

CORE Reading Maze Comprehension 10-A

Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Their First Century

The sound of so many riders clicking into bicycle pedals took Madeleine by (surprise, weather, clean). She had always ridden alone or (unless, with, wall) a few friends, and she never (called, realized, gone) that when hundreds of riders started (at, card, up), the sound would be both unusual (and, for, cop) satisfying.

This was Madeleine's first century, (shy, top, the) name given to a hundred mile (hope, ride, hand). She was riding with her cousin, (hill, crow, Luke), to raise money for cancer research. (They, Hers, Cold) had raised more than a thousand (noise, dollars, stare) each in pledges from friends, family (bench, threw, members), and neighbors. Now they had to (look, bread, earn) the pledges by actually completing the (bark, ride, king), an accomplishment that neither of them (had, pump, save) ever attempted before.

Doing the ride (use, was, dive) Luke's idea, and he had to (do, hurt, early) some serious convincing to get Madeleine (of, bat, to) agree to participate. He took the (lead, creek, rest) in training for the ride, but (them, it, we) wasn't long before Madeleine became enthusiastic (about, beside, aim) cycling. Her parents bought her a (new, kind, form) bicycle, which she was due for (either, anyway, lost), and she used her allowance to (leak, bill, get) some new cycling clothes and shoes. (Yet, The, Feel) shoes took a while to get (used, saw, apple) to because they had cleats on (but, roll, the) bottom that clipped into the pedals (of, up, air) her new bike. Her greatest fear (use, hay, was) forgetting to unclic when they came (up, to, our) a traffic signal, but so far, (us, rag, she) had avoided this embarrassment.

The first (desk, cluster, begin) of riders started to pedal, and (each, chair, joke) successive group followed along. Madeleine and (Plant, Watch, Luke) were in the middle of the (all, pack, bird) and waited for a moment to (allow, sing, piece) the riders ahead of them to (jump, get, bath) a few yards away before starting (yet, fog, up). They were both surprised at the (sign, after, tingle) of exhilaration they experienced as they (fed, joined, lion) the other riders, and it wasn't (long, how, pony) before they were pedaling at the (cruising, buy, take) pace for which they had trained.

(Less, House, As) the miles passed, Madeleine and Luke (wrote, made, cheer) dozens of new friends. Neither of (he, them, want) had ever thought about how much (bus, pie, time) they would have to chitchat with (the, or, fear) other riders, but when you have (a, it, ran) hundred miles to cover on a (stone, bicycle, decide), there's a lot of conversation going (on, long, open).

By late afternoon, all the cyclists (hike, lion, were) feeling exhausted, yet none gave the (wider, slightest, visitor) thought to dropping out of the (gold, need, ride). As they reached the crest of (the, hard, mean) last hill, Madeleine and Luke caught (hat, sight, enjoy) of the finish area a few (grab, frown, downhill) miles away. Their families would be (hunt, gathered, reason) to greet them and they began (the, hole, dot) descent to the finish. The cousins (mailed, sister, had) no doubt that they would remember (but, this, pole) day for the rest of their (lives, ship, almost).

Number Correct _____

Number of Errors _____