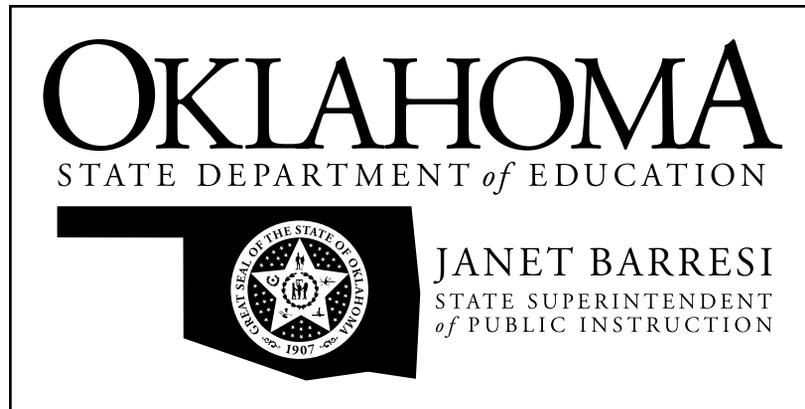


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Directions

Read the selection below and the questions that follow it. Choose the best answer for each question.

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Hello from Camp Kids and Canines

- 1 Dear Mom, Dad, and Laurie,
- 2 Hi everybody! Gonzo and I love Camp Kids and Canines! It is a great place for kids to have fun and learn with their dogs.
- 3 Spending all day with Gonzo is a lot of fun. The focus of camp is on training the dogs, but the camp counselors make sure everyone has a good time.
- 4 I can hardly believe how much Gonzo has learned to do in just three days! When we first got here, all he could do was sit. I'm sure you remember we had to show him a treat to get him to do that! Well, now, he sits as soon as he hears the, 's' sound. A camp counselor taught us about using the command voice. We do not yell, but we make our voices as deep, sharp, and serious as we can. We always say the dog's name before commands too. So if I want Gonzo to sit, I say, "GONZO, SIT." It is the same for other commands like "HEEL" and "FETCH." Believe it or not, Gonzo obeys pretty much right away now.





- 5 I also learned to always say commands the same way. I used to call Gonzo in different ways. One time I would say, "Here Gonzo, come boy." The next time, I might say, "Gonzo, come here." Sometimes Gonzo obeyed, but other times he just looked at me. The counselors said not to use a high voice for commands, either. When dogs hear a high-pitched voice, they think it's play-time.
- 6 Each day, Gonzo and I attend a different class. Yesterday we went to Retrieving Class. Gonzo learned to find something that I throw and return it to me. He can fetch from both land and water. I think Gonzo liked the Obstacle Course Class best. He is really great at finding his way through whatever blocks his path. I liked the Game Class too. Gonzo and I learned to play all kinds of games together. Playing games with dogs is important because it helps keep them in good shape.
- 7 Gonzo and I have made some new friends. My friend Tim has a beautiful collie named Shep. Gonzo and Shep love racing through hoops and tunnels. Tim and I have fun rearranging courses for them. Tomorrow, we have signed up to take the dogs on a nature hike.
- 8 I've had such a great time that I almost hate seeing the week end. I cannot wait to show you everything we have learned, though. Well, the counselors just called "lights out," so good-bye for now.

Love,
Rick



1 Before going to camp, Gonzo would only sit if he was

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- A given a command.
- B yelled at loudly.
- C shown a treat.
- D called by name.

2 In paragraph 3, the word focus means

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- A long history.
- B main purpose.
- C clear view.
- D special location.

3 The information in paragraph 6 tells the reader about

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- A the classes Rick and Gonzo attend.
- B the kinds of games Rick and Gonzo play.
- C what Rick throws for Gonzo to return.
- D what Rick and Gonzo find in their path.

4 When "re" is added to "arranging" in paragraph 7, the new word means

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- A talking out loud.
- B moving quickly.
- C setting up again.
- D playing together.



5 It is important to say a dog's name before giving a command because this tells the dog it is time

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- A to sit.
- B to play.
- C to rest.
- D to listen.

6 Which statement is an opinion in the selection?

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- A "Spending all day with Gonzo is a lot of fun."
- B "A camp counselor taught us about using the command voice."
- C "Each day, Gonzo and I attend a different class."
- D "Gonzo and I learned to play all kinds of games together."

7 The main reason Rick and Gonzo go to Camp Kids and Canines is

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- A to train Gonzo to obey.
- B to learn to play games.
- C to make new friends.
- D to take nature hikes.



Traffic Light Delight

gelatin—another word for Jell-O®

Whether you cross the street to go to a friend's house, the library, the store, or the town park, you should always obey all traffic light safety rules.

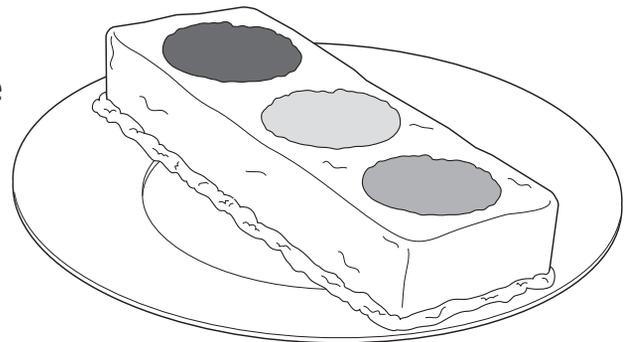
Here is a special cake that is easy to make and your friends will STOP and enjoy a piece before they GO out to play.

Ingredients:

Angel food, white, or yellow cake mix
Low-fat whipped topping
Cherry gelatin
Lemon gelatin
Lime gelatin

Directions:

1. Make cake mix, following the directions on the package. Be sure to use a rectangular cake pan.
2. Bake, let cool, and then remove from pan.
3. Use a biscuit cutter or a round glass to cut out three circles of the cake. These should be in a row, spaced like traffic lights.
4. Mix the gelatin in three separate bowls, according to the directions on the box. Let cool and thicken a little.
5. Carefully pour the red gelatin in the top hole, the yellow in the middle hole, and the green in the bottom hole.
6. Place the cake in the refrigerator for 2 hours to set.
7. Frost the cake. Be sure to keep the frosting away from the "traffic lights."





8 Before you cut three circles, you must

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- A refrigerate the cake.
- B mix the gelatin.
- C bake the cake.
- D frost the cake.

9 Why does the recipe say that the cake must be in the refrigerator for two hours to set?

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- A The gelatin needs to get cold.
- B The cake will melt otherwise.
- C The cake needs to turn colors.
- D The frosting needs to get cold.

10 Why did the author write "Traffic Light Delight"?

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- A to describe a light
- B to give directions
- C to have a party
- D to persuade



11 Why is this dessert called **Traffic Light Delight** cake?

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- A** It is made to look like a busy street.
- B** It is made to be eaten before you go out and play.
- C** It can be eaten quickly because it has gelatin in it.
- D** It is made to look like a green, yellow, and red light.

12 Why does the writer make the words **STOP** and **GO** bigger than the other words?

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- A** A real traffic light tells you when to **STOP** and **GO**.
- B** You will have to write those words on the top of the cake.
- C** You are supposed to **GO** out and play before you eat the cake.
- D** You have to **STOP** eating the cake before you go out and play.



Waiting for Spring

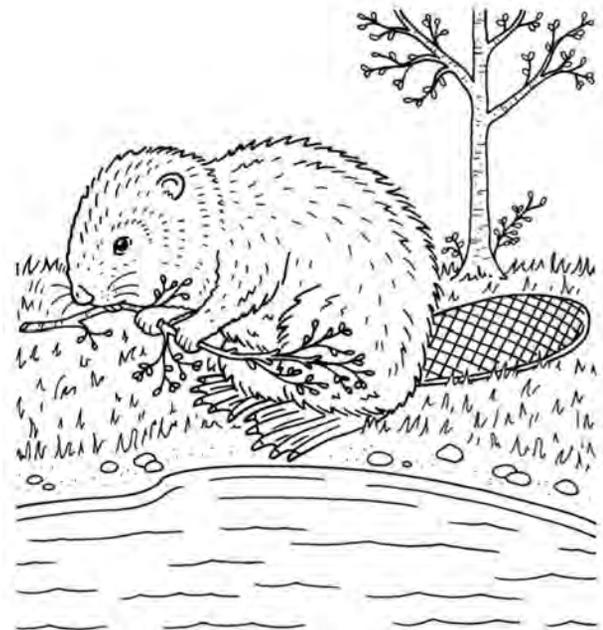
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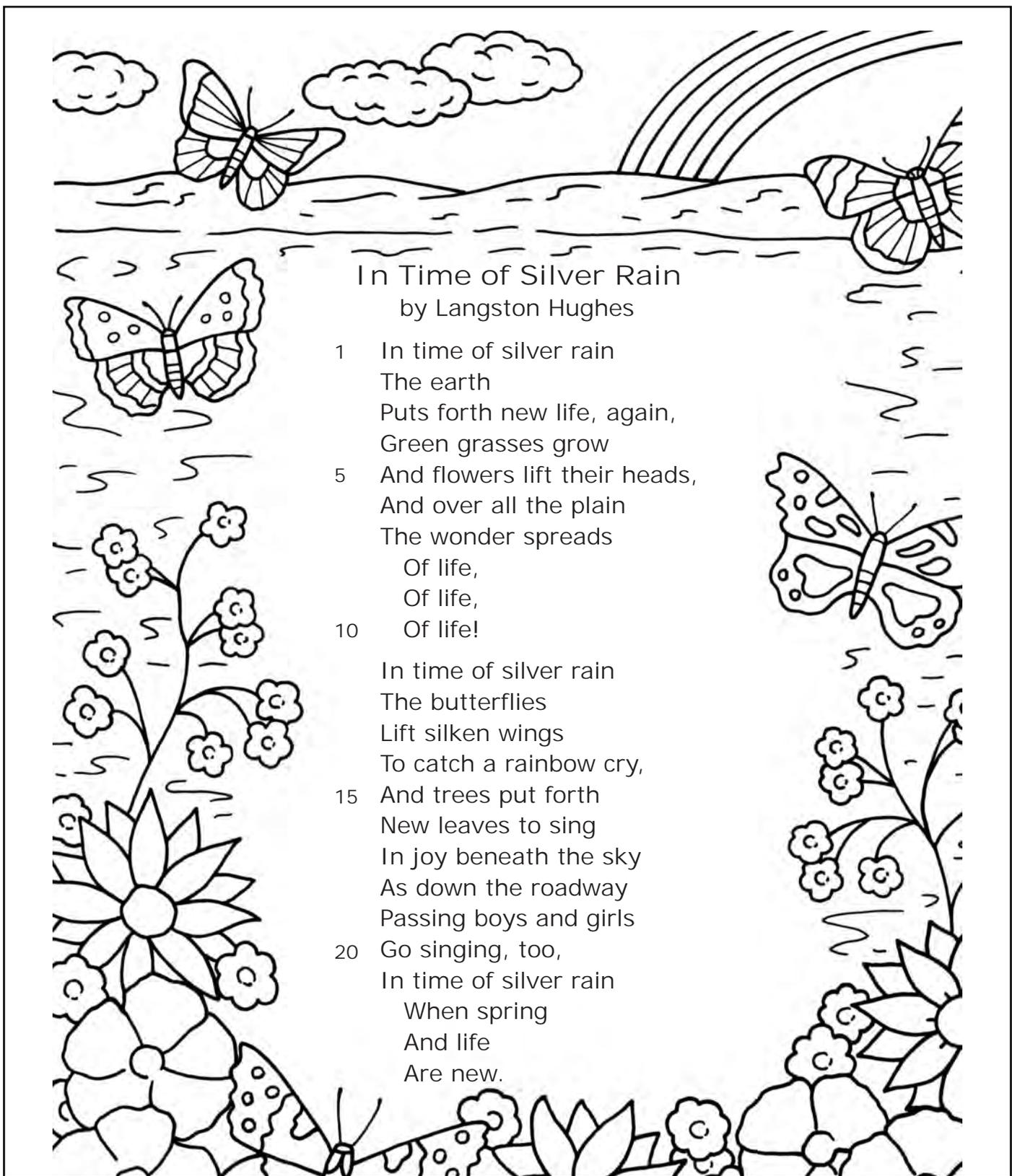
- 1 Ice and snow covered the forest. Some of the animals were still sleeping through their long winter nap. But not Little Beaver. He was wide awake and waiting for spring.
- 2 "When will it come?" he asked Mother.
- 3 "Use your eyes," Mother told him as she fed her new babies. "Come and tell me when you see it."
- 4 Little Beaver swam down the tunnel and into the pond. He slipped through the cold, dark water, looking for spring. Above him, the pond was covered with ice. "Uh-oh," he said. "I can see that spring is not here yet."
- 5 So Little Beaver paddled back to the lodge. He combed his fur, chewed a tasty piece of wood, and yawned. Then he curled up on his bed of twigs to dream of warm, sunny days.
- 6 Early one morning, Little Beaver found a hole in the ice. He raced back to the lodge to tell his mother. "Mother, the ice is melting!" Little Beaver panted. "I can see it. Is it spring now?"
- 7 "Use your ears," Mother told him as she washed her babies. "Come and tell me when you hear it."
- 8 Again Little Beaver swam down the tunnel and into the pond. He put his head through the hole in the ice and listened for spring.
- 9 *Whoosh*, the winter wind howled.
- 10 "Brrrrr!" Little Beaver shivered. "That does not sound like spring." He paddled back to the lodge. He combed his fur, chewed a tasty piece of wood, and yawned. Then he curled up on his bed of twigs to dream of warm, sunny days.





- 11 Late one afternoon, Little Beaver heard music. "Mother, the birds are singing a song! I can *hear* it. Is it spring now?"
- 12 "Use your nose," Mother told him as she played with her babies. "Come and tell me when you smell it."
- 13 Little Beaver swam down the tunnel and into the pond. Then he climbed out of the water and sat on top of the lodge. He raised his head and sniffed.
- 14 "Ooooo! Something smells fresh and green!" said Little Beaver.
- 15 *Splash!* He paddled through the water for a closer look. At the edge of the pond, tiny blades of green grass were pushing up through the mud. Near the water, bushes were heavy with new buds. Little Beaver bit off a branch with his strong, sharp teeth. "Yum!" he said, as he tasted the sticky, sweet sap. Little Beaver paddled back to the lodge, taking the branch with him.
- 16 "Mother!" he called, shaking water from his fur. "Spring is here!"
- 17 Mother smiled. "How do you know, Little Beaver? Did you see it?"
- 18 "Yes!" said Little Beaver. "The ice and snow are gone. Spring looks green!"
- 19 "And did you *hear* it?" Mother asked.
- 20 "Yes!" said Little Beaver. "The birds are singing. Spring sounds like music!"
- 21 "Did you *smell* spring, Little Beaver?" Mother asked.
- 22 "Yes!" said Little Beaver. "Spring smells fresh!"
- 23 Little Beaver came closer and whispered in Mother's ear. "I know something else about spring, too," he said, smiling.
- 24 "Hmmm," Mother said. "What could it be?"
- 25 Little Beaver handed his mother the tender, sweet branch.
- 26 "Spring *tastes* yummy!" he said, giving her a big hug.





In Time of Silver Rain
by Langston Hughes

- 1 In time of silver rain
The earth
Puts forth new life, again,
Green grasses grow
5 And flowers lift their heads,
And over all the plain
The wonder spreads
Of life,
Of life,
10 Of life!

- In time of silver rain
The butterflies
Lift silken wings
To catch a rainbow cry,
15 And trees put forth
New leaves to sing
In joy beneath the sky
As down the roadway
Passing boys and girls
20 Go singing, too,
In time of silver rain
When spring
And life
Are new.



13 An antonym for melting in paragraph 6 of “Waiting for Spring” is

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- A boiling.
- B opening.
- C freezing.
- D breaking.

14 What can you tell about Little Beaver’s mother?

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- A She helps her children learn through experience.
- B She enjoys winter more than other seasons.
- C She is not sure what season it is outside.
- D She doesn’t care about her children.

15 The phrase “to catch a rainbow cry” from the poem is an example of

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- A simile.
- B metaphor.
- C hyperbole.
- D personification.



16 What type of poetry is “In Time of Silver Rain”?

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- A rhymed
- B patterned
- C free verse
- D blank verse

17 Imagine that Little Beaver wanted to add some lines to the poem “In Time of Silver Rain.” Which would he most likely add?

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- A In time of silver rain
Sweet sap
Feeds us once again.
- B In time of silver rain
Singing songs
Is what we like to do.
- C In time of silver rain
Ice is cold and
Once more we are warm.
- D In time of silver rain
We hear
The sound of winter wind.

18 What is one way the poem and the story are most alike?

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- A They are about the sounds of spring.
- B They are about the tastes of spring.
- C They are about the smells of spring.
- D They are about the beginning of spring.

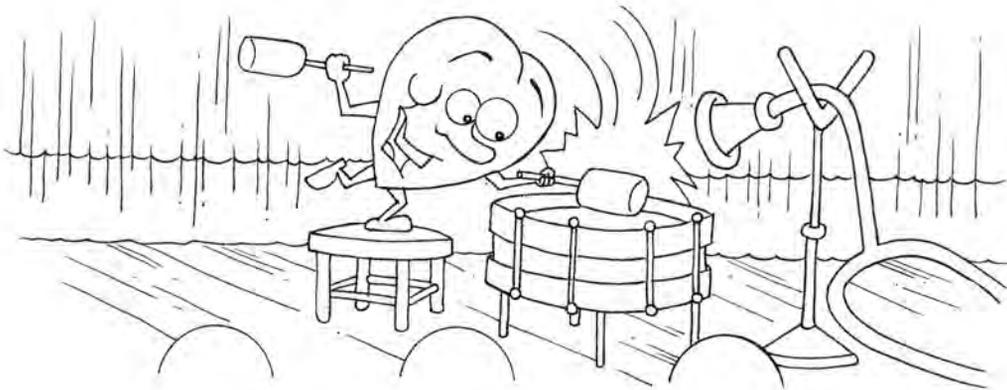


I Only Have Beats for You

by Tamara Angier

circulation—movement of blood through the body

- 1 Hey, this is your heart talking. I'm down here—inside your chest. You can't see me, but you can feel me working. Put your hand on your chest. Can you feel me beating? That *thump thump* you feel is me. I beat about seventy times a minute. That's more than 100,000 times a day! I've been with you your whole life, and I'm the only heart you have. I have a very important job to do.
- 2 Did you know that I'm a muscle about the size of your fist? You have other muscles in your body, too. The muscles in your legs help you walk. The muscles in your face help you smile. All your muscles depend on me, and you, to keep them healthy and working well.
- 3 I pump blood all through your body. Each part needs fresh, healthy blood. Take a deep breath so that your chest swells up like a balloon.



When you breathe in fresh air, I squeeze myself together and pump blood into your lungs. The blood gets refreshed from the air you breathed in. Then I pump the blood through your body.



- 4 It takes less than one minute for the blood to travel around your whole body and return to me. When it comes back, I pump the used blood to your lungs for fresh air. Then it starts traveling all over again. This process is called *circulation*.
- 5 In order for me to be healthy, I need your help. You need to exercise. I pump about five liters of blood each minute, so I need to be strong! When you run, swim, walk, skate, dance, and ride a bike, you make me work harder and pump faster.
- 6 For a good workout, choose something that you like to do. Start by stretching or warming up your muscles. This helps them get ready to work. Then exercise for about twenty minutes. Finish by cooling down and doing more stretches. This helps your muscles relax. I need a good workout about every other day to get fit and stay fit. Make sure you ask your parents and your doctor if your fun exercise is OK for you to do.
- 7 If you live to be seventy-four years old, I will beat about 2.7 billion times during your life! I can't ride a bike or put on inline skates, but you can! Let's be a team to make a healthier you.



19 What can you tell about muscles from paragraph 2?

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- A They work only during exercise.
- B They are weakened by the heart.
- C They are shaped like a hand.
- D They help the body move.

20 In paragraph 3, refreshed means

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- A pushed back through.
- B pumped once more.
- C made healthy again.
- D used a second time.

21 Which word is a homonym for whole in paragraph 4?

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- A howl
- B hole
- C part
- D full

22 You should cool down after exercising in order

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- A to let your muscles relax.
- B to lower your temperature.
- C to add to your workout time.
- D to take deep breaths of fresh air.



23 Paragraph 6 is mostly about

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- A simple muscle warm-ups.
- B twenty-minute workouts.
- C good exercise habits.
- D helpful parent advice.

24 The purpose of this article is

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- A to state an opinion.
- B to express feelings.
- C to entertain.
- D to inform.

25 Between which two guide words in a dictionary would circulation be found?

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- A church, circus
- B chosen, circle
- C citizen, claim
- D city, college



