***Unit 1***

***Week 5***

***Quiz***

**A Friendly Contest**

A poetry contest sounded interesting, so Jason read the rest of the article in the local newspaper. The contest was for ages 8–15, and the deadline was two weeks away.

Jason thought he had a talent for writing poetry and his parents said he was a wonderful poet. But, his parents showed favoritism toward everything he did. This contest might be a good way to see if anyone else liked his poems. He could enter a poem under a fake name.



Jason thought he had a good start on a winning poem:

Are you a friend in word?

Or are you a friend in deed?

Sometimes the line is blurred.

Sometimes our acts mislead.

Jason told his parents about the contest, but decided not to mention it to anyone else. He still couldn’t decide whether to put his real name on his poem. What if no one liked it? What an embarrassment that would be!

Finally, Jason finished his poem.

In sadness or laughter,

A friend knows what to say,

In hard times or after,

Friends help you find your way.

Before Jason emailed his poem to the newspaper, he changed the name to his own and then crossed his fingers.

At last, it was Thursday, delivery day for the weekly newspaper. After school, Jason did not even wait to walk home with Kyle. He ran all the way to his house. His mom was waiting for him, smiling and holding the newspaper with his poem printed on the front page! He had won the contest!

She said “We are so proud of you!”

The phone rang, so Jason grabbed it. “I thought I was your best friend!” Kyle grumbled. “Why didn’t you tell me you entered that contest? I want to read your poems!”

Suddenly Jason was regretful, telling himself that he should have trusted Kyle to read his poems.

Jason told Kyle, “I’ll bring my poems over right now because I do want to know what you think, and maybe you could even give me some ideas for more poems!”

At school, everyone congratulated Jason on winning. When a girl named Ashley told him she had memorized the last part, he blushed. That was the first time she had ever talked to him!

He was even happier when kids at school asked if they could read more of his poems. That was true success!

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

 What is the theme of the passage?

****A. Learn from your mistakes.

****B. True friends are hard to find.

****C. Not everyone can be trusted.

**** D. If you don’t try, you won’t succeed.

**Part B**

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports the theme?

****A. “The contest was for ages 8–15, and the deadline was two weeks away.”

**** B. “This contest might be a good way to see if anyone else liked his poems.”

****C. “At last, it was Thursday, delivery day for the weekly newspaper.”

****D. “After school, Jason did not even wait to walk home with Kyle.”

Based on the passage, what does Jason consider to be true success? Pick **two** choices.

****A. winning a poetry contest

****B. having a poem published

****C. sharing your poems with others

****D. having your friends congratulate you

****E. having your friends enjoy your poems

****F. making new friends because of your poems

Read the sentences from the passage.

What if no one liked it? What an embarrassment that would be!

What does the word embarrassment show about Jason?

****A. He does not want to upset his parents.

****B. He does not care if people like his poem.

****C. He thinks that his poem might upset someone.

**** D. He feels worried that no one will like his poem.

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

Read the sentence from the passage.

Suddenly Jason was regretful, telling himself that he should have trusted Kyle to read his poems.

What does regretful mean?

****A. angry

****B. confused

**** C. sorry

****D. unsure

**Part B**

Which word has a negative association like regretful?

****A. proud

****B. puzzled

****C. shocked

**** D. upset

Which **two** sentences from the passage help to show the theme?

****A. “A poetry contest sounded interesting, so Jason read the rest of the article in the local newspaper.”

****B. “But, his parents showed favoritism toward everything he did.”

****C. “Before Jason emailed his poem to the newspaper, he changed the name to his own and then crossed his fingers.”

****D. “That was the first time she had ever talked to him!”

****E. “He was even happier when kids at school asked if they could read more of his poems.”

Select the correct word to fill in the blank.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ cat is brown and white.

****A. They're

**** B. Their

****C. There

****D. Thair

Choose the correctly spelled word to complete each sentence.

The woman wore a shaul/shawl to stay warm during the chilly evening.

Many battles were faught/fought on this field a long time ago.

When I answered the phone, the caller/cauller asked to speak to my father.

Choose the correct vocabulary word from each drop-down menu to complete the sentences.

You can           success by working hard.

The helicopter was           in the air above the buildings.

Our win against the other soccer team was a big          .

 The girl was           a toy for her cat to jump up and snatch.