

“The Sun”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

The sun is in the sky.

It is yellow.

It is a star.

The sun gives the earth light and heat.

It helps plants grow.



Questions:

1) What color is the sun?

- A. green
- B. white
- C. yellow

2) Where is the sun?

- A. in the sky
- B. in the earth
- C. near the plants

3) How would the earth be with no sun?

- A. light and cold
- B. hot and dark
- C. dark and cold

Is the sun good? Why?

Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

The story says, “The sun is in the sky.” Then the story says, “It is yellow.” We can understand from this that the sun is yellow. Therefore **(C)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.

2) **A**

The story says, “The sun is in the sky.” Therefore **(A)** is correct. Although the story says, “The sun gives the earth light and heat,” this does not mean that the sun is *in* the earth. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect. Although the story says that the sun “helps plants grow,” this does not tell us how close the sun is to the plants. Therefore **(C)** is incorrect.

3) **C**

The story says, “The sun gives the earth light and heat.” We can understand from this that without the sun, the earth would not have light, so the earth would be dark. Without the sun, the earth would not have heat, so the earth would be cold. Answer **(C)** is the only answer choice that includes both dark and cold. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

Although **(A)** correctly says that the earth would be cold with no sun, it also says the earth would be light. Since the sun gives the earth light, the earth would not be light with no sun. Therefore **(A)** is incorrect. Although **(B)** correctly says that the earth would be dark with no sun, it also says that the earth would be hot. Since the sun heats the earth, the earth would be cold with no sun. Therefore **(B)** is incorrect.