There was only one week left of summer vacation. Logan was ready to go back to school, but he still wanted to have some summer fun. So he asked his father if the family could spend a day at Wet World. Wet World was a water park about two hours from where Logan lived. He had never been there, but his friends had told him that it was a lot of fun. When Logan asked his father about going, his dad responded, “That sounds like a terrific idea! If you want to, we can invite Kevin.”

Kevin was Logan’s best friend, so Logan was especially glad that his dad had mentioned him. “I’ll call him and ask,” Logan said happily. *This is going to be a great time*, he thought as he picked up the telephone.

1. In which season does the text take place?
   - A winter
   - B spring
   - C summer
   - D fall

2. How does Logan feel when his dad mentions Kevin?
   - A worried
   - B angry
   - C jealous
   - D happy

3. Which word has the same root word as *especially*?
   - A species
   - B espadrille
   - C specialized
   - D spectator

4. Which is a synonym for *responded*?
   - A requested
   - B answered
   - C called
   - D wondered

5. What is the name *Wet World* an example of?
   - A alliteration
   - B a simile
   - C a metaphor
   - D personification
Logan called his best friend, Kevin, with an invitation to a water park. “It’ll be great,” Logan promised Kevin. Then he added, “My dad says we’ll leave in the morning and get to Wet World by about ten thirty. Then we’ll have the whole day there, because the park doesn’t close until eight.”

“Excellent,” Kevin said excitedly. “Just hang on a minute while I ask if I can go.” Logan agreed; then he heard a dull thud as Kevin put the telephone down. In a few minutes, Logan heard Kevin’s voice again. “They’re letting me go!” he practically shouted to Logan. Logan was so happy that Kevin’s parents had given him permission that he almost hung up. Just in time, he remembered he was still on the telephone.

“This is going to be amazing,” Logan said happily.

1. Why does Logan call Kevin?
   A. to invite him to Wet World
   B. to ask for directions to Wet World
   C. to get help with homework
   D. to ask where Kevin lives

2. Why are Kevin and Logan both happy at the end?
   A. Kevin won a big prize.
   B. They are not going to Wet World.
   C. Kevin is allowed to go to Wet World.
   D. Logan gets angry at Kevin.

3. Which definition of the word letting is used in this text?
   A. refusing
   B. asking
   C. allowing
   D. renting

4. What does the phrase hang on mean in this text?
   A. to hold something
   B. to wait
   C. to get through something
   D. to dangle

5. What is the word thud an example of?
   A. a metaphor
   B. personification
   C. a simile
   D. onomatopoeia
Logan checked his backpack carefully. He wanted to make sure he had put in everything he wanted. His dad had agreed to take the family to Wet World for the day. He had even let Logan invite his best friend, Kevin. Logan didn’t want to forget anything, so he looked through the things he had put in his backpack. There was a water bottle, a pair of sunglasses, and a camera. That should be enough. Besides, Logan wanted to leave room in the backpack for a souvenir. He wasn’t sure if he wanted a T-shirt, a hat, or swim trunks… swim trunks! That was what he had forgotten! Quickly, Logan zipped up his backpack and then swiftly changed into his swim trunks. Now he was ready to leave.

1. Which item is not in Logan’s backpack?
   A. a water bottle
   B. a T-shirt
   C. a pair of sunglasses
   D. a camera

2. What is the setting?
   A. at school
   B. at Wet World
   C. in the backyard
   D. in Logan’s room

3. What is the object of the sentence: Logan checked his backpack carefully.
   A. backpack
   B. checked
   C. Logan
   D. his

4. Which two words are synonyms?
   A. quickly and swiftly
   B. quickly and carefully
   C. checked and wanted
   D. swiftly and ready

5. Which of these is an example of onomatopoeia?
   A. quickly
   B. checked
   C. zipped
   D. Wet World
Logan’s father had taken the family to Wet World, a water park about two hours from where they lived. It had been a long drive, but the family was finally there. Logan was very excited because his dad had let him bring his best friend, Kevin, along.

Now, the two boys were trying to decide which ride they should visit first. “Let’s go on the Giant Slide,” Kevin suggested. “It looks like a lot of fun.”

“It’s kind of crowded, though,” Logan pointed out. “We should probably go somewhere else for now and come back to the Giant Slide later.”

“I guess so,” Kevin agreed.

He and Logan discussed some of the other rides and finally settled on the Wild Raft Ride.

After the Wild Raft Ride, the boys debated whether they should go back to the Giant Slide or try the Super Soak Diving Tower. They chose the diving tower. When they got to the tower, they realized that it was a very long climb to the top. Neither boy wanted to admit feeling scared. But neither boy really wanted to dive from that height. For a minute, they looked at each other. “You go first,” suggested Logan.

“No, you,” Kevin insisted.

Suddenly each boy realized that the other was just as nervous. Finally, Logan said, “I’ll go if you’ll go. Follow me.”

“It’s a deal,” said Kevin.

Slowly and uneasily, Logan and Kevin made their way to the top of the tower. Kevin said, “Go ahead, you can do it!” Logan nodded and, as quickly as he could, stepped to the edge of the diving board and jumped off. Kevin dove right behind him. When the two boys scrambled out of the water, they agreed that they had never had more fun.

“Let’s do it again!” smiled Logan.
Read “A Day at Wet World” and then answer the questions.

1. Why don’t Kevin and Logan go on the Giant Slide first?
   A. Logan’s dad does not want them to go on that ride.
   B. They can’t find the Giant Slide.
   C. They are afraid to go on that ride.
   D. The line is too long.

2. What is likely true about Kevin and Logan?
   A. They are wearing fancy clothes.
   B. They are covered with mud.
   C. They are covered with snow.
   D. They are very wet.

3. Which purpose for reading is most appropriate for this text?
   A. to be entertained
   B. to learn facts about geography
   C. to be persuaded to try something new
   D. to understand how two things compare and contrast

4. Which inference can be made, based on the text?
   A. The boys are not nervous after the dive.
   B. The water is too cold for diving.
   C. The rain is ruining the day.
   D. Logan’s dad does not want him to dive.

5. Why do you think Logan wants Kevin to follow him?
   A. so Kevin can take a picture of him
   B. so he will have more time to practice
   C. so he will not feel so nervous
   D. so he can watch Kevin dive first

6. What is the weather probably like in this text?
   A. very rainy
   B. snowy and cold
   C. sunny and hot
   D. icy and windy

7. What do the boys learn from each other in this text?
   A. Diving from the Super Soak Diving Tower is too hard for them.
   B. Trying something new can be fun, even if it is a little scary.
   C. They cannot trust each other.
   D. Wet World is very dangerous.

8. Which text has a similar theme?
   A. a letter to an editor about water safety
   B. a menu
   C. a joke book
   D. a story about friendship
Write about a time when you did something you were nervous about that turned out to be really fun. What happened? Write about what happened.