

Name _____

Date _____

Dear Emily,

The house is very big. It has seven bedrooms and six bathrooms. It has a pool. It has a patio. It has a sunroom. The dining room is large enough to fit twelve people. The front yard is massive. My sister got married there last year (her wedding was outside). 300 guests came! The front yard was big enough to do this. The space was perfect. Now, you probably know that house is 67 years old. It needs some repairs. For this reason, we are willing to negotiate on the price. Please let me know if you need any more information.



Your friend,

Anna

1) Anna writes this letter mostly to

- A. ask a question
- B. make a friend
- C. give an explanation
- D. provide information

2) How many people can fit in the dining room of Anna's house?

- A. 8
- B. 10
- C. 12
- D. 14

3) As used in the middle of the passage, the word **massive** most nearly means

- A. very expensive
- B. very large
- C. very strong
- D. very smart

4) Near the end of the passage, Anna writes, "It needs some repairs." The purpose of the sentence is to

- A. give a reason
- B. provide an example
- C. ask a question
- D. make a suggestion

5) Imagine that you are Emily. Write a letter back to Anna. Be sure to respond to the things Anna says in her letter.

Answers and Explanations

1) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In the letter, Anna describes a house. She reveals the number of rooms, the size of the dining room and front yard, the age of the house, and the fact that it needs some repairs. She closes by saying, "Please let me know if you need any more information." From the descriptions and the final statement, we can understand that Anna wrote the letter to provide information to her friend Emily.

This means choice **(D)** is correct.

In the letter, Anna does not ask any questions. Rather, she describes and provides information about a house.

Therefore, choice **(A)** is incorrect.

Anna writes to provide information about a house for sale. Although she does sign the letter using the words, "Your friend," the main purpose is not to make friends with Emily. Therefore, choice **(B)** is incorrect.

While Anna may have written her letter as a response to her friend, there are no outright examples of explanations or mention of any questions asked. This means choice **(C)** is incorrect.

2) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

To answer this detail question correctly, we must find the part of the letter where Anna talks about the dining room. In the letter, Anna says, "The dining room is large enough to fit twelve people."

This means choice **(C)** is correct.

The numbers eight, ten and fourteen are not mentioned anywhere in the letter. Therefore, choices **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(D)** are incorrect.

3) B

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

massive (*adjective*): exceptionally large.

In the letter, Anna writes, “The front yard is massive. My sister got married there last year (her wedding was outside). 300 guests came! The front yard was big enough to do this.” From this, we can understand that the front yard is very big — big enough to fit 300 people. Therefore, massive means very large.

This means choice **(B)** is correct.

In the letter, Anna describes the size of the front yard. There is no mention of the cost of the yard, or

even of the house. Anna says she is “willing to negotiate the price,” but this does not mean anything is very expensive.

Therefore, choice **(A)** is incorrect.

In the letter, Anna writes, “The front yard is massive.” It does not make sense to describe a yard as strong. Indeed, Anna goes on to describe the size of the yard, not any type of strength.

This means choice **(C)** is incorrect.

In the letter, Anna writes, “The front yard is massive.” It does not make sense to describe a yard as smart. Indeed, Anna goes on to describe the size of the yard, not any type of intelligence.

Therefore, choice **(D)** is incorrect.

4) A

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

To answer this inference question correctly, we must look for context clues around the noted sentence in the passage. The letter says, “Now, you probably know that house is 67 years old. It needs some repairs. For this reason, we are willing to negotiate on the price.” The sentence “It needs some repairs” is thus identified as a reason in the following sentence.

This means choice **(A)** is correct.

The sentence “It needs some repairs” is identified as a reason in the letter’s following sentence. It does not illustrate a point.

This means choice **(B)** is incorrect.

The sentence “It needs some repairs” is identified as a reason in the letter’s following sentence. It does not ask a question.

Therefore, choice **(C)** is incorrect.

The sentence “It needs some repairs” is not posed as a suggestion, but rather a statement of fact.

This means choice **(D)** is incorrect.