

• Reading Comprehension 2 Level 3

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

Passage

There are many kinds of boats.

One kind of boat is called a sailboat. A sailboat uses the wind to move. Wind makes a sailboat move in the water. The wind pushes the sailboat. Wind fills the sails. The sailboat moves when the wind blows.

One kind of boat is called a motorboat. A motorboat uses a motor to move. The motor gives power to the boat. The motorboat moves when the motor is running. The motorboat makes a loud noise.

One kind of boat is called a rowboat. A rowboat needs people to move it. People make a rowboat move in the water. People use oars to move a rowboat. Oars are long and flat. Oars go into the water. A rowboat moves when people use the oars.

As you can see, there are many kinds of boats.

Questions

- 1) Which boat uses the wind to move?
 - A. a sailboat
 - B. a rowboat
 - C. a motorboat

- 2) Which boat makes a loud noise?
 - A. a sailboat
 - B. a motorboat
 - C. a rowboat

- 3) What is used to move a rowboat?
 - A. wind
 - B. a motor
 - C. oars

- 4) According to the passage, oars are
 - A. short and fat
 - B. long and flat
 - C. big and heavy

- 5) This passage is mainly about
- A. different kinds of boats
 - B. where to use a rowboat
 - C. how to make a boat
- 6) Which boat(s) can still move if there is no wind?
- I. a motorboat
 - II. a rowboat
 - III. a sailboat
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. I, II, and III
- 7) Tom doesn't like loud noises. Which boat(s) does he probably like to ride in?
- I. a sailboat
 - II. a rowboat
 - III. a motorboat
- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. I, II, and III
- 8) What would be the best title for this passage?
- A. Boats that Make Noise
 - B. The Sailboat and the Motorboat
 - C. Three Kinds of Boats

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

In paragraph 2 the passage says, "A sailboat uses the wind to move." Choice **(A)** is correct.

2) **B**

At the end of paragraph 3 the passage says, "The motorboat makes a loud noise." Choice **(B)** is correct.

3) **C**

In paragraph 4 the passage says, "People use oars to move a rowboat." Choice **(C)** is correct.

4) **B**

In paragraph 4 the passage says, "Oars are long and flat." Choice **(B)** is correct.

5) **A**

The passage talks about three different kinds of boats. In paragraph 2, the passage talks about the sailboat. In paragraph 3, the passage talks about the motorboat. In paragraph 4, the passage talks about the rowboat. Using this information, we can understand that the passage is mainly about different kinds of boats. Choice **(A)** is correct.

6) **B**

In paragraph 3 the passage says, "A motorboat uses a motor to move." A motorboat can still move if there is no wind. This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 4 the passage says, "A rowboat needs people to move it." A rowboat can still move if there is no wind. This means **option (II)** is true. In paragraph 2 the passage says, "A sailboat uses the wind to move." A sailboat cannot move if there is no wind. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(B)** is correct.

7) **B**

In paragraph 2, we learn that wind moves a sailboat. So, a sailboat is probably very quiet. Tom would probably like to ride in a sailboat. This means **option (I)** is true. In paragraph 4, we learn that people move a rowboat using oars. So, a rowboat is probably very quiet. Tom would probably like to ride in a rowboat. This means **option (II)** is true. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "The motorboat makes a loud noise." So, Tom would not like to ride in a motorboat because it makes a loud noise. This means **option (III)** is not true. Choice **(B)** is correct.

8) **C**

A good title describes the main idea of the passage. In paragraph 2 the passage talks about one kind of boat: the sailboat. In paragraph 3 the passage talks about another kind of boat: the motorboat. In paragraph 4 the passage talks about another kind of boat: the rowboat. Using this information, we can understand that the main idea of the passage is to talk about three kinds of boats. Choice **(C)** is correct. In paragraph 3 the passage says, "The motorboat makes a loud noise." However, this is only one of the three boats that are discussed in the passage. The other two boats, the sailboat and the rowboat, do not make any noise. This means choice **(A)** is incorrect. In paragraphs 2 and 3 the author talks about the sailboat and the motorboat. However, this is only two of the three boats that are discussed in the passage. The other boat, the rowboat, is not included in this title. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.