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## READING TEST PRACTICE



### Section 1

This is a test of your reading skills. Read each passage and choose the best answer. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

#### The View



For my entire life, my family and I have lived at the base of a mountain in Colorado. Gorgeous ice-capped mountains, abundant wildlife, and wide-open spaces have always surrounded me. I can walk for miles at a time and rarely see another person who is not related to me. My father and mother built our home here eighteen years ago, or about five years before I was born. We live about three miles from my grandparents. I am the eldest child in my family. I have two brothers and one sister, who are my playmates on cold winter days. They are my co-workers when we help Dad carry in wood for the fireplace, and they are my friends when we go swimming in the lake behind our home.

My parents met each other in college in California. They were married there and moved to Colorado to raise me. My father is a doctor and my mother is a teacher. I am really glad they decided to make this place our home.

The view from my front porch is breathtaking. The mountains are dotted with green trees. On cold nights, I bundle up with my brothers and sister and we walk down the road in front of our home. The stars shine brightly and we look for constellations while standing in the middle of the road. We can take our sleds into the backyard and have races in the snow. There are no amusement parks near our home. We went to one several years ago when we went to California with our parents. It was fun, but I'd rather be here at the base of this mountain. The view at the bottom of this mountain is all I want to see right now.

My siblings and I go to school near the college where my mother teaches. She takes us to school each morning and we ride the bus home in the afternoon. There is always something interesting to see while riding the bus home. We see so many different kinds of animals crossing the road. Seeing wild animals is very common here, but they still **fascinate** me every time I see one.

I am sure I will go away to college some day. I will probably study to be a doctor like my Uncle Edward. I'd like to come back here and work with him. I don't ever want to be too far away from this view.

