

Quiz 1: Story Detective

1. When Clark fell on the track, he endured—
 - (A) bruises, broken bones, and chipped teeth.
 - (B) cuts, bruises, and broken bones.
 - (C) cuts, bruises, and chipped teeth.
 - (D) chipped teeth, cuts, and skin burns.
2. According to the details of the story, what did winners of the races receive?
 - (A) Trophies.
 - (B) Cash prizes.
 - (C) The warm glow of victory.
 - (D) Paid vacations.
3. Clark and Jenny have competed against each other in the past—
 - (A) at an invention fair.
 - (B) for the title of class clown.
 - (C) to see who could score the lowest on tests and exams.
 - (D) at none of the above.
4. What was the name of the event in which Jenny and Clark participated?
 - (A) The Run Fast and You're the Winner race.
 - (B) The You Win If You Run Fast race.
 - (C) The Fastest Runner Wins race.
 - (D) The Run Fast and You Win race.
5. What did people block from Jenny's view near the end of the story?
 - (A) The sky.
 - (B) The finish line.
 - (C) Clark Peters.
 - (D) The medal she won.

Quiz 2: Time Master

1. Which event happened last in the story?

- A Sweat dripped on Jenny's hand.
- B Jenny fell on her backside.
- C Jenny grabbed Clark's head.
- D The emergency crew jumped out of the ambulance.

2. What happened before Jenny touched the ribbon at the finish line?

- A She hit her head on the ground.
- B She was knocked unconscious.
- C She was booed at by the crowd.
- D She was disqualified from the race.

3. Of these actions, which one occurred before all of the others?

- A A loud noise started the race.
- B Clark asked Jenny if she thought she would win the race.
- C Jenny saw motion out of the corner of her eye.
- D Jenny felt the painful blotch on her neck.

4. Which event happened after the start of the race?

- A A girl put her hands on her hips.
- B An announcer spoke.
- C A string stretched.
- D Words echoed.

5. Of these four events from the story, which of them happened second?

- A Paramedics ran.
- B Clark's teeth were chipped.
- C Jenny woke up.
- D Jenny asked, "What happened?"

Quiz 3: Fact Finder

- 1. One of these statements is fact, not merely an opinion. Which one?**
 - Clark and Jenny raced the one-hundred meter dash.
 - Jenny should be ashamed for what she did during the race.
 - It was wrong for Jenny to be disqualified.
 - Clark needs to get some payback for what Jenny did to him.
- 2. Jenny always came in second place to Clark. True or false?**
 - True.
 - False.
 - Neither. This is just someone's viewpoint.
 - False, because she sometimes got third or fourth place finishes too.
- 3. Only one of these ideas about the story is true. Identify the factual statement.**
 - Jenny didn't like Clark because she had a crush on him.
 - Clark is class president at school.
 - Clark cried after falling in the race.
 - Jenny apologized to Clark and agreed to pay his medical bills.
- 4. Which thought is only an opinion?**
 - Jenny should never be allowed to race again.
 - Jenny was sweating before the race began.
 - The audience gasped when Jenny pushed Clark down.
 - A firearm was used to mark the start of the race.
- 5. Fact or Opinion? Jenny deserved her injuries for what she did to Clark.**
 - Fact.
 - Opinion.
 - Both.
 - Neither.

Quiz 4: Causation Commander

1. What caused the character of Clark to sustain bruises in the story?
 - (A) The crowd throwing solid objects at him.
 - (B) His hard fall to the ground.
 - (C) Jenny punching him.
 - (D) Him tripping over untied shoelaces.
2. What was the cause of the crowd booing at Jenny during the race?
 - (A) Witnessing Jenny cheat while competing.
 - (B) Seeing that Clark didn't win.
 - (C) Jenny making angry gestures at them.
 - (D) An announcement that the snack stand was closing.
3. What was the actual cause of the race beginning?
 - (A) The announcer calling all racers to the starting line.
 - (B) Jenny saying, "Read, set, go!"
 - (C) The firing of a starter pistol.
 - (D) A red light turning green.
4. The effect of the ribbon at the finish line being strung too securely was that—
 - (A) Jenny was disqualified.
 - (B) the organizers of the race were sued for millions of dollars by the runners.
 - (C) no person won the race because the string could not be broken.
 - (D) Jenny was strangled by the string as it stretched.
5. What was the immediate effect of Jenny pushing down on Clark's head?
 - (A) he bounced upward as though he had springs on the bottoms of his shoes.
 - (B) he was badly injured.
 - (C) he was propelled forward and ran at a faster speed.
 - (D) he fell down, but was basically unharmed.

Quiz 5: Word Wizard

1. The word **disqualified** is used at the end of the tale. What does the term mean?
 - (A) authorized.
 - (B) eligible.
 - (C) banned.
 - (D) suitable.
2. The term **surged**, in the 6th paragraph, could be replaced by the word—
 - (A) rushed.
 - (B) dripped.
 - (C) oozed.
 - (D) fell.
3. What is an **antonym** for the word **local**, as it has been used in paragraph 1?
 - (A) Native.
 - (B) Community.
 - (C) Foreign.
 - (D) Home.
4. In paragraph 4, there is a 2-syllable word that means **bewildered**. Which word?
 - (A) Rivalled.
 - (B) Against.
 - (C) Upset.
 - (D) Puzzled.
5. What's the best definition for the word **muggy**, as used in the first paragraph?
 - (A) Breezy.
 - (B) Humid.
 - (C) Dry.
 - (D) Chilly.

Quiz 6: Inference Pro

- 1. What about the race is likely true, even though it isn't described in the story?**
 - A Racers were allowed to use jetpacks to give them an advantage.
 - B Every person who raced received a medal for participating.
 - C Cheaters are always disqualified, without exception.
 - D Younger runners were given a head start.
- 2. The most probable reason why the finish line ribbon didn't break is that—**
 - A Jenny cursed herself when she hurt Clark.
 - B it was made of a special kind of metal fabric.
 - C it was tied too tightly at both ends.
 - D Jenny was too weak to make it snap.
- 3. Which of these conclusions can you logically assume about Clark?**
 - A He secretly hates Jenny.
 - B His shoes came untied during the event.
 - C He paid Jenny's entrance fee for the race.
 - D He might have won the race if Jenny hadn't assaulted him.
- 4. If the tale continued for another page, what would most likely happen?**
 - A Clark would transform into a hideous monster and stomp on Jenny.
 - B Jenny would be asked to apologize to Clark.
 - C Jenny would steal all of the medals being awarded to racers and flee.
 - D Clark would take off his shoes and throw them at Jenny.
- 5. Even though it's not directly stated in the story, the reader can infer that—**
 - A Jenny has probably cheated at other contests before.
 - B the crowd would have booed Jenny whether she cheated or not.
 - C Clark will likely die from the injuries he suffered.
 - D Jenny will one day race in The Olympic Games.

Quiz 7: Summary Sleuth

1. Which phrase could make sense as a replacement for the story's title?
 - A Clark Loses His Eye.
 - B A Dinner of Shoelaces.
 - C Disqualified!
 - D The Risky Race of Robinson Street.
2. What is the second paragraph of the story mainly about?
 - A The injuries Clark suffered as a result of Jenny's cheating.
 - B Background information.
 - C What Jenny is thinking and experiencing as she gets ready to race.
 - D The race being announced.
3. A theme for this story could be—
 - A cheaters never prosper.
 - B running in foot races is extremely dangerous.
 - C what goes around, comes around.
 - D both A and C.
4. The best summary for *The Mistake of Cheating* would be which statement?
 - A A girl races against her main rival and hits him in the head during the event.
 - B A girl loses a race when she falls down.
 - C A girl cheats during a race by assaulting a fellow runner and is disqualified.
 - D A girl wins a race by cheating and hurting a classmate.
5. If you were writing a summary about this tale, what detail should be included?
 - A That Jenny sweated prior to the race starting.
 - B That Clark asked Jenny if she thought she would win the race.
 - C That the ribbon marking the finish line was pink in color.
 - D That Jenny pushed Clark down during the event.

Quiz 8: Analogy Ace

1. Jenny is to the man who disqualified her, as—

- a misbehaving student is to the teacher who punishes him.
- an owner is to a pet that scratches up the furniture.
- a painter is to the artwork he creates.
- a dancer is to the music to which she dances.

2. The crowd is to the racers, as—

- a volcano is to its eruption.
- fans are to the musicians on stage at a rock concert.
- a doctor is to the medicine he prescribes.
- dolphins in a waterpark show are to their trainers.

3. Crossing the finish line is to racing, as—

- eating a hamburger is to a person's growing waistline.
- winning a game of roulette is to choosing the right number on which to bet.
- giving a dog a treat is to the animal biting the hand that feeds him.
- acing a quiz is to getting a good grade.

4. Jenny Markowitz is to Clark Peters, as—

- a victim is to a school bully.
- a mailman is to the mail he delivers.
- a boxer hitting below the belt is to his opponent.
- an inventor is to someone who steals his newest invention.

5. Clark is to his chipped teeth, as—

- a quarterback is to a concussion.
- a skydiver is to a parachute that failed to open.
- a lizard is to the insect it ate.
- a speedboat is to the skier it pulled.

Quiz 9: Story Brain

- 1. An element of the story's identified setting is a—**
 - (A) concession stand.
 - (B) victory podium.
 - (C) muggy atmosphere.
 - (D) cheerleading squad.
- 2. In what point-of-view did the author write this story?**
 - (A) First person.
 - (B) Second person.
 - (C) Third person.
 - (D) Objective.
- 3. Which detail is part of the story's exposition (background information)?**
 - (A) The fact that racers receive medals for first, second, and third place finishes.
 - (B) That the proceeds of the event will go to charity.
 - (C) The concept that people pay money to enter one of the races.
 - (D) All of the above.
- 4. The climax of the story's plot occurs when—**
 - (A) Jenny pushes down on Clark's head.
 - (B) Jenny falls to the ground when strangled by the finish line ribbon.
 - (C) Jenny tells Clark that she knows she will win.
 - (D) Jenny is booed by the crowd.
- 5. What are the roles of the main characters of this story?**
 - (A) Jenny is the protagonist, Clark is the antagonist.
 - (B) Jenny is the antagonist, Clark is the protagonist.
 - (C) Jenny and Clark are both protagonists.
 - (D) Jenny and Clark are both antagonists.

Quiz 10: Comparison Hero

1. What characteristic do Clark and Jenny have in common?
 - A Is disqualified from the race.
 - B Is booed by the audience.
 - C Becomes injured.
 - D Touches the finish line ribbon.
2. The phrase *overly confident* would best describe—
 - A Clark.
 - B Jenny.
 - C the crowd.
 - D the emergency crew.
3. What term could be used to describe the character of Clark from this story?
 - A Crazy.
 - B Sneaky.
 - C Mean-spirited.
 - D Unfortunate.
4. A difference between the racers of this event, and real Olympians, is that—
 - A Olympians want to lose.
 - B Olympians win medals.
 - C Olympians are not disqualified when they cheat.
 - D Olympians compete with opponents from other countries.
5. Which one of these traits would describe Jenny, but not Clark?
 - A Wears shoes.
 - B Wants to win the race.
 - C Will cheat to win.
 - D Paid money to enter a race.