Slip, Slop, Slap

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Read the story “Slip, Slop, Slap” and “Sunny Sidebar.” Then answer Numbers 32 through 39.

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by Alice Nelson

“Hurry up, Bobby!” Cindy shouted. “We’re going to miss the prime suntanning hours.” Seeing that her little brother was not coming down the stairs, Cindy went out to help her parents load the car.

The trunk was packed with a cooler full of food and cold drinks, a blanket, beach ball, fold-up chairs, and plenty of suntan oil.

“Mom,” Cindy moaned, “Thanks to Bobby we’ll be lucky to find a good spot on the beach.”

“OK, OK,” Mom said, “I’ll go see what’s taking so long.” As she turned around, Bobby walked out of the front door. He was wearing a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat, and was carrying an umbrella under his arm. As he stumbled out the door, he dropped three tubes of sunblock.

“Whoa,” Cindy said. “Where do you think you’re going—Alaska?”

“No,” replied Bobby. “I’m going to the beach with you.”

“What’s with all the clothes and the silly umbrella?” Cindy asked. “It’s not going to rain. It’s going to be eighty-five degrees and sunny.”

“That’s exactly why I’m dressed like this,” Bobby said. “My teacher said everyone should protect themselves from the sun and try not to get sunburned.”

“But, Bobby,” Mom said, “The sun isn’t evil. Having a tan is healthy, and it is actually a source of vitamin D, which is something our bodies need anyway.”

“But too much sun can cause skin cancer,” Bobby replied. “So I’m going to Slip, Slop, Slap.”

“Like a pig?” Dad asked.

“Not really,” answered Bobby. “I’m going to slip on a T-shirt, slop on the sunscreen, and slap on a hat. If I do, I will reduce my risk of getting skin cancer when I’m an adult.”
“I think your brother has a good point,” Dad said. “Remember last year when you fell asleep on the beach. You got so red that your skin blistered and peeled.”

“Thanks, Dad,” Cindy said. “I was trying to forget about that.”

Dad made room in the car for the umbrella and closed the trunk. “I think we are all ready to go,” he said. “Where’s Cindy?”

“Here I am,” Cindy said as she ran out the front door. “I had to get some extra clothes.” Then she smiled and looked at Bobby. “Can I borrow some of your sunscreen?”

“Sure,” Bobby said. “I brought enough for everybody. I even made up a new slogan. Because I love my sister, mom, and pap, I have taught them about Slip, Slop, Slap.”

“You really are pretty smart,” said Cindy. “For a little brother.”

—The “Slip, Slop, Slap” campaign was developed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, Australia.

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**Sunny Sidebar**

- Avoid the sun between the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., when the sun’s rays are the most intense.
- Protect yourself from the sun year-round—even on cloudy days.
- Don’t forget to put sunscreen on your lips, ears, and the back of your neck.
- Waterproof sunscreens with an SPF of fifteen or higher best protect against the sun’s rays.
- Loose-fitting, tightly woven clothing and wide-brimmed hats also help block the sun’s rays.
- Wear sunglasses that offer protection from the sun.

1. **How does Bobby help his family?**
   
   a. He shares his large umbrella.
   b. He packs plenty of cold drinks.
   c. He tells them how to avoid skin cancer.
   d. He teaches them how to stay cool at the beach.

2. **The LAST step in Bobby’s plan to protect himself from the sun is to**—
   
   a. wear a hat.
   b. put on a T-shirt.
   c. wear long pants.
   d. put on sunscreen.

3. **Who is the FIRST person in Bobby’s family to agree with him?**
   
   a. his sister
   b. his father
   c. his mother
   d. his teacher

4. **Why does Cindy disappear for a little while near the end of the story?**
   
   a. She leaves to get more clothes.
   b. She leaves to put on sunscreen.
   c. She goes to look for beach towels.
   d. She goes outside to help her parents load the car.
5. Which sentence BEST tells what the story is about?

a. A family takes a trip to the beach.

b. A boy reveals that he is scared of the sun.

c. A sister discovers that her little brother is smart.

d. A family learns about the dangers of too much sun.

6. Read these sentences from the story.

“I’m going to slip on a T-shirt, slop on the sunscreen, and slap on a hat. If I do, I will reduce my risk of getting skin cancer when I’m an adult.”

What is the meaning of the word reduce?

a. make big

b. make hot

c. make less

d. make safe

7. Which of the following words has 3 syllables.

a. blistered

b. peeled

c. sun tanning

d. sunscreens
8. According to the “Sunny Sidebar,” which SPF number would give you the BEST protection against the sun’s rays?

a. 3  
b. 10  
c. less than 15  
d. more than 15

9. What is the MAIN reason the author includes the part titled “Sunny Sidebar”?

a. to explain the story for the readers  
b. to tell what clothes to wear in the sun  
c. to tell readers how to keep their skin healthy  
d. to explain the importance of using sunscreen

10. List three ways you can protect yourself from getting sun burned.

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Answer

1—D
2—B
3—B
4—C
5—C
6—D
7—B
8—C (2 syllables)
9—D
10—A