Year 4 reading comprehension: Forty-Seven Messages

English · Reading comprehension
Level: Medium

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 3 questions. Read each one carefully.
- Circle the best answer. Look back at the text to find the words that tell you.
- A grown-up can read the text aloud — that's fine.
- The answers are at the end. Check them together when you have finished.

Questions

Read this, then answer questions 1–3.



Forty-Seven Messages

I turn my tablet on at four
and the class group chat has 47 messages.
Forty-seven! Who has that much to say?
Half are thumbs-up emojis.
A third are “lol”.
Somewhere in there, Mr Singh
has written, “Excursion forms due Friday,”
but it's buried under six dancing cats
and an argument about whose turn it is to bring the ball.
I don't hate my friends.
I just wish the important bits
would wave a flag.
So I scroll, and scroll, and scroll,
and in the end I ring Mum
and ask her what's due on Friday.

1. What do the words ‘emojis’ and ‘lol’ show about the speaker's world?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** Children chat online in quick, playful messages.
- ○ **B** The speaker writes letters to friends.
- ○ **C** Children there are not allowed to write sentences.
- ○ **D** The speaker finds spelling very hard.

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2. What does the speaker's last action imply?

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** The speaker gave up searching and asked an adult.
- ○ **B** Mum wrote the message for Mr Singh.
- ○ **C** The speaker is leaving the class chat.
- ○ **D** The speaker found Mr Singh's message quickly among the others.

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3. The tone of the poem is best described as

Circle one answer.

- ○ **A** calm and bored
- ○ **B** weary but good-humoured
- ○ **C** proud and boastful
- ○ **D** furious and cruel towards the class

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Answer key

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1. A — Children chat online in quick, playful messages.

The text says: “Half are thumbs-up emojis. A third are “lol”.” Emojis and ‘lol’ belong to online messages. The speaker's world is full of quick, playful online chat.

2. A — The speaker gave up searching and asked an adult.

The text says: “So I scroll, and scroll, and scroll, and in the end I ring Mum and ask her what's due on Friday.” After scrolling ‘and scroll, and scroll’, the speaker rings Mum to ask what is due. The speaker gave up searching and asked an adult.

3. B — weary but good-humoured

The text says: “Forty-seven! Who has that much to say? … I don't hate my friends.” The speaker jokes about the chat and says ‘I don’t hate my friends’. The tone is weary but good-humoured.