READING COMPREHENSION



Read the text carefully and then choose the best answer to each question.

The day started badly with a family quarrel. It was bad luck that there was a quarrel because it began with good intentions. Robin and Jane woke up before the others and Jane crept out of her bedroom and ran along to Robin's room.

"Let's surprise the others and cook breakfast," she whispered. Robin liked the idea. "And don't let's just have boiled eggs. I'm sick of those. Let's have fried eggs and what's left of the ham," he said.

When they were dressed the two children sneaked down to the kitchen and found the frying pan on the kitchen table.

"What a place to leave it!" said Jane. "And not washed up. Look, there's still cooking in it."

Robin smelt the pan. "The last thing we had was the sausage. This doesn't smell like sausages, but perhaps it changes smell if you leave it a night." He got the ham out of the larder. Jane fetched the eggs. Robin looked at them thoughtfully.

"We have to break them to fry them."

"I know," Jane agreed. "I've often watched Mummy, she does it on a cup." Not successfully the eggs were broken into the frying pan and the remains of the ham, cut into four rough slices by Robin, put on top of the eggs.

"Now I'll go and put it on the stove and then we can lay the table," Robin said.

Robin's idea of lighting the stove was to turn the gas up as high as it would go and leave the frying pan sitting on it. As a result, when a few minutes later, the others came down, they saw curls of black smoke coming from the kitchen and there was a smell of burning ham.

sneak- go quietly and secretlylarder- cupboard where food is storedfetch- go and bring









- 1. The family should not have quarreled because
 - A. Jane and Robin were trying to give the others a nice surprise
 - B. the family were all fast asleep
 - C. Jane tried hard not to wake anyone
 - D. Jane tried hard not to wake anyone
- 2. Robin and Jane
 - A. were going to run a race before breakfast
 - B. were playing hide and seek
 - C. were going to cook breakfast for everyone
 - D. were fighting before breakfast
- 3. When Jane told him her plan, Robin
 - A. was not keen on the idea
 - B. wanted to cook fried ham and eggs
 - C. wanted to have boiled eggs
 - D. wanted to be sick
- 4. Robin decided to begin collecting food and
 - A. found the eggs
 - **B.** got the sausages
 - C. fetched the ham
 - D. got some cooking fat
- 5. When Robin started to cook the food, he
 - A. forgot to light the gas
 - B. did not know he had to light the gas
 - C. gassed himself
 - D. put the frying pan on a very high gas

