money.
2. Inexpensive means low cost.
3. In Minnesota, all persons ages 16 and older need to have a fishing license when fishing. It's the law.
4. You might be able to find some night crawlers in your yard.
5. Fishing is relaxing because: you can enjoy the great outdoors, watch the ripples of the water, listen to the soothing sounds of the waves, feel the warmth of the sun, and experience a fresh breeze of air.
6. Fined means to punish by charging a sum of money.

Get Out and Stay Out!

1. The two main prevention strategies are: making sure your home is clean and dry, and denying access to new pests.
2. Toxic means poisonous.
3. Silicone caulk can be used to seal cracks in a home.
4. Dirty dishes should be washed daily because many insects and rodents are attracted to food.
5. Kitchen items that attract pests include: foods that are often kept on the counter, like ripe fruit; unsealed food and drink containers; trash/garbage; a wet and/or dirty floor.

Good Times Bad on Wallet

1. Habit means a usual way of doing things; a routine.
2. Ray changed some of his spending habits because it was getting difficult for him to pay his monthly bills.
3. Changes Ray made were: eating out less, inviting friends over instead of meeting them at clubs, and checking out movies from the library.
4. A need is a must have, something that is a necessity; whereas a want is more of a wish or a desire.
5. Examine means to look at or study carefully.

I Love Waseca

1. The original text of the story was written by Shufen Liu.
2. Highway 13 is close to the author's home.
3. Loon Lake and Clear Lake are the two lakes in Waseca.
4. Ducks and geese can be seen by the lakes.
5. 9,000 people live in Waseca.
6. She likes to shop at Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee because:

both stores are very close to her home (in walking distance), they have everything she desires to buy, and the salespeople are friendly and helpful.

Learning English

1. Omar had class in the mornings.
2. Value means how much something is worth.
3. Omar wanted to learn English for many reasons: he wanted to read the newspaper; he wanted to read the notes his children brought home from school; he wanted to better understand and complete forms and applications; he wanted to secure a better job.
4. Practice means to do something again and again in order to get better at it.
5. Omar had reading class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
6. Secure means to get.

A Lunch Surprise

1. Odd means strange or unusual – something that's not expected.
2. Lul's husband eats lunch at noon.
3. B, D, C, A is the correct order.
4. Lul's husband was surprised by this lunch.
5. Lul could have asked for clarification; she could have asked her husband to repeat his request.

Make Reading A Family Habit!

1. Ask your kids to read things like the label on a cereal box, road signs, and the label on the frozen pizza box.
2. Reading is important because we use it for almost everything we do.
3. The best way to get a reading habit started is to read yourself.
4. If you read every day, your child will read every day.
5. If you want your children to be better readers, make reading a family habit.

A Memorable Morning at the Airport

1. Board means to get on the airplane.
2. She arrived two hours before her flight.
3. She learned to keep her bags with her at all times.
4. She was traveling from California to St. Paul, Minnesota.
5. The author left her bag unattended in the restroom.
6. The author's travel was for business because she mentions being given a new work assignment on a project in St. Paul.

Safe Food and Fun Parties

1. Prepare means to get ready for something.
2. Bacteria thrive in moist places where bits of food exist.
3. Steve no longer uses sponges in his kitchen because they harbor so many bacteria (7 billion in the average kitchen sponge).
4. The harmful bacteria that is found in some food causes food borne illness.

5. Steve washes his cutting board after each use.
6. Steve uses soap and warm water when washing things in his kitchen.

A Safe Home for Baby

1. Baby proofing is a process of protecting your baby or toddler from dangerous and breakable things in your home.
2. Jack is a typical 10 month old boy. He is very curious and explores objects by putting them in his mouth. He crawls quickly and will soon be walking.
3. Beth has covered all of the electrical outlets in her home because Jack could get a serious shock or start a fire by putting an object in the outlet.
4. Beth puts all breakable items on high shelves and all cleaning supplies in high cupboards.
5. She stores her family's medications (including aspirin) and vitamins in a locked cabinet because pills could easily be mistaken as candy by a child.

Snow Emergency

1. Don gets his weather news from the radio.
2. Don got his car towed last winter because he parked it on a posted Snow Emergency Route when there was a snow emergency in effect.
3. Don found his car at the impound lot.
4. Don's neighbor helped Don find his car.
5. A fine is an amount of money that is paid for breaking a law or rule.

Starting a New Job

1. A dress code is a set of rules about what you can wear to work.
2. Arrive at work on time or early.
3. Your co-workers will answer questions when your boss is not available.
4. Ask questions when you don't understand something and when you don't know what to do next.
5. Leave work with or after your co-workers.

What the GED Means to Me

1. The word pursue means to follow in order to reach or achieve something.
2. The author didn't graduate from high school because he didn't think school was important; he cut or was late for many of his classes; he eventually got kicked out of school.
3. Work was hard to find. The jobs he did find were low paying ones.
4. He wants a career in computers.
5. He is trying to fulfill his dream by taking GED classes. His plan is to get his GED and go to college, where he will study computers.

Where Does Your Money Go?

1. An expense is a cause or reason for spending money.
2. Kate pays her bills before they are due because the late fees are costly. She does not like to pay late fees.
3. Income is the money that comes in to a person from work that is done.
4. Kate plans for larger bills by saving money every month.
5. A budget is a financial plan based on a person's income and expenses.

Winter Driving

1. Joe drives 60 miles in a typical workday.
2. Good tips for driving on icy roads include:
 - Do not follow cars too closely;
 - Take turns very slowly;
 - Brake before coming to curve, not while you're in it.
3. Cautious means using care to avoid danger or trouble; being careful.
4. The car with its headlights on is better prepared for winter driving. The car's headlights are on and the snow has been removed from its hood and headlights.
5. Joes always has the headlights of his car on when he is driving in the winter.

Winter Storm Survival on the Road

1. The word option means something that may be chosen.
2. A snow shovel could be very useful in removing snow from the tail pipe of your car (so deadly fumes of carbon monoxide don't back up inside the car).
3. It took three hours for help to arrive.
4. Dangerous means likely to cause harm, or not safe.
5. You should stay with your car if you get stuck in the ditch because walking in a snowstorm is very dangerous – you could get lost, and you could freeze to death!