

CORE Reading Maze Comprehension 7-A

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The People at the Top of the Hill

Tamara wondered about the people who lived at the top of the hill. She saw them every once in (a, is, red) while in town, and they seemed (youngest, interesting, listen) in an unusual way. The man (rode, lied, bear) his bike almost everywhere, and when (part, cook, he) brought the car to town, he (ready, always, office) had two dogs with him. The (block, woman, little) worked at the hospital, and every (once, now, keep) in a while Tamara would see (for, sky, her) running on Saturday morning.

"George, what (red, do, glad) you know about the people who (live, carry, short) in the old Stevens place?" Tamara (asked, was, foot) tying the laces of her athletic (kinds, play, shoes) in preparation for an afternoon training (bird, run, want) with her friend.

"Not much," answered (George, diver, shiny), who was leaning against a tree (sit, and, us) stretching. "He rides his bicycle everywhere, (over, pond, even) in the most dreadful weather, and (at, I, if) think he's some kind of scientist (save, fly, and) does research at the university. She (arm, dish, is) a big deal at the hospital, (maybe, today, rider) even the president or whatever they (join, call, warm) the person who is the boss."

"(Let's, Fix, Joke) run up the hill and take (if, a, or) look at their place," suggested Tamara, (drink, adding, chair), "we have to do more hill (running, skate, spring) anyway."

The hill was steeper than (trip, band, they) thought, and they were breathing too (hard, end, rest) to talk until they reached the (game, going, flat) part at the top. As they (snowed, slowed, without) down, a voice behind them said, "(That, Him, Oven) hill doesn't leave much breath for (cooked, talking, shop), does it?"

A man on a (money, laugh, bicycle) pulled up beside them, breathing much (long, more, sign) easily than anyone should have after (a, if, to) climb like that. Before the two (at, spin, of) them could say a word, the (cage, man, cross) added, "Come on up to the (fruit, house, felt). You can get a drink of (leaf, tiny, water) and then run down with my (wife, sled, cook) You two are training for the (loud, state, draw) cross-country championships, right? I don't read (minds, wishes, shut), I just recognize you from the (deep, sports, point) page of the papers."

With that, (he, on, pick) sped ahead of them, and the (stormy, jump, two) runners couldn't wait to meet his (wife, ranch, green) and find out more about the (classes, people, pretty) at the top of the hill.

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