

Grade 5 - ELA Sample Items

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Common Core Standard: L.5.1c: Use verb tense to convey various times, sequences, states, and conditions.

DOK Level: 1

Read the sentences, listed in the correct order of Jerry's actions, and answer the question.

Jerry visits the mall.

Jerry eats supper.

Jerry calls Fran.

Jerry is eating supper and _____ Fran to tell her he visited the mall.

Which verb phrase best completes the sentence to show the correct order of events?

- A. will call
- B. has called
- C. was calling
- D. has been calling

- A. Correct.
- B. This shows that calling Fran happened before eating supper.
- C. This shows that calling Fran was happening before eating supper.
- D. This shows that calling Fran has been happening and is continuing to happen while eating supper.

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Common Core Standard: L.5.4.b: Use common, grade-appropriate Greek and Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., photograph, photosynthesis).

DOK Level: 2

Which pair of words has a root that means "circle"?

- A. factory, fiction
 - B. reform, uniform
 - C. biology, geology
 - D. bicycle, encyclopedia
- A. Though these words have a common root (fac/fic), this root means "to make."
 - B. Though these words have a common root (form), this root means "shape."
 - C. Though these words have a common suffix, "-ology" means "study of."
 - D. Correct.

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Common Core Standard: RI.5.2: Determine two or more main ideas of a text and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.

DOK Level: 3

Who Was Sally Ride?

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Sally Ride was the first American woman to fly in space. Being an astronaut was an important part of her life, but that was not always the case. Sally was very athletic. For fun, she liked to run. She also played tennis, volleyball, and softball while she was in high school. She wrote science books for children. The books are about exploring space. Sally Ride had a long career that inspired many women and girls.

Sally Ride was born May 26, 1951, in California. She attended Stanford University in California. She earned degrees in a kind of science called physics. Physics students learn about how the physical universe works. Sally was especially interested in outer space and did research in a branch of physics called astrophysics. This is the kind of science that helps people learn more about outer space. Many people who work for NASA have studied this field.

NASA began looking for women astronauts in 1977 when Sally Ride was a student. She saw an ad in the school newspaper inviting women to apply to the astronaut program. Imagine how excited she must have been! Sally Ride decided to apply for the job. Many, many other women applied, and she was one of six women picked!

In 1983, Sally Ride became the first American woman to fly in space. She was an astronaut on a space shuttle mission. Her job was to work the robotic arm. She used the arm to help put satellites into space. She flew on the space shuttle again in 1984. Both missions were very successful. To this day, girls and women admire her for her pioneering role in the American space program.

Ride stopped working for NASA in 1987. She started teaching at the University of

California in San Diego. She started looking for ways to help women and girls who wanted to study science and mathematics. She came up with the idea for NASA's EarthKAM project. EarthKAM lets middle school students take pictures of Earth using a camera on the International Space Station. Students then study the pictures.

In 2003, Ride was added to the Astronaut Hall of Fame. The Astronaut Hall of Fame honors astronauts for their hard work.

Until her death on July 23, 2012, Ride continued to help students—especially girls—study science and mathematics. She wrote science books and other things for students and teachers. She worked with science programs and festivals around the United States.

Which sentence expresses two of the main ideas from this passage?

- A. Sally Ride was an intelligent woman because she went to college and she enjoyed her job as an astronaut with NASA.
 - B. Sally Ride was a knowledgeable woman because she had degrees in science and she worked hard teaching and writing books.
 - C. Sally Ride was an energetic woman because she played sports in her youth and she became famous as the first American woman to be an astronaut.
 - D. Sally Ride was a courageous woman because she was the first American woman in space and she set an example to women and girls through her career with NASA.
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- A. Though Ride was an intelligent woman who went to college and was happy with her job, these were not the main ideas of the passage.
 - B. Though Ride was a knowledgeable woman and wrote books, these were not the main ideas of the passage.
 - C. Though Ride was an energetic and famous woman, these were not the main ideas of the passage.
 - D. Correct.