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## Selena's Birthday

One month ago, it was Selena's birthday. She had a party. She got a doll. She got a T-shirt. She got a dress. She got a camera. Now she takes the camera everywhere. She takes it to school. She takes it to her Girl Scout meetings. She takes it to soccer practice. Last week, she took it to a parade. The parade was a special event. She took pictures of the cars that drove by in the parade. She took pictures of the animals in the parade. She took pictures of the marching bands in the parade. Some of the people in the bands stopped and posed for pictures. Selena took pictures of band members with their instruments. Some of the instruments were big and round, like tubas and drums. Other instruments were small and skinny, like flutes and clarinets. Selena got pictures of all of them!



1) Why did Selena receive presents?

- A. It was Christmas.
- B. It was Hanukkah.
- C. It was her birthday.
- D. She won a contest.

2) Selena's favorite present was most likely the

- A. doll
- B. T-shirt
- C. dress
- D. camera



## Answers and Explanations

1) C

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

At the beginning of the passage, the author writes, “One month ago, it was Selena’s birthday. She had a party.” The author then lists the presents Selena received. “She got a doll. She got a T-shirt. She got a dress. She got a camera.” This means Selena got presents for her birthday. Therefore, choice **(C)** is correct.

At the beginning of the passage, the author says it was Selena’s birthday. Christmas is not mentioned in the passage. This means choice **(A)** is incorrect.

At the beginning of the passage, the author says it was Selena’s birthday. Hanukkah is not mentioned in the passage. Therefore, choice **(B)** is incorrect.

At the beginning of the passage, the author says it was Selena’s birthday. The passage does not mention a contest or Selena winning anything. This means choice **(D)** is incorrect.

2) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

At the beginning of the passage, the author lists the presents Selena received. “She got a doll. She got a T-shirt. She got a dress. She got a camera.” Then, the author writes, “Now she takes the camera everywhere.” The passage goes on to explain where Selena takes her camera and what she takes pictures of. From this, we can understand that the camera is most likely Selena’s favorite present. This means choice **(D)** is correct.

The author writes that Selena received a doll as a present. However, the rest of the passage is about a different present Selena received: her camera. Selena’s doll is not mentioned again. From this, we can understand that the doll was probably not Selena’s favorite gift. Thus, choice **(A)** is incorrect.

The author notes that Selena received a T-shirt as a present. However, the rest of the passage is about a different present Selena received: her camera. The T-shirt is not mentioned again. From this, we can understand that the T-shirt was probably not Selena’s favorite gift. Therefore, choice **(B)** is incorrect.

The author notes that Selena received a dress as a present. However, the rest of the passage is about a different present Selena received: her camera. Selena’s dress is not mentioned again. From this, we can understand that the dress was probably not Selena’s favorite gift. This means choice **(C)** is incorrect.

3) B

Core Standard: **Key Ideas and Details**

The passage says that Selena received a camera. The author goes on to say, “Now she takes the camera everywhere. She takes it to school. She takes it to her Girl Scout meetings. She takes it to soccer practice.” This supports **option (I)** and **option (II)**.

The author does not mention piano lessons. Though it says Selena takes her camera everywhere, we do not know if Selena even takes piano lessons. This eliminates **option (III)**.

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

4) D

Core Standard: **Integration of Knowledge**

In the passage, Selena takes her camera to a parade and takes pictures of marching band members with their instruments. The author writes, “Some of the instruments were big and round, like tubas and drums. Other instruments were small and skinny, like flutes and clarinets.” This means that instruments come in all shapes and sizes. Therefore, choice **(D)** is correct.

In the passage, Selena takes her camera to a parade and takes pictures of marching band members with their instruments. The author describes the instruments as different shapes and sizes. The passage doesn’t have any information about the price of the instruments. This means choice **(A)** is incorrect.

The author describes the marching band members’ instruments as different shapes and sizes. The passage doesn’t have any information about whether the instruments are easy or hard to play.

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

The author describes the marching band members’ instruments as different shapes and sizes. The passage doesn’t have any information about the materials the instruments are made of. This means choice **(C)** is incorrect.