

Practice: The King of Chess

Comprehension Questions:

1. How long has Gabe been playing chess?
2. Why was Gabe getting annoyed at lunch time?
3. How does Gabe plan to get back in the spotlight?
4. "He glanced over his shoulder." What is "glanced"?
5. Who consoles Gabe after he loses?
6. When did Michelle actually learn to play chess?
7. What did Michelle really want to ask Gabe at lunch and why did she change her mind?

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Match the antonyms:

- modest
- tough
- ignore
- optimistic
- casual
- food
- genius
- conceited, vain
- pay attention
- weak, wimpy
- pessimistic
- formal

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Match the synonyms:

- talented
- chance
- flawless
- slightly
- nonstop
- revolve
- chatter
- tough
- constant, continuous
- gifted
- a little bit
- opportunity
- strong
- perfect
- rotate
- talking

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Match the synonyms:

- suggest
- crowd
- wail
- console
- casual
- fool
- conceited
- modest
- topic
- annoyed
- relaxed, not formal
- humble
- irritated
- cry, scream
- subject, theme
- recommend, advise
- stuck-up
- comfort
- stupid person
- a big group of people

Finish the sentences with these words:

[consoled – close – trophy – bury – conceited – suggested – talent]

1. My dog likes to _____ his bones in the backyard.
2. The soccer game is exciting because we don't know who will win. The game is very _____.
3. My brother has a _____ for drawing.
4. My mom _____ that I get a haircut for my cousin's wedding.
5. I felt terrible after I failed the test, but my sister _____ me and said I would do better next time.
6. He thinks he is better than everyone else because his family is rich. He is so _____.
7. I received a big _____ for winning the math contest.

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Finish the sentences with these words:

[revolves – spotlight – chattering – glanced – smug – flawless – brags – annoyed – slightly]

8. My book report has no mistakes – it is _____.
9. The two girls in the back of the classroom didn't hear anything the teacher said because they were _____ the whole time.
10. The Earth _____ around the sun.
11. I got very _____ when my friend kept interrupting me while I was talking.
12. My sister looked _____ when my mom punished me but not her.
13. You won't get very wet because it is only raining _____.
14. The girl on stage stood in the _____ to sing her song.
15. I _____ out the window to see if my friends had arrived yet.
16. My dad always _____ that he has the nicest car in town.

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Finish the sentences with these words:

[grumpy – tough – set – optimistic – casual – crowd – chance]

17. My fiancé and I _____ the date for our wedding.
18. There was a huge _____ of people at the concert.
19. I am _____ about the future because I think things will get better.
20. I want to go to Europe this summer because I might not have another _____.
21. You have to be _____ if you want to play professional football.
22. I act very _____ with my friends, but at work I must be formal.
23. My friend was very _____ because I forgot her birthday.

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Finish the sentences with these words:

[ignore – record – modest – fool – showed up – wail – challenge – topic – surrounded]

24. Only a _____ would go swimming in near-freezing water.
25. The little boy started to _____ when the dog stepped on his foot.
26. Don't _____ me when I'm talking to you!
27. My cousins _____ at my apartment in the middle of the night.
28. He never takes credit for his beautiful pictures because he is too _____.
29. The _____ of the meeting was recycling.
30. My favorite team has won five games and only lost two. Their _____ is 5 to 2.
31. I _____ you to a game of billiards to see who is the better player.
32. In the forest I am _____ by trees and animals.