

# Skills Review

## LITERATURE

### Test Practice

## The Interlopers

Complete the sample test item below. Then, read the explanation at right.

Sample Test Question	Explanation of the Correct Answer
<p>Who is the story's <b>narrator</b>?</p> <p><b>A</b> Georg Znaeym</p> <p><b>B</b> Saki</p> <p><b>C</b> Ulrich von Gradwitz</p> <p><b>D</b> an unnamed, all-knowing storyteller</p>	<p>The correct answer is <i>D</i>.</p> <p><i>A</i> and <i>C</i> are not correct, because the story is told from the omniscient point of view, not the point of view of just one character. <i>B</i> is not correct; Saki is the author.</p>

**DIRECTIONS:** Circle the letter of each correct response.

- Which passage reveals that the narrator is **omniscient**?
  - "Both men spoke with the bitterness of possible defeat, for each knew that it might be long before his men would seek him out."
  - "The forest lands of Gradwitz were of wide extent and well stocked with game."
  - "The two raised their voices in a prolonged hunting call."
  - "'No,' said Ulrich with a laugh, the idiotic chattering laugh of a man unstrung with hideous fear."
- The **narrator** tells us the two men—
  - are hunting wolves
  - don't go hunting at night
  - want to kill each other
  - go to hunting parties together
- The two men decide to become friends because—
  - their men have ordered them to
  - they hate the neighbors
  - they have become tired of being enemies
  - they hope to save themselves by working together
- The **narrator** creates suspense by waiting until the end to—
  - reveal what is approaching the men
  - tell which man dies first
  - explain what the men were fighting about
  - warn readers against hunting at night

### SKILLS FOCUS

#### Literary Skills

Analyze use of the omniscient narrator (or point of view).

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## VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

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### Context Clues

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the passage, using context clues to identify the meaning of the boldface word. Then, circle the letter of the definition of that word.

- The hunter examined his **quarry** after it had been shot.  
 A rifle            C enemy  
 B land            D hunted animal
- No one could stop the bitter **feud** between the two neighbors.  
 F ongoing argument  
 G broken fence  
 H agreement  
 J flooded lands
- They heard the loud sound when the tree **thundered** down on them.  
 A fell from the sky  
 B was split by lightning  
 C fell with a roaring noise  
 D yelled
- He felt no pain in his right arm, which was now **numb**.  
 F bandaged    H painful  
 G without      J foolish  
 feeling

### SKILLS FOCUS

#### Vocabulary Skills

Analyze context clues to identify word meaning. Use words in context.

### Vocabulary in Context

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the paragraph below by writing the correct word from the box in each blank. Not all words from the box will be used.

#### Word Box

precipitous  
 acquiesced  
 marauders  
 exasperation  
 pious  
 retorted  
 condolences  
 languor  
 reconciliation  
 succor

The two enemies stared at each other. The gray-haired one laughed. "What are you laughing at?" the brown-haired one asked in (1) \_\_\_\_\_. "I am laughing at two helpless men caught in a trap," the other (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in anger. "Shall we become friends? No, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is not in my plans. I will never make up with you. And don't give me any (4) \_\_\_\_\_ words about what religion has taught us. We will always be enemies. Our widows can send each other (5) \_\_\_\_\_ if they wish."