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Sky Boots

In this passage, Ralph, Eduardo, and Gwyneth talk about Sky Boots.

Ralph:

Sky Boots are not a very good product. First of all, they are way too expensive. A pair of Sky Boots costs \$165, which is far too much to pay for a pair of boots. In addition, they are also very uncomfortable, especially if you wear them all day. Last Saturday I wore a pair of Sky Boots all afternoon and my feet felt like they were going to fall off!

Eduardo:

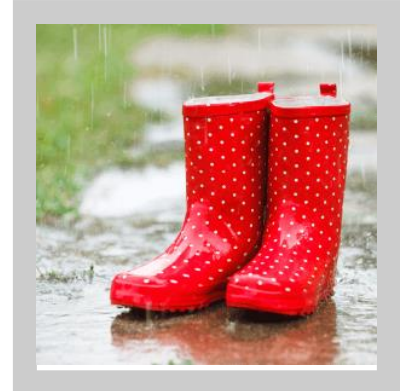
The best thing about Sky Boots is that they are very durable. Even though my Sky Boots are over four years old, they are still in fantastic condition. They don't have any cracks or tears and the soles are only slightly worn. Aside from a few scuffs, they look like they did the day I bought them, and I wear them every day. I am glad that I bought them.

Gwyneth:

Sky Boots are amazing! I absolutely love them! They are the best looking boots you can buy. My Sky Boots are green and red with a thin black stripe around the heel. I get compliments on them all the time; everyone tells me how cheerful they look. Every other pair of boots I have seen are boring colors, like tan or brown or beige. Sky Boots are exciting! That's why I love them. Everyone should own a pair of Sky Boots ... maybe even two or three pairs!

1) Who speaks negatively, or in a bad way, about Sky Boots?

- I. Ralph
 - II. Eduardo
 - III. Gwyneth
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- A. I only
 - B. I and II only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II, and III



2) According to Ralph, Sky Boots are NOT good because they are

- I. ugly
- II. expensive
- III. uncomfortable

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

3) According to Ralph, how much do Sky Boots cost?

- A. \$55
- B. \$65
- C. \$135
- D. \$165

4) Based on its use by Eduardo, it can be understood that **durable** belongs to which of the following word groups?

- A. tough, sturdy, strong
- B. new, fresh, ripe
- C. excellent, great, outstanding
- D. delicate, fragile, weak

5) What color are Gwyneth's Sky Boots?

- I. green
- II. red
- III. brown

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III

6) Who likes Sky Boots most?

- A. Ralph
- B. Eduardo
- C. Gwyneth
- D. Not enough information is provided to answer this question.

7) Based on the passage, do you think you would like Sky Boots? Why or why not?

Answers and Explanations

1) A

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

Ralph says, "Sky Boots are not a very good product." Something "not good" would be considered bad. Since he says that Sky Boots are not very good we can tell that Ralph is speaking negatively, or in a bad way, about them. Ralph speaks negatively about Sky Boots because he says they are "too expensive" and "very uncomfortable." Ralph speaks negatively, or in a bad way, about Sky Boots. This supports **option (I)**.

Eduardo never speaks negatively, or in a bad way, about Sky Boots. Instead, Eduardo says, "Sky Boots are very durable," because his Sky Boots are "in fantastic condition." Eduardo says, "I like Sky Boots a lot," so we can tell he does not speak negatively, or in a bad way, about them. This eliminates **option (II)**.

Gwyneth never speaks negatively, or in a bad way, about Sky Boots. Instead, she exclaims, "Sky Boots are amazing! I absolutely love them!" This lets us know that Gwyneth loves her sky boots, so she would not speak negatively, or in a bad way, about them. This eliminates **option (III)**.

Therefore **(A)** is correct.

2) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

Ralph never says that Sky Boots are not good because they are ugly. This allows us to eliminate **option (I)**.

Ralph says, "First of all, they are way too expensive. A pair of Sky Boots costs \$165, which is far too much to pay for a pair of boots." Based on this information, we can tell that he says that Sky Boots are not good because they are too expensive. This supports **option (II)**.

After first saying that Sky Boots are too expensive, Ralph then adds: "In addition, they are also very uncomfortable." Using this information, we can tell that another reason Ralph says that Sky Boots are not good is because they are uncomfortable. This supports **option (III)**.

Therefore **(C)** is correct.

3) D

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

Ralph says that "A pair of Sky Boots costs \$165, which is far too much to pay for a pair of boots." Using this information, we can tell that according to Ralph, Sky Boots cost \$165. This means **(D)** is correct.

The passage does not provide information to support choices **(A)**, **(B)**, or **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

4) ACore Standard: **Craft and Structure****durable** (*adjective*): able to withstand wear, pressure or damage.

Eduardo comments: "The best thing about Sky Boots is that they are very durable." We can use context clues—hints from known words or phrases around the unknown word or phrase—to help us figure out what durable most nearly means. Immediately after calling the Sky Boots durable, Eduardo explains, "Even though my Sky Boots are over four years old, they are still in fantastic condition. They don't have any cracks or tears and the soles are only slightly worn. Aside from a few scuffs, they look like they did the day I bought them, and I wear them every day." Each of these details gives us hints about what durable means. From Eduardo's description of his Sky Boots, we can tell that something durable withstands wear over time. Something durable also doesn't crack, tear, or have any other damage; it must be tough. This lets us know that based on its use in the passage, durable belongs to the word group containing tough, sturdy, and strong. Therefore **(A)** is correct.

Using the above information, we can tell that we are looking for the word group that contains words that describe something that doesn't crack, tear, or get damaged over time. Something new, fresh, or ripe is not necessarily durable. Because the words new, fresh and ripe describe something in one moment, and not over time, it is impossible to tell if something new, fresh, or ripe is also durable. For example, a new bag is not necessarily durable. We would not be able to decide if it was or was not durable until time had passed, and it was no longer new. This means that based on its use in the passage, durable does not belong to the word group containing new, fresh and ripe. This means **(B)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that we are looking for the word group that contains words that describe something that doesn't crack, tear, or get damaged over time. Something excellent, great, or outstanding is not necessarily durable. These words describe something that is better than good, but they are not specific enough to let us know if they also mean something like durable. For example, a pair of boots might be excellent, great or outstanding because they are durable, but they might also be outstanding because they are waterproof and they look great. Since these words are not specific enough, durable does not belong to the word group containing excellent, great, or outstanding. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

Using the above information, we can tell that we are looking for the word group that contains words that describe something that doesn't crack, tear, or get damaged over time. Something delicate, fragile, or weak is likely to get damaged and have problems over time. These words are the opposite of durable. This means that durable does not belong to the word group containing delicate, fragile, or weak. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.

5) BCore Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

With regard to the color of her Sky Boots, Gwyneth says, "My Sky Boots are green and red with a thin black stripe around the heel." This lets us know that Gwyneth's Sky Boots are green and red. This supports **option (I)** and **option (II)**.

Gwyneth says, "Every other pair of boots I have seen are boring colors, like tan or brown or beige." Gwyneth says that other boots are brown, but her Sky Boots are green and red. This eliminates **option (III)**. Therefore **(D)** is correct.

6) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

Gwyneth immediately exclaims, "Sky Boots are amazing! I absolutely love them!" We can tell that Gwyneth feels passionately about her Sky Boots, and that she really loves them, because the author uses exclamation points to capture her enthusiasm in each statement. She also says: "I absolutely love them" and "Everyone should own a pair of Sky Boots ... maybe even two or three pairs!" These sentences show that she really loves Sky Boots. In contrast, Ralph says that "Sky Boots are not a very good product." Ralph does not like Sky Boots, so Gwyneth loves Sky Boots more than Ralph.

Eduardo appreciates his Sky Boots because they "are very durable." Still we would not say that Eduardo likes Sky Boots more than Gwyneth because he states, "I am glad that I bought them." We can see that this statement is not as strong as when Gwyneth exclaims "I absolutely love them!" From this, we can tell that Gwyneth likes Sky Boots the most, and **(C)** is correct.

Ralph says that "Sky Boots are not a very good product." Since this statement lets us know that he does not like Sky Boots, Ralph does not like Sky Boots most. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect.

Eduardo appreciates his Sky Boots because they "are very durable." Still we would not say that Eduardo likes Sky Boots more than Gwyneth because he simply states, "I am glad that I bought them." We can see that this statement is not as strong as when Gwyneth exclaims, "I absolutely love them!" Using this information, we can understand that Eduardo does not like Sky Boots most, so **(B)** is incorrect.

Because each person talks about how they feel about Sky Boots, we have enough information to determine who likes Sky Boots most. After we look at the statements that each person makes about Sky Boots next to each other, we can determine who likes them most. Therefore **(D)** is incorrect.