

“Gas”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Machines need gas to work.

Cars need gas.

Buses need gas.

Airplanes need gas.

Machines use **a lot** of gas. Gas makes machines work.



Questions:

1) What needs gas to work?

- A. animals
- B. machines
- C. plants

2) What is not a machine?

- A. a bus
- B. a frog
- C. a person

3) Machines use **a lot** of gas. This means

- A. Machines don't use gas.
- B. Machines use a little gas.
- C. Machines use much gas.

Is gas good or bad? Explain.

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

In paragraph 1, the story says that “Machines need gas to work.” The correct answer is B.

2) **A**

The story says that cars, buses, and airplanes all need gas. They need gas because they are machines. So cars, buses, and airplanes are all machines. Machines are made of parts. The parts work together. A frog (B) is not a machine. A person (C) is not a machine. A bus (A) *is* a machine. Therefore, (A) is the correct answer.

3) **B**

“a lot of” = “much”

For example:

I have *a lot of* homework. = I have *much* homework.

Tommy has *a lot of* money. = Tommy has *much* money.

Jane gets *a lot of* mail. = Jane gets *much* mail.

So, “a lot of” is another way to say “much.” Therefore, (C) is correct.