Carlos opened the back door of his house to let his puppy, Lucky, back inside. He and his family had only had Lucky for a few weeks, but Lucky was already learning a lot of things. As Carlos glanced out at the sky, he saw dark clouds that threatened rain. It was going to be a very soggy afternoon. The thought of taking Lucky out in the pouring rain made Carlos think that it would be nice if Lucky had a doghouse. Then, the puppy could have a place to go to stay dry in the rain and cool in the heat. Carlos looked at doghouses online, but he couldn’t find one that was exactly right for Lucky. So he decided that he would build a doghouse himself.

1. How will Carlos solve the problem of not finding a doghouse to buy?
   A. He will ask a friend for help.
   B. He will go to pet stores.
   C. He will not get Lucky a doghouse.
   D. He will build a doghouse himself.

2. Which chapter title is most appropriate for this text?
   A. Wet Lucky
   B. Carlos Gets an Idea
   C. A Rainy Day
   D. A Boy and His Puppy

3. Which word is a synonym for soggy?
   A. parched
   B. damp
   C. very wet
   D. cloudy

4. What does the verb glanced tell you about how Carlos looked at the sky?
   A. He stared at the sky for a long time.
   B. He looked at the sky very quickly.
   C. He did not look outside.
   D. He wanted another puppy.

5. Which is the meaning of threatened in this text?
   A. bullied
   B. warned
   C. removed
   D. protected
Carlos wanted his puppy, Lucky, to have a doghouse, but he hadn't been able to find exactly what he wanted online. So he decided that the best idea would be to build a doghouse himself. Carlos had not done a project like that before, and he knew he would need help. So he asked his dad about building a doghouse. Carlos's dad suggested that they look at some websites for building a doghouse. He also thought it would be a good idea to go to a building-supply store and ask some questions. People there would probably have helpful advice. Carlos agreed. Together, they visited some do-it-yourself websites. They also visited a few local home-improvement stores. Soon, they knew what supplies they would need to build a doghouse.

1. Which action does Carlos take to get help with his doghouse?
   - A. He asks the vet about doghouses.
   - B. He talks to his friends.
   - C. He asks his dad about building a doghouse.
   - D. He takes a class on building doghouses.

2. How do the characters discover what supplies they will need for a doghouse?
   - A. They visit a few local home-improvement stores.
   - B. They ask a friend.
   - C. They ask Carlos's teacher.
   - D. They visit a local animal shelter.

3. What does the word local mean?
   - A. enormous
   - B. new
   - C. expensive
   - D. nearby

4. Which word is a conjunction in the sentence: Carlos hadn't done a project like that before, and he knew he would need some help.
   - A. project
   - B. and
   - C. hadn't
   - D. some

5. What does exactly mean?
   - A. precisely
   - B. nearly
   - C. the opposite of
   - D. happily
Carlos and his father went to The Fix-It Place, a local home-improvement store, to get supplies for making a doghouse. They made a list of what they would need so they wouldn’t forget anything. The first thing they would need was wood. They would need solid lumber for the frame of the doghouse, and plywood, a kind of thin wooden board, for the walls. They were also going to need nails, paint, and some other supplies. As they went through the store, they checked their list and put what they needed into their shopping cart. Finally, they had all their supplies. Carlos was really beginning to get excited about this project. He knew it would be a challenge, but he was looking forward to getting started.

1. Where does this text take place?
   A. at a park
   B. at school
   C. in Carlos’s backyard
   D. at The Fix-It Place

2. Which will Carlos not need to build the doghouse?
   A. nails
   B. paint
   C. tile
   D. lumber

3. What is a kind of thin wooden board?
   A. a list
   B. a frame
   C. plywood
   D. paint

4. Which word is a synonym for supplies?
   A. materials
   B. boards
   C. lists
   D. improvements

5. Which word signals that the action of the text is ending?
   A. started
   B. finally
   C. forget
   D. supplies
THE DOGHOUSE

Carlos and his father were about to build a doghouse for their puppy, Lucky. Carlos wanted Lucky to have a place to stay dry when it rained and stay cool when it was hot. Carlos and his dad had gone to The Fix-It Place to get their supplies, and now they were ready to begin the project. Carlos’s dad explained that the first thing they would need to do would be to measure Lucky. The doghouse would have to be big enough so Lucky could turn around and lie down, and big enough to hold food and water.

After they measured Lucky, it was time to build the frame. Carlos and his dad used strong boards for the frame so the doghouse would be sturdy. Then, they measured and cut plywood for the walls and floor. They also made sure to cut an opening that was big enough for Lucky to go in and out. Once they attached it to the frame, it was time to start working on the roof.

Carlos and his dad started with strong boards for the roof frame, and then they used other boards for the rafters. They used plywood to complete the shape of the roof. The roof would need to protect Lucky from rain and too much sun, so they also put shingles on the roof. Carlos thought the doghouse roof looked a lot like the roof of his own house—it even had the same shape. His dad explained that the pitched roof would help the rain fall off the roof instead of collecting on top of it.

Finally, the doghouse was ready to be decorated. Carlos painted it bright red, and painted Lucky’s name above the door. As a finishing touch, Carlos put a piece of carpet and a blanket in the doghouse. Lucky was going to be a comfortable puppy! Carlos couldn't believe how good the doghouse looked. He was glad he had thought of this idea.
1. How does Carlos’s dad likely feel when the doghouse is done?
   A. angry
   B. proud
   C. suspicious
   D. unsure

2. Why do Carlos and his dad have to start by measuring Lucky?
   A. Lucky has gotten very big.
   B. Lucky is afraid of the doghouse.
   C. They want the doghouse to be the right size.
   D. They want to make the doghouse very small.

3. What do you think might have happened if they had built the roof first?
   A. The roof might be made of paper.
   B. It might not rain.
   C. Carlos and his dad might not have built the rest of the doghouse.
   D. The roof might not be the right size.

4. What can you infer about Carlos based on the text?
   A. He likes dogs.
   B. He likes baseball.
   C. He does not like to make things.
   D. He does not live in a house.

5. What is the point of view of this text?
   A. first person
   B. second person
   C. third person
   D. There is no point of view.

6. According to the author’s tone, how will Lucky likely feel about the doghouse?
   A. He will not fit.
   B. He will refuse to go inside.
   C. He will like it.
   D. He will not see it.

7. What problem do Carlos and his dad solve?
   A. Lucky is too big for his doghouse.
   B. Lucky does not have a place to stay out of the rain and the heat.
   C. Lucky does not know how to go downstairs.
   D. Carlos is afraid of dogs.

8. What theme is communicated in this text?
   A. Hard work can be rewarding.
   B. Dogs do not make good pets.
   C. It is better to work alone than with help.
   D. There is not much planning involved with building projects.
If you were going to build something, what would you build? Write about the supplies you would use and how you would build the object.

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Reread “The Doghouse.” Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.