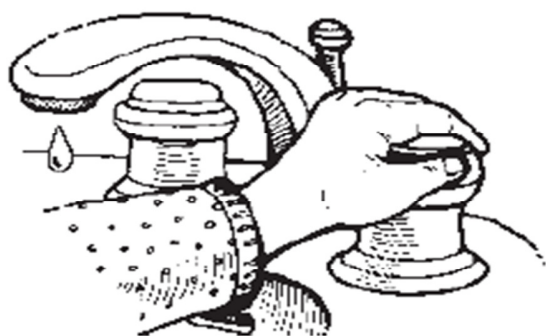


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Reading

Read this selection. Then answer the questions that follow it.  
Mark your answers on the Answer Document.

## How to Save Water



- 1 Have you ever been around when the water bill arrives at your house? Perhaps you've heard someone say, "Stop wasting water! The water bill is sky high!" Water costs a lot of money. Reducing the amount of water you use not only helps lower your family's water bill, but also helps the environment.
- 2 You might be wondering why water is so expensive. After all, water hardly seems scarce. It covers the majority of Earth, right? While that is true, most of Earth's water is in salty oceans. Because we cannot drink salt water, only a small amount of Earth's water is drinkable.
- 3 All living things need water to survive, so water is one of our most important natural resources. With a little effort, you can conserve water and also help keep down the water bill. You will be surprised at how easy it is to save water. Read the tips below to learn how.

### Inside

- 4 From the time you wake up until you go to bed, pay attention to how much water you use. How can you save water?
- 5 Do you wash your hands before you eat breakfast? If you do, turn off the water while you lather the soap. Then, when you finish washing your

hands, make sure you turn the faucet all the way off. Also remember to turn off the faucet when you put toothpaste on your toothbrush and while brushing your teeth. If your faucet drips when it is off, see if it can be fixed. If you have some trash to dispose of, do not put it in the toilet. Use a trashcan instead.

- 6 Maybe you take a shower in the morning. Try to keep your time in the shower to less than ten minutes. Installing a low-flow showerhead, which reduces the amount of water you use, will help, too. Here is an interesting fact: If everyone in the United States shortened their showers by just a couple of minutes, it would conserve more than 80 billion gallons of water each year! If you let the water in the shower heat up before you get in, don't let it go down the drain. You can catch the water in buckets and use it to water houseplants or your lawn.
- 7 Usually you use much less water in a shower than in a bath. A shower is more refreshing, too. However, if you decide to take a bath, be sure to close the drain before you turn on the water. There's no need to let the water warm up first. Remember to adjust the water temperature so that it is not too hot.

## Outside

- 8 Be an inspector and check all outdoor faucets for leaks. If you find a leaky faucet, fix it with a wrench. For the lawn, use grasses and other plants that need a minimal amount of water. When you water your lawn, make sure to do it either early in the morning or late in the evening. Watering during the hottest hours of the day increases evaporation. For example, if you water your lawn at 2:00 P.M., more than half of the water can evaporate. Watch where you are watering, too, and adjust any sprinklers that are watering your driveway or a sidewalk.
- 9 There are so many ways to save water. For fun, try to do at least one thing every day to conserve water. Do your community a favor and tell your friends some tips for conserving water, too. They will probably thank you. Every drop of water counts!

19 What does the word scarce mean in paragraph 2?

- A Invisible
- B Costly
- C Usable
- D Limited

20 The reader can conclude that—

- F people who take baths do not care about the environment
- G lawns and gardens should never be watered when the sky is dark
- H if people could drink salt water, there would be less need to save water
- J the biggest waste of water comes from washing hands and brushing teeth

21 In paragraph 3, the word effort means—

- A work
- B cause
- C patience
- D imagination

22 Which sentence from the selection is an opinion?

- F *While that is true, most of Earth's water is in salty oceans.*
- G *You will be surprised at how easy it is to save water.*
- H *You can catch the water in buckets and use it to water houseplants or your lawn.*
- J *Usually you use much less water in a shower than in a bath.*

23 What does the word dispose mean in paragraph 5?

- A Waste
- B Look for
- C Clean up
- D Get rid of

24 The article pointed out that people can save water in the shower by—

- F using a low-flow showerhead
- G adjusting the water temperature
- H turning the water off while lathering the soap
- J closing the drain before turning on the water



**25** In paragraph 7, the author says “A shower is more refreshing, too.” What makes this statement an opinion?

- A** The author wrote it.
- B** It is the author’s belief.
- C** Most people agree with it.
- D** It can be proven true or false.

**26** Look at the word increases in paragraph 8. Then complete this analogy: Repairs is to breaks as increases is to—

- F** wastes
- G** grows
- H** lowers
- J** appears

**27** What is paragraph 8 mainly about?

- A** The types of grasses and plants to use in a lawn
- B** The hottest part of the day
- C** Where to check for leaky faucets
- D** How to use less water in the yard

**28** In paragraph 8, the word sprinklers means things that—

- F** leak water
- G** spray water
- H** save water
- J** evaporate water

**29** In paragraph 9, what does the word community mean?

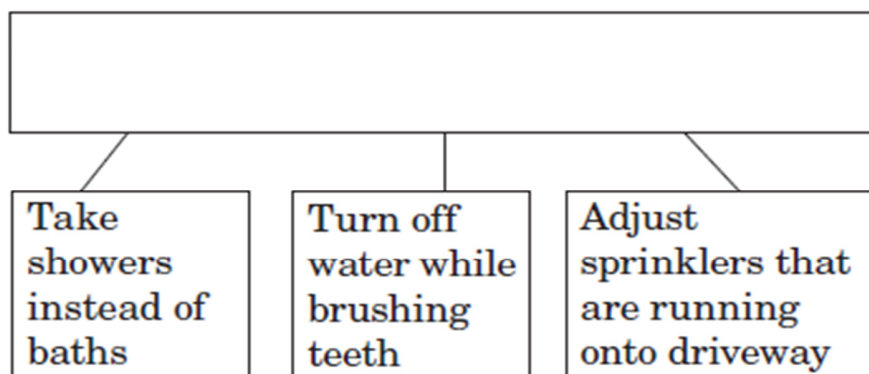
- A** The opposite of your friends
- B** A single person, not in a group
- C** A group of people living together
- D** The water source closest to your house

**30** In paragraph 9, what does the word favor mean?

- F** A list of tips
- G** A secret to tell
- H** An act of kindness
- J** A command to follow



**31** Look at the chart below and use it to answer the question below.



Which of the following belongs in the empty box?

- A Where water comes from
- B Ways to save water at home
- C Why water costs a lot of money
- D How people waste water in the bathroom

**32** What generalization can the reader make from this selection?

- F** Leaky faucets can waste a lot of water.
- G** There is much people can do to save water at home.
- H** Most people do not care about saving water.
- J** People usually leave the water on while brushing teeth.

**33** Which word has the same sound as the underlined part of the word money?

- A** Phone
- B** Dune
- C** Stoop
- D** Crumb

**34** Which of these shows the correct way to divide the word shower into syllables?

- F** sh • ower
- G** show • er
- H** showe • r
- J** sho • wer

**35** Which letter is silent in the word wrench?

- A** w
- B** r
- C** e
- D** n

- 7 Which pronoun **BEST** completes the sentence below?

My brother and \_\_\_\_\_ will learn how to row a boat.

- A I
- B me
- C his
- D they

- 8 Which pronoun **BEST** completes the sentence below?

Owen bought \_\_\_\_\_ a ticket to the game.

- F he
- G him
- H himself
- J himself

- 9 What is the **ANTECEDENT** in the sentence below?

The president asked the members of his cabinet to advise him on the problem.

- A president
- B members
- C his
- D problem

- 10 What is the **ANTECEDENT** in the sentence below?

When Carter asked the librarian for help, she responded.

- F Carter
- G librarian
- H her
- J help

## Making Comparisons

Use what you know about making comparisons to answer questions 1- 2 Fill in the correct answers on the Answer Document.

- 1 Which word or words best complete the sentence below?

Sam can run \_\_\_\_\_ than his sister can.

- A faster
- B fastest
- C more faster
- D most fastest

- 2 Which word or words best complete the sentence below?

Toby felt \_\_\_\_\_ when he had to speak in front of a crowd of people.

- F nervouser
- G nervousest
- H most nervous
- J more nervouser



**Use what you know about decoding three-syllable words to answer questions 1–10. Fill in the correct answers on the Answer Document.**

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| <p>1 What are the base word and the suffixes for the word <u>spiciest</u>?</p> <p>A <i>spic, -i, and -est</i><br/>B <i>spi, -ci, and -est</i><br/>C <i>spice, -y, and -est</i><br/>D <i>spic, -y, and -st</i></p> <p>2 What are the base word and the suffix for the word <u>trainable</u>?</p> <p>F <i>train and -able</i><br/>G <i>traine and -able</i><br/>H <i>traina and -ble</i><br/>J <i>trainab and -le</i></p> <p>3 What are the base word and the suffix for the word <u>angrier</u>?</p> <p>A <i>anгр and -ier</i><br/>B <i>anger and -er</i><br/>C <i>angri and -er</i><br/>D <i>angry and -er</i></p> <p>7 What are the base word and the suffixes for the word <u>hazier</u>?</p> <p>A <i>haz, -i, and -er</i><br/>B <i>haz, -y, and -er</i><br/>C <i>haze, -y, and -er</i><br/>D <i>ha, -zy, and -er</i></p> <p>8 What are the base word and the suffixes for the word <u>tastiest</u>?</p> <p>F <i>taste, -y, and -est</i><br/>G <i>tast, -i, and -est</i><br/>H <i>tasti, -e, and -st</i><br/>J <i>tasty, -i, and -est</i></p> | <p>4 What are the base word and the suffixes for the word <u>luckier</u>?</p> <p>F <i>lucki, -e, and -r</i><br/>G <i>luck, -ie, and -r</i><br/>H <i>luck, -y, and -er</i><br/>J <i>luc, -ky, and -er</i></p> <p>5 What are the base word and the suffix for the word <u>flexible</u>?</p> <p>A <i>flexib and -le</i><br/>B <i>flexi and -ble</i><br/>C <i>flexy and -ible</i><br/>D <i>flex and -ible</i></p> <p>6 What are the base word and the suffix for the word <u>erasable</u>?</p> <p>F <i>erasy and -able</i><br/>G <i>erase and -able</i><br/>H <i>eras and -able</i><br/>J <i>erasa and -ble</i></p> <p>9 What are the base word and the suffix for the word <u>sensible</u>?</p> <p>A <i>sens and -ile</i><br/>B <i>sense and -ible</i><br/>C <i>sensy and -ible</i><br/>D <i>sensi and -ble</i></p> <p>10 What are the base word and the suffix for the word <u>earlier</u>?</p> <p>F <i>earl and -ier</i><br/>G <i>early and -er</i><br/>H <i>earle and -ier</i><br/>J <i>early and -ier</i></p> |
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Use what you know about irregular verbs to answer questions 1–10. Fill in the correct answers on the Answer Document.

- 1 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

We waited and watched until the baby birds fled away from the nest.

- A Change *waited* to wait
- B Change *watched* to watch
- C Change *fled* to flew
- D Make no change

- 2 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

The zookeeper feeded the tigers before he filled the lions' pool and gave the monkeys a new toy.

- F Change *feeded* to fed
- G Change *filled* to fill
- H Change *gave* to given
- J Make no change

- 3 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

David dreamed that he growed to be as tall as the Statue of Liberty and then shrank to the size of an ant.

- A Change *dreamed* to dream
- B Change *growed* to grew
- C Change *shrank* to shrink
- D Make no change

- 4 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

The crowd's cheers rised as the racers neared the finish line.

- F Insert *had* before rised
- G Change *rised* to rose
- H Change *neared* to near
- J Make no change

- 5 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

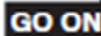
Samantha was disappointed to hear that her favorite gymnast had hurt her knee and would not compete in the Olympic Games.

- A Change *hear* to heard
- B Change *hurt* to hurted
- C Change *compete* to competed
- D Make no change

- 6 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

The pond freezed last winter, and the children enjoyed skating on it.

- F Change *freezed* to froze
- G Change *enjoy* to enjoyed
- H Insert *had* before skating
- J Make no change

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- 7 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

We left the house early this morning, so I did not have time to make my bed.

- A Change *left* to *leaved*
- B Change *have* to *had*
- C Change *make* to *made*
- D Make no change

- 8 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

The wet dog climbed out of the pond and shook his fur.

- F Change *climbed* to *climb*
- G Change *shook* to *shake*
- H Insert *had* before *shook*
- J Make no change

- 9 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

We drove to Dallas, ate lunch with my grandmother, and then visited with my cousin.

- A Change *drove* to *drove*
- B Change *ate* to *eat*
- C Change *visited* to *visit*
- D Make no change

- 10 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

The artist won first place for the picture he had drew.

- F Change *won* to *winned*
- G Change *had* to *have*
- H Change *drew* to *drawn*
- J Make no change

- 7 Which **NOUN** does the underlined adjective describe?

My friend saw an orange kitten in the shop window this morning.

- A friend
- B kitten
- C window
- D morning

- 8 Which **NOUN** does the underlined adjective describe?

The scientist worked in her quiet laboratory to find a solution to the problem.

- F scientist
- G laboratory
- H solution
- J problem

- 9 Which **ARTICLE** describes the most specific bus?

- A the Number 4
- B an orange bus
- C the crowded buses
- D a slow bus

- 10 Which **ARTICLE** describes the most specific place?

- F a national park
- G the Grand Canyon
- H an interesting location
- J a canyon



- 1 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

Graces mother is German, and her father is Italian, but they both speak English.

- A Change *Graces* to *Grace's*
- B Change *German* to *german*
- C Change *English* to *english*
- D Make no change

- 2 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

The captain's announcement informed the passengers that the plane would be landing in Durango, Colorado, in ten minutes.

- F Change *captain's* to *captains'*
- G Change *Durango* to *durango*
- H Change the period to a question mark
- J Make no change

- 3 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

I've studied American history, but I hav'ent read the Declaration of Independence.

- A Change *American* to *american*
- B Change *hav'ent* to *haven't*
- C Change *Declaration of Independence* to *declaration of independence*
- D Make no change

- 4 What change, if any, should be made in the sentence below?

Mr. Hill's students read a book about amphibians called *Unusual life Cycles*.

- F Change *Hill's* to *Hills*
- G Change *amphibians* to *Amphibians*
- H Change *life* to *Life*
- J Make no change

What is the correct way to divide the word period into syllables?

- A per • io • d
- B p • er • iod
- C per • io • d
- D pe • ri • od

What is the correct way to divide the word diagram into syllables?

- F di • agr • am
- G dia • gram
- H di • a • gram
- J diag • ram

## Writing: Written Composition

Write a composition to persuade the reader that your town is a great place to live.

Use a separate sheet of paper to plan your composition. Then write your composition on the lined pages that follow.

The information in the box below will help you remember what you should think about when you write your persuasive essay.

### REMEMBER—YOU SHOULD

- ☐ write to persuade the reader that your town is a great place to live
- ☐ state your opinion clearly
- ☐ support your opinion with clearly-stated reasons, facts, and examples
- ☐ include an introduction, body, and conclusion
- ☐ try to use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences





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