Denise went shopping with her parents and her little sister. After buying what they needed, everyone was hungry, so they decided to stop for some lunch. They found a restaurant and ordered their food. They were just preparing to eat when Denise noticed a bicycle shop next door. “Can we please check out the bike shop?” she pleaded.

“Denise, honey, we can’t afford a bike right now,” her mom said. “It might be possible for your birthday, but not at the moment.”

“I know bikes are expensive,” Denise answered, “but couldn’t we at least go look?”

Her dad and mom finally agreed, so when the family had finished eating, they went over to the bike shop. “Hey, look!” Denise exclaimed, “They’re having a contest! All you have to do is fill out an entry form and you can win a bike! Maybe I can get a bike after all!”

1. What are Denise and her family doing?
   - A. sleeping
   - B. shopping and eating
   - C. biking
   - D. cooking and watching TV

2. How does Denise think she can get a bike?
   - A. She can ask her parents for a bike.
   - B. She can save up her money.
   - C. She can ask her grandparents for a bike.
   - D. She can win a contest.

3. The words *can’t afford* tell the reader that which statement is true?
   - A. The family has too many bikes.
   - B. Denise cannot ride a bike.
   - C. The family does not have the money for a bike.
   - D. Mom is too busy to buy a bike.

4. Which is a synonym for *preparing*?
   - A. getting ready
   - B. finishing
   - C. being afraid
   - D. running

5. Which phrase also means *right now*?
   - A. in a few years
   - B. never
   - C. tomorrow
   - D. at the moment
NAME: ___________________________ DATE: ________________

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Win a fabulous bike! Enter before September 9.

We’re giving away a SuperFlyer bicycle. One lucky person will win. You could be that person! All you have to do is fill out an entry form with your name, address, telephone number, and age. On September 10, we will draw three names. The grand-prize winner will get a cool new bike! The second prize winner will get a $50.00 gift card! The third prize winner will get a $10.00 gift card! Good luck to everyone!

Entry Form

Name ___________________________
Address _______________________
Phone _______________ Age _____

1. What is this text about?
   A a contest
   B a party
   C a vacation
   D a tryout

2. What will the grand-prize winner get?
   A a gift card
   B an entry form
   C a bike
   D a pair of shoes

3. Which part of speech is the word lucky?
   A a verb
   B an adjective
   C a noun
   D an adverb

4. Which is a synonym for fabulous?
   A difficult
   B ancient
   C ugly
   D wonderful

5. Which of these words means fill out?
   A empty
   B complete
   C erase
   D ask
Denise was just getting ready to meet her friend Gina when her telephone rang. Denise answered the phone briskly, “Hello?”

“Hello, may I speak with Denise Myers, please?” said the caller.

“This is Denise,” she replied.

“Denise, this is Mike Terry, manager of the bike shop. I’m calling to let you know that you’re the grand-prize winner of our contest! Congratulations—you’ve won a bike!”

Denise was so overjoyed that she almost dropped the telephone, but she held on to it. She even remembered to thank the manager before she hung up. “Wow, do I ever have some news for Gina!” she exclaimed as she raced out of the house.

1. Why is Denise overjoyed?
   A. Gina gave her a present.
   B. She got a good grade on a test.
   C. She won a bike.
   D. She went to the bike shop.

2. What is the setting?
   A. the bike shop
   B. Denise’s house
   C. school
   D. a park

3. Which word is a compound word?
   A. overjoyed
   B. telephone
   C. winner
   D. manager

4. If someone has raced out of the house, how did he or she leave?
   A. slowly
   B. in tears
   C. at night
   D. very quickly

5. Which word or phrase could use an exclamation point to show feeling?
   A. this is Mike Terry
   B. may I speak with Denise
   C. congratulations
   D. Denise answered the phone
A SPECIAL PRIZE

Denise had wanted a bike for a long time, but she knew bikes were expensive. That didn’t stop her from wanting one, though. So one day, she filled out an entry form for a contest to win a bike. To her surprise, Denise was the grand-prize winner—she won the bike! Denise’s parents and her sister, Tasha, went with Denise to the bike shop to get her bike. It was going to be beautiful, too—all silvery and shiny, with blue trim. While they were at the bike shop, Denise’s parents also got her a bicycle helmet, since she didn’t have one. Tasha sadly said, “I wish I were getting a bike! You’re so lucky.”

“You’ll get one, Tasha,” said Denise. “Maybe Mom and Dad will even get you one for your birthday.”

The store manager helped Denise’s dad put the bicycle in the back of the car. Then, the family went home. Denise’s dad promised he would put the bike together after dinner. When dinner was over, he got to work and within a half-hour, the bike was ready to ride. Her dad called upstairs for Denise, and she ran downstairs, taking the steps two at a time with Tasha right behind her.

The bicycle really was magnificent, and Denise couldn’t wait to ride it. But then she saw Tasha gazing longingly at it. She imagined how she would feel if Tasha had gotten a new bike. After a moment, she asked, “You want to try it out first, Tasha?”

“You really mean it?” Tasha asked, looking up hopefully.

“Yeah, I mean it,” Denise said, grinning at her sister.

Tasha threw her arms around Denise and then carefully strapped on the helmet. She hopped onto the bike and was soon riding up and down the street as proud as a peacock. Denise didn’t mind; there was plenty of time for her to ride her bike.
Read “A Special Prize” and then answer the questions.

1. Why does Denise go downstairs so quickly when her dad calls on her?
   A. She is angry with her dad.
   B. She is afraid of something.
   C. She is in a hurry to ride her bike.
   D. She is late for school.

2. Based on the title and the illustration, what could the reader predict the prize is?
   A. a new sweatshirt
   B. a helmet
   C. a bike
   D. money

3. Which purpose for reading is most appropriate for this text?
   A. to find out who won a special prize
   B. to learn how to win a special prize
   C. to learn about a famous person’s special prize
   D. to make my own special prize

4. How are Denise’s parents likely feeling when she lets Tasha ride first?
   A. proud
   B. angry
   C. ashamed
   D. upset

5. Why does the author use the word *longingly* to describe the way Tasha looked at the bike?
   A. to describe how big the bike is
   B. to express how much Tasha wants a bike, too
   C. to remind the reader that Tasha is tall
   D. to share how much the sisters do not like each other

6. Why didn’t Denise’s dad put the bike together at the bike shop?
   A. The bike would have broken.
   B. Tasha would have gotten a bike, too.
   C. Denise wouldn’t have needed a helmet.
   D. The bike would not have fit in the car.

7. Understanding what it is like to want something helps readers know
   A. how to put a bike together.
   B. how Tasha feels about Denise’s bike.
   C. why Denise needs a helmet.
   D. why the family goes to the bike shop.

8. Which type of text would most likely have a similar theme to this text?
   A. a manual for putting together a bike
   B. a text about how bikes were invented
   C. a poem about having a sibling
   D. an advertisement for a toy store

Name: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Score: ___ / 8 Total: ___
Have you ever won anything? If you have not won anything, what would you most like to win? Write about what you have won or would like to win.