

Grade 4: Clenched



On page 3, Daisy says that she answered the man at the registration desk "through **clenched** teeth." This means that Daisy

- a) had trouble speaking correctly
- b) was nervous about joining the team
- c) had hurt her teeth while wrestling
- d) closed her teeth tightly when she spoke

	A	B	C	D*	Omitted
National Public	5%	31%	5%	58%	1%
Iowa	3%	31%	4%	61%	0%

Grade 4: Underestimate



On page 3, Daisy says that boys with muscles always **underestimate** her. This means that the boys

- a) think Daisy is not very smart
- b) think they can beat Daisy
- c) feel sorry for Daisy
- d) make fun of Daisy

	A	B*	C	D	Omitted
National Public	3%	77%	3%	15%	1%
Iowa	2%	78%	2%	17%	1%

Grade 4: Outraged



On page 3, the article says that many people were **outraged** by the DAR policy toward Marian Anderson. This means that people

- a) were hurt and sad
- b) protested in public
- c) were shocked and angry
- d) spoke loudly about their feelings

	A	B	C*	D	Omitted
National Public	11%	15%	62%	12%	1%
Iowa	12%	15%	62%	11%	0%

Grade 4: Prestigious



On page 4, the article says that Marian Anderson performed in many **prestigious** locations. This means that she sang in places that were

- a) far away from each other
- b) famous and important
- c) open to people of all races
- d) large and crowded

	A	B*	C	D	Omitted
National Public	20%	29%	34%	17%	1%
Iowa	19%	26%	40%	16%	0%

Grade 4: Barren



On page 4, the article says that emperor penguins live in a **barren** world. This suggests that the penguins live in a place where

- a) almost nothing grows
- b) few other penguins go
- c) there is a lot of danger
- d) it is dark most of the year

	A *	B	C	D	Omitted
National Public	46%	12%	18%	24%	1%
Iowa	48%	10%	17%	24%	0%

Grade 4: Staggering



On page 5, the article says that one scientist found it "**staggering** to see 10,000 penguins in a single quiet huddle." This means the scientist

- a) thought the penguins walked in a funny way
- b) doubted that penguins could survive in groups
- c) was amazed so many penguins could gather in this way
- d) was confused because the penguins were so quiet

	A	B	C*	D	Omitted
National Public	3%	13%	73%	8%	3%
Iowa	2%	12%	76%	8%	2%

Grade 8: Icons



On page 3, the article says that Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony would become **icons** of the women's movement. This means that the two women would

- a) become religious leaders
- b) be pictured on the "Womanifesto" document
- c) become important symbols of the movement
- d) be ready to sacrifice everything for the movement

	A	B	C*	D	Omitted
National Public	6%	6%	81%	6%	0%
Iowa	5%	6%	80%	7%	1%

Grade 8: Pressed



On page 3, the article says that women in the suffrage movement "**pressed** their case state by state." This means that the women

- a) spoke with newspaper reporters in many states
- b) strongly urged the states to pass women's suffrage
- c) traveled in large groups together from state to state
- d) introduced the idea of women's suffrage to the states

	A	B*	C	D	Omitted
National Public	7%	59%	13%	20%	0%
Iowa	6%	58%	16%	18%	1%

Grade 8: Urbane



On page 2, when the author of the biographical sketch says that E. B. White's essays "appealed to an **urbane** crowd," he is describing the audience for White's writing as

- a) having sophisticated tastes
- b) leading busy lives
- c) being politically conservative
- d) having a good sense of humor

	A*	B	C	D	Omitted
National Public	36%	25%	13%	25%	0%
Iowa	31%	28%	13%	26%	0%

Grade 8: Anecdotes



On page 3, the author of the biographical sketch notes that E. B. White's cross-country trip gave him "a lifetime of **anecdotes**." The author is pointing out that on the trip White

- a) caught a life-threatening illness
- b) had many experiences to talk about
- c) made several very good friends
- d) learned to get by on little money

	A	B*	C	D	Omitted
National Public	7%	79%	4%	9%	1%
Iowa	7%	80%	3%	10%	0%

Grade 8: Motivate



On page 3, the article says that Robert Sterling uses donated computers to **motivate** his students. This means he uses these computers to

- a) communicate more easily with his students
- b) keep track of his students' progress
- c) encourage his students to be more involved
- d) teach his students new concepts and strategies

	A	B	C*	D	Omitted
National Public	2%	2%	87%	8%	0%
Iowa	2%	2%	85%	10%	0%

Grade 8: Responsible



On page 3, the article says that some computer makers are designing more "environmentally **responsible** products." This means that the products are

- able to adapt to the environment
- required to help the environment
- made from natural materials
- less likely to harm the environment

	A	B	C	D*	Omitted
National Public	6%	13%	8%	73%	0%
Iowa	5%	14%	10%	69%	1%

Grade 12: Reimburse



Section 8 of the rental agreement states that under certain circumstances, the tenant will **reimburse** the landlord. This means that the tenant must

- a) notify the landlord about a forwarding address
- b) pay the landlord back for excessive damages to the property
- c) pay an additional security deposit
- d) return all keys when vacating the property

	A	B*	C	D	Omitted
National Public	4%	84%	7%	5%	0%
Iowa	2%	88%	5%	5%	0%

Grade 12: Prospective



In Section 12, the rental agreement states that the landlord can enter and show the house to "**prospective** residents." The agreement is referring to people who

- a) are interested in living in the house
- b) wish to make future improvements
- c) lived in the house before
- d) help the landlord do inspections

	A*	B	C	D	Omitted
National Public	84%	7%	3%	5%	0%
Iowa	87%	3%	4%	5%	1%

Grade 12: Self-possessed



On page 3, the narrator describes the niece as a "**self-possessed** young lady." This means the niece is

- a) confident and in control
- b) very imaginative
- c) well dressed and polite
- d) very talkative

	A *	B	C	D	Omitted
National Public	68%	17%	9%	5%	0%
Iowa	68%	19%	10%	3%	0%

Grade 12: Delusion



On page 5, the narrator says Framton has the **delusion** that total strangers are interested in his nervous condition. This means Framton

- a) has a common illness related to his nerves
- b) is worried about what people think of him
- c) dreams that he is constantly being watched
- d) has a mistaken idea about how others view him

	A	B	C	D*	Omitted
National Public	14%	28%	11%	46%	1%
Iowa	11%	27%	11%	50%	1%