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Carpet Shopping

Mary and Dan sit down together in the living room, their favorite room in the house. They love this room, but after taking a long look they both realize that something is missing. Something could be added to make the room even better. After some discussion, Mary and Dan agree that a new carpet is just what the room needs and they set out to buy a new one.

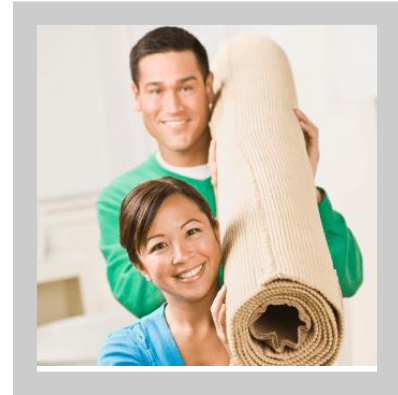
They go to the store and find it is packed with carpets. Carpets lay on the floor and hang on the walls. Carpets hang from racks. Why, there are even carpets dangling from the ceiling! Mary and Dan look at each other and Dan smiles and says, "This could take a while."

Mary looks around the store and before too long she finds one she likes. It has pink and purple dots on it. She shows Dan the carpet. Dan looks at it, but doesn't feel the same way about it. "Hmm, I don't really like that one," he says, "Sorry."

Dan looks around the store and finds one that he likes. It has green and red stripes on it. He shows Mary the carpet. Mary looks at it, but doesn't feel the same way about it. "It's just too small," Mary says.

Mary and Dan continue to roam around the store looking at the carpets. At the same time, they both spy a tan carpet hanging from a rack in the far corner. It doesn't have dots or stripes. It is tan and plain. Happily, both Dan and Mary seem to like this one.

Mary and Dan decide to buy the tan carpet. They take it home with them and lay it down in the living room. The living room looks wonderful with the new carpet.



- 1) In which room will the new carpet go?
 - A. It will go in the bedroom.
 - B. It will go in the dining room.
 - C. It will go in the living room.
 - D. It will go in the bathroom.

- 2) According to the passage, the pink and purple carpet
 - A. has dots
 - B. has stripes
 - C. is small
 - D. is plain

3) Mary thinks the carpet with red and green stripes is too

- A. plain
- B. fancy
- C. big
- D. small

4) BOTH Mary AND Dan like the

- A. pink and purple carpet
- B. green and red carpet
- C. tan carpet
- D. blue carpet

5) While in the carpet store, Mary and Dan see a

- I. dotted carpet
- II. striped carpet
- III. plain carpet

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

6) Which word best describes the carpet store?

- A. **extensive**, because it has a great number
- B. **humdrum**, because it is boring or dull
- C. **straightforward**, because it is simple
- D. **remote**, because it is far away

7) Write a short story about how Dan and Mary get the carpet back to their living room.

Answers and Explanations

1) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 1, the passage says, "Mary and Dan sit down together in the living room." Later in this paragraph, we read: "Mary and Dan agree that a new carpet is just what the room needs." This lets us know that choice **(C)** is correct.

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

2) A

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 3, the passage talks about the pink and purple carpet. It says the pink and purple carpet "has dots." Choice **(A)** is correct.

The passage does not provide evidence to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

3) D

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

After looking at the carpet with red and green stripes in paragraph 4, Mary says, "It's just too small." This lets us know that choice **(D)** is correct.

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

4) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

After spying the carpet that is tan and plain in paragraph 5, we learn that "Happily, both Dan and Mary seem to like this one." Choice **(C)** is correct.

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

5) D

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

In paragraph 3, we learn that Mary and Dan see a carpet with "pink and purple dots on it." This supports **option (I)**.

In paragraph 4, Mary and Dan see a carpet with "green and red stripes on it." This supports **option (II)**.

In paragraph 5, Mary and Dan see a carpet that is "tan and plain." This supports **option (III)**.

Therefore **(D)** is correct.

6) A

Core Standard: **Craft and Structure**

In paragraph 2, we read that in the carpet store, carpets "lay on the floor and hang from the walls." They hang from racks and even dangle from the ceiling. This lets us know that there is a great number of carpets to choose from in the store. Therefore choice **(A)** is correct.

The passage does not provide evidence to support choices **(B)**, **(C)**, and **(D)**. Therefore they are incorrect.