

• Reading Comprehension 1 Level 3

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

Passage

Seagulls live on the beach. They eat small fish, bread, and seaweed. Seagulls run quickly on the sand and fly quickly in the sky. Seagulls will run or fly away if you try to catch them. There are many seagulls on the beach.

Crabs also live on the beach. They eat shrimp, ocean plants, and small fish. Crabs crawl quickly on the sand and in the ocean. Crabs will crawl away if you try to catch them. There are many crabs on the beach, but it is not always easy to see them.

Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish. Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean. Starfish will not move away if you try to catch them. There are few starfish on the beach.

Questions

- 1) Seagulls, crabs, and starfish all eat
 - A. clams
 - B. bread
 - C. fish

- 2) Which animal does not move quickly?
 - A. starfish
 - B. seagulls
 - C. crabs

- 3) Based on information in the passage, which sentence is false?
 - A. Starfish are hard to catch.
 - B. Crabs eat shrimp and ocean plants.
 - C. Seagulls move quickly on the sand and in the air.

- 4) The passage does not talk about
 - A. what starfish eat
 - B. how crabs catch food
 - C. how fast beach animals move

- 5) According to the passage, seagulls
- I. live on the beach
 - II. move quickly in the ocean
 - III. eat bread only
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. I, II, and III
- 6) Based on information in the passage, which animal would you be most likely to see at the beach?
- A. crabs
 - B. seagulls
 - C. starfish
- 7) Based on information in the passage, we can understand that
- A. the beach is not as nice as the mountains
 - B. the beach is a good place to vacation
 - C. many animals live at the beach

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

In paragraph 1 the passage says, "Seagulls live on the beach. They eat small fish, bread, and seaweed." So, seagulls eat fish. In paragraph 2 the passage says, "Crabs also live on the beach. They eat shrimp, ocean plants, and small fish." So, crabs eat fish. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish." So, starfish eat fish. Using this information, we know that seagulls, crabs, and starfish all eat fish. Choice **(C)** is correct.

2) **A**

In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean." If starfish move slowly, that means that they do not move quickly. *Slowly* is the opposite of *quickly*. Choice **(A)** is correct.

3) **A**

In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish will not move away if you try to catch them." Using this information, we can understand that starfish are easy to catch because they do not move away. Choice **(A)** is correct.

4) **B**

The passage does not talk about how crabs catch food. Choice **(B)** is correct. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish live on the beach, too. They eat clams, oysters, and small fish." Using this information, we can understand that the passage talks about what starfish eat. Choice **(A)** is incorrect. In paragraph 1 the passage says, "Seagulls run quickly on the sand and fly quickly in the sky." In paragraph 2 the passage says, "Crabs crawl quickly on the sand." In paragraph 3 the passage says, "Starfish move slowly on the sand and in the ocean." Since seagulls, crabs, and starfish all live at the beach, we can understand that the passage talks about how fast beach animals move. Choice **(C)** is incorrect.

5) **A**

In paragraph 1 the passage says, "Seagulls live on the beach." This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 1, the passage says that seagulls "move quickly on the sand and in the sky." However, the passage does not say that seagulls move quickly in the ocean. This means **option (II)** is not true. In paragraph 1, the passage says that seagulls "eat small fish, bread, and seaweed." Because the passage says that seagulls eat two foods in addition to bread (small fish and seaweed), this means that seagulls do not eat bread only. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(A)** is correct.

6) **B**

In paragraph 1 the passage says, "There are many seagulls on the beach." This means you will be very likely to see a seagull at the beach. Choice **(B)** is correct. In paragraph 2 the passage says "There are many crabs on the beach, but it is not always easy to see them." This means you will be unlikely to see a crab at the beach. Choice **(A)** is incorrect. In paragraph 3 the passage says "There are few starfish on the beach." This means you will be unlikely to see a starfish at the beach. Choice **(C)** is incorrect.

7) **C**

In paragraph 1 the passage talks about the seagulls that live at the beach. In paragraph 2 the passage talks about the crabs that live at the beach. In paragraph 3 the passage talks about the starfish that live at the beach. This passage talks about animals that live at the beach. Moreover, the passage says that these animals eat other animals like "clams, oysters, and small fish." This lets us know that many animals live at the beach. Choice **(C)** is correct. The passage does not talk about the mountains. Choice **(A)** is incorrect. The passage does not talk about whether or not the beach is a good place to vacation at. The passage only talks about animals that live at the beach. Choice **(B)** is incorrect.