

The tests on pages 47 to 49 will show how well you can:

Sequence

Find similarities and differences

Predict

You will be working on your own.

Read the narrative.

Luck of the draw!



1. Ricky pulled the card from the envelope and shook it. Some money fell to the floor which he pocketed as he walked towards the front door. 'Must thank Grandma', he reminded himself.
2. 'Where do you think you're going?' called his mother from the kitchen. 'I'm late and you've got to collect Georgia from football practice AND you've got to start work in half an hour!'
3. As if Ricky needed reminding. He had been packing shelves at Foodco for three weeks now and it was torture! Employees weren't even allowed to wear an iPod®—not that Ricky had one—yet!
4. Ricky grunted a response to his mother and jumped on his bike. He was eighteen today and, finally, he could buy a 'scratchie' lottery ticket. He had been watching his mother scratch them at the dinner table every 'payday' for years. He would secretly cross his fingers and toes while she scratched, but his silent wishing never worked. His mother still had to work the night shift, meaning she was always tired and his little sister was home alone a lot. Although he had grown used to his mother being grumpy, he worried about Georgia—he hadn't heard her laughing in months.
5. As Ricky pedalled up the street, he passed a group of kids he had been at school with. They were standing by their cars and chatting, probably about the fun they were having at college. Ricky had scored enough pass marks to go, but had to work full-time and help out his mum. Ricky pulled his cap lower over his eyes and kept pedalling. He'd had his driving licence for six months now, but buying a car was an unrealistic dream.
6. At the shop he locked his bike to the rusty rack and asked Bob, the manager, for three 'scratchies'. Ricky took them straight to the counter and started scratching. First one ticket went in the bin, then the second and, in frustration, he tore up the third. With slumped shoulders Ricky walked towards the door of the shop.
7. 'Hey, Ricky', Bob called. 'Always check them through the machine, mate. Just in case.'
8. Ricky shrugged and took the two tickets still in one piece from the bin and handed them over. He watched the green writing flashing zeros and his jaw dropped. Bob whistled. Ricky had won the jackpot! He grabbed Bob's hand and frantically shook it, repeating 'I owe you, I owe you' over and again. Ricky grabbed the ticket, jumped on his bike, fell off laughing, jumped back on again and rode home at lightning speed. As he skidded in the driveway, he remembered Georgia was waiting for him. 'She can wait!' he thought.
9. Three months later, Ricky was in the driveway of his family's new home, washing his car. Georgia and his mother were playing football in the garden. His mother tried to tackle the ball away from her daughter, making Georgia have a giggle fit.
10. 'Good try, Mum!'
11. 'Now that I have all of this time on my hands, you can give me some lessons!' laughed her mother. She placed her arm around her daughter's waist and looked over at her son.
12. 'You're going to wear the paint off that thing, you know?' she called to him. 'Anyway, you've got an exam to study for, mister! Hop to it!'
13. Ricky chuckled to himself. One thing never changed—his mother's nagging! He pointed at the white iPod® cords coming out from his ears, pretending he hadn't heard her. He'd just take his car for a spin around the block first, then he would study.
14. 'If only I could "win" some good marks', Ricky thought laughing, as he jumped in the car and started the engine.

Sequencing

Test 1



Name: _____ Date: _____

- Make sure you know which events you need to sequence, then find and underline them.
- Work out how they are related.
- Check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. *What did Ricky do immediately before walking towards the front door?*

- (a) Pulled the card from the envelope.
- (b) Shook the card.
- (c) Put the money in his pocket.
- (d) Reminded himself to thank Grandma.

The best answer is .

2. *In order, list three things that happened in between the two events below.*

- Ricky locked his bike to the rack.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Ricky walked towards the door of the shop.

3. *Write the numbers 1 to 4 to place these events in order.*

- Ricky fell off his bike laughing.
- Ricky rode home at lightning speed.
- Ricky frantically shook Bob's hand.
- Ricky watched the green writing flash zeros.

4. *What happened just after the mother tried to tackle the ball away from Georgia?*

- (a) Ricky pointed to his iPod®.
- (b) She placed her arm around her daughter's waist.
- (c) Ricky started the engine of his car.
- (d) Georgia had a giggle fit.

The best answer is .

Finding similarities and differences



Test 2

Name: _____ Date: _____

- Make sure you understand the question and underline keywords.
- Use a chart or Venn diagram if you need to.
- Check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. *What was common in Georgia's life before and after her brother's win?*

- (a) She spent a lot of time home alone.
- (b) She was always laughing and happy.
- (c) She enjoyed playing football.
- (d) She spent a lot of time with her mother.

The best answer is .

2. *Which two things are only true about Ricky before the lottery win?*

- (a) Ricky wanted an iPod® and attended university.
- (b) Ricky attended university and packed shelves at Foodco.
- (c) Ricky rode a bicycle and wanted an iPod®.
- (d) Ricky attended university and rode a bicycle.

The best answer is .

3. *Explain how Ricky's mother's life is different after the lottery win.*

4. *Describe the similarities and differences in Ricky's life before and after his win.*

- similar _____

- different _____



Name: _____ Date: _____

- You need to find and underline the information related to each question.
- The answer is not in the text but there is information you can use and think about.
- The writer will suggest, rather than tell what is likely to happen.
- Check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. *Now that Ricky has won the money, what is he least likely to do?*

- (a) Buy more 'scratchie' tickets.
- (b) Drive his car to university.
- (c) Go riding on his bicycle.
- (d) Pack shelves at Foodco.

The best answer is .

2. *Predict what Ricky's mother said after he told her about the win.*

- (a) 'What are you wasting your money on scratchies for?'
- (b) 'Well done, son. Now get to work! You're late!'
- (c) 'Let's go and pick up Georgia and tell her the good news!'
- (d) 'Let's go and celebrate!'

The best answer is .

3. *Predict one way life will be different for Georgia now.*

4. *Imagine Ricky passes the friends he went to school with in the street on his drive. How do you think he would be feeling? Give reasons for your answer.*

5. *Predict one way Ricky might thank Bob for telling him to put the tickets through the machine.*

Concluding - 1

Conclusions are decisions we make by working something out. We make conclusions about what we read by finding facts and details in the text and deciding what they mean.

Read the report.

The Mona Lisa

1. Possibly the most famous painting in the world, the *Mona Lisa* is an oil painting by the artist Leonardo da Vinci. It shows a woman with a mysterious smile in front of a misty, mountainous landscape.
2. Leonardo painted the *Mona Lisa* in Florence, Italy between 1503 and 1506. Unlike his other paintings, da Vinci did not sell it immediately but kept it with him at all times. About ten years later he allowed the King of France, King François I, to buy the masterpiece and display it in his castle.
3. The *Mona Lisa* was passed down through the royal line to King Louis XIV. After the French Revolution it was displayed at the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. In 1800, the powerful ruler of the French army and government, Napoleon Bonaparte, took it from the museum to hang in his bedroom. When he lost his power, the *Mona Lisa* was returned to the Louvre.
4. During the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, the painting was hidden in a small town somewhere in France.
5. The *Mona Lisa* was well known but it was not until it was stolen from the Louvre in 1911 that it achieved fame all over the world. The painting was missing for two years (and believed destroyed) until a man tried to sell it to an art dealer in Florence. It was later discovered that the man once worked at the Louvre museum and had hidden in a broom closet after the museum closed and walked out with the painting.
6. Throughout history, the biggest question surrounding the painting has been (and still is) 'Who was *Mona Lisa*?' Despite thorough research by art historians, only theories can be offered. Some historians believe 'Lisa' was the wife of a wealthy silk dealer of Florence, while others think she is a self-portrait of Leonardo da Vinci or possibly his mother.
7. In 1956, acid was thrown onto the painting, damaging the lower section. In the same year, a rock was thrown at it, altering an area near the figure's left elbow.
8. Before the painting went on tour to the United States and Asia in 1962, it was insured for \$100 million, entering the *Guinness book of records* for the most valuable painting ever to be insured.
9. The mysteries behind the *Mona Lisa* continue to captivate art historians and the world. In 2005, infrared cameras were able to 'see through' da Vinci's finished painting, showing the different versions of 'Lisa' he had painted over.
10. *Mona Lisa's* complexion has darkened and the painting is losing its lustre over time, but everyone who sees her is still mesmerised by her hypnotic smile: a smile that can now be seen on posters, postcards, coffee mugs and much more. The *Mona Lisa* also finds her way into the storylines of many songs, films and books.
11. Today, the painting hangs in the Louvre Museum in an air-conditioned glass casing behind bulletproof glass. It is viewed by about six million people each year.





Learn how you can work out conclusions.

Conclusions are decisions you make about the meaning of facts and details in the text.

- Make sure you understand what it is you are making conclusions about.
- Look in the text to find the facts and details and underline them.
- You will need to make decisions about what they mean.
- Always check all possible answers before making a decision.

1. *You can conclude that the Mona Lisa became so famous because:*

- (a) it is the most beautiful painting ever painted.
- (b) the artist was the famous Leonardo da Vinci.
- (c) it was stolen and so much mystery surrounds it.
- (d) it is seen in songs, films and books.

Choosing the best answer

- (a) It is a beautiful painting and people would want to see it, but this doesn't quite explain why it became so famous. This is a possible answer, but there is probably a better one.
- (b) The artist was very famous and all his paintings would be valuable, but this doesn't explain why this one painting became so famous.
- (c) The theft of the painting would have been widely reported and people all around the world would have heard about it and been interested. This would have added to the mystery about the identity of the subject. This is a very good answer.
- (d) The painting had to be well known before people wanted to write films, songs and books about it. This can't be the right answer.

2. *Why do you think the Mona Lisa was removed from the museum during the Franco-Prussian war and hidden in a small town in France?*

- (a) So it could be cleaned.
- (b) So a copy could be made of it.
- (c) So it wouldn't fall into the hands of the enemy.
- (d) In case there was a fire.

Choosing the best answer

- (a) During a war would be a strange time to clean a very valuable piece of art, and this is not mentioned in the text. This is not a good answer.
- (b) Again, during a war would be a strange time to copy a very valuable piece of art, and it is not mentioned in the text. This is not the best answer.
- (c) The painting was so valuable to France, it would have been hidden away from the enemy who may have wanted it for themselves. This is a very good answer
- (d) This is a reasonable answer, but there could have been a fire at any time or in any place. This is not the best answer.

Concluding

Practice page



Use similar strategies to those on page 53 to practise making conclusions. (Clues are given to help you.)

1. *You can conclude Leonardo felt strongly about his painting, the Mona Lisa, because:*

- (a) It was of his mother.
- (b) He spent four years painting it.
- (c) He did not part with it for many years.
- (d) He knew many people wanted it.

The best answer is .

2. *You can conclude Napoleon Bonaparte took the painting from the Louvre because:*

- (a) It was worth a fortune.
- (b) He had so much power in France at the time that he could just take it.
- (c) He wanted to display it for everyone to see.
- (d) He wanted to keep it safe.

The best answer is .

3. *In 1911 an employee of the Louvre stole the Mona Lisa by hiding in a broom cupboard at the museum. Explain why this could not happen today.*

4. *The Mona Lisa is 500 years old.*

- (a) Do you think the *Mona Lisa* will be viewed by tourists in another 500 years?

Yes No

- (b) Explain how you reached this conclusion.

Think!
Read paragraph 2 to help you answer this question.

Think!
There is information to help you reach this conclusion in paragraph 3.

Think!
Read the text again and underline the section that mentions how valuable the painting is.

Think!
Read the last two paragraphs to help you reach your conclusion.

Concluding



On your own

Think about the strategies you have been using and work out these answers.

1. You can conclude that the employee of the Louvre who stole the Mona Lisa waited two years to sell it because:

- (a) He misplaced it.
- (b) He wanted time to admire its beauty.
- (c) He was already rich and didn't need the money.
- (d) He was waiting for the publicity about the theft to die down.

The best answer is .

2. Why was the Mona Lisa insured for one hundred million dollars?

- (a) So it could be in the *Guinness book of records*.
- (b) Because it was leaving the museum and more at risk of theft.
- (c) So if it was once again damaged it could be repaired.
- (d) To pay for the infrared camera inspection.

The best answer is .

3. Why is the identity of Mona Lisa in da Vinci's masterpiece still unknown?

- (a) Because people are happy to just enjoy the beauty of the painting and don't really care about her identity.
- (b) Because art historians aren't looking hard enough to find out the truth.
- (c) Because it was painted 500 years ago so it is hard to find records for that time.
- (d) Because people keep disagreeing on the facts.

The best answer is .

4. You can conclude the Mona Lisa is very valuable to the Louvre Museum because:

5. (a) Would you like to go to the Louvre in Paris and see the *Mona Lisa*?

Yes No

(b) Explain how you reached this conclusion. _____
