Year 5 reading comprehension: Dear Diary, Race Day

English · Reading comprehension · Level: Medium

Student: _____ Date: _____

Instructions
- Read the text first. There are 2 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 1–2.



Dear Diary, Race Day

Saturday 21 March. Dear Diary, today was the junior bike race at Wattle Park, and I was so nervous that I could not eat breakfast. Dad checked my tyres twice, and Mum pinned the number 38 on my shirt. There were forty riders, and we lined up at the start with our wheels almost touching. When the whistle blew, I pedalled hard, but I was near the back at the first corner. On the long straight, I kept my head down and passed six riders. At the last bend, my chain slipped, and I had to jump off and fix it. I finished twenty-first, which is a long way from the winners' stage. Even so, Mum says I was the bravest rider there, and Dad bought me a hot chocolate. Tonight I am sore, but I am already planning for next year.

1. Why did the writer not eat breakfast?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** The writer was late for the race.

○ **B** The writer was too nervous.

○ **C** Dad checked the tyres twice.

2. How many riders were in the race?

Circle one answer.

○ **A** thirty-eight ○ **B** forty ○ **C** twenty-one

Answer key

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1. B — The writer was too nervous.

The text says: “Dear Diary, today was the junior bike race at Wattle Park, and I was so nervous that I could not eat breakfast.” The words because and so point to the reason.

2. B — forty

The text says: “There were forty riders, and we lined up at the start with our wheels almost touching.” Read the whole sentence, not only the key word.