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In the third paragraph, what does the word **absorbs** mean?

- passes on
- wipes out
- chews up
- takes in

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According to the third paragraph, some energy gets lost from the food chain because it is

- used up by plants and not stored.
- trapped inside poisonous plants.
- wasted when animals eat.
- destroyed by bushfires.

7

Why is the **energy pyramid** like a pyramid-shaped building?

- It has a large base and a small top.
- It has plants growing around its base.
- It collects less energy on its shady side.
- It contains preserved animals and plants.

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The amount of energy that enters the food chain depends on

- how much energy carnivores need to use.
- how many herbivores exist to eat plants.
- how many plants exist to trap sunlight.
- how much sunlight returns to the sun.

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The number of herbivores on earth is

- too large for the small number of carnivores.
- smaller than the large number of carnivores.
- too large for the small number of plants.
- smaller than the large number of plants.

Read page 3 of the magazine and then answer questions 10–18.



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Note: The paragraphs in a poem are called verses or stanzas. There are eight verses in this poem.

Bill Craddock is the one who is called a bully.

Where does the reader find this information?

- the first verse and the title
- the title, "The Bully Asleep"
- the third and the fourth verse
- the illustration of a sleeping boy

Shade one bubble.



11

In verse 2, what do the three children do *timidly*?

- gather around Bill.
- talk to the teacher.
- test if Bill is awake.
- rise from their seats.

12

Jimmy says that Bill is sleepy because he

- is feeling unwell.
- hasn't got a bedtime.
- runs around bullying.
- doesn't want to write.

13

In verses 5, 6 and 8, how many things do Jimmy or Roger actually do to Bill?

- some
- none
- most
- one

**14**

In verses 5, 6 and 8, Jimmy and Roger whisper and mutter because they don't want

- Bill to hear them.
- Jane to steal their ideas.
- Miss Andrews to notice them.
- the other children to be disturbed.

**15**

*So they plotted* (verse 6)

The word *so* in verse 6 means

- in this way.
- for that reason.
- to such an extent.
- with the result that.

**16**

In verse 6, while Jimmy and Roger talk together, Jane

- acts obediently.
- glares at them.
- spies on them.
- feels shocked.

**17**

The endings of the **second line** and **last line** of every verse of this poem rhyme with each other.

In verse 5, which words make the rhyme?

\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

**18**

Which of these fits the overall message of this poem?

- Bill Craddock is not really a bully.
- To stop bullying, we need to understand it.
- It is possible to avoid schoolwork by sleeping.
- The saying "Let sleeping dogs lie" is good advice.

Read page 4 of the magazine and then answer questions 19–28.



**19** The website name suggests that its owner

- is afraid of sharks.
- wants to try shark fins.
- is concerned about sharks.
- wants to protect us from sharks.



**20** Our *prejudices against animals that we fear* is used in the opening paragraph to

- make people feel afraid of sharks.
- show things people are obliged to do.
- frame the writer's position for the argument.
- sound like an expert by using scientific facts.

**21** The words *malicious practices* (line 4) are used to persuade readers by

- signalling the writer's beliefs.
- making sharks sound vicious.
- showing the logic of the argument.
- indicating the danger of the practice.

**22** Which of these statements is true?

- Shark killers are in danger.
- Sharks are a protected species.
- Sharks are not commercially viable.
- Shark numbers have decreased very quickly.

**23** The sharks are described as *doomed* (line 11) because they

- can no longer swim.
- are too heavy to move.
- can no longer get help.
- are too few to be hunted.

**24**

Write the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes to put the statements in the order they would occur.

The beginning of the sequence (  ) has been done for you.

Fishermen cut off fins.

Fishermen catch a shark.

Sharks swim freely in the sea.

Sea creatures feed on injured animals.

Sharks sink to the bottom of the ocean.

**25**

The writer wants the readers to think that shark finners

- are too lazy to harvest the whole shark.
- help the community by catching sharks.
- make a lot of money from a cruel activity.
- are entitled to have a legitimate business.

**26**

With which statement would the author agree?

- Animals should be treated humanely.
- Profitable businesses should be supported.
- Oceans will be better because there are fewer sharks.
- Killing sharks humanely would make finning acceptable.


**27**

The author uses the phrase *perceived man-eaters* to suggest

- knowledge of shark behaviour is well advanced.
- beliefs about sharks are not always accurate.
- sharks have been seen to eat people.
- sharks have keen hunting senses.

**28**

The text attempts to persuade readers to a particular point of view.

Write your answer on the lines. 

Give two examples of how the language in the text has been used to persuade the reader.

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