

CORE Reading Maze Comprehension 8-B

Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

The Perfect Trip

The bus climbed to the top of the hill and made a sharp left turn. Everyone on the bus caught a (**chuckle, glimpse, sighing**) of one of the most spectacular (**sights, crowd, become**) they would ever experience. Before them (**tear, bow, lay**) the sea, glistening in the sunlight. (**But, Sir, The**) rocky coast here tumbled below them (**with, for, tea**) hundreds of feet. On the other (**side, note, cause**) was a sheer cliff rising for (**a, if, to**) thousand feet.

The students were on (**on, a, by**) class trip to Europe, something that (**speak, damp, none**) of them could have imagined. They (**act, milk, had**) entered a contest to come up (**down, with, stuff**) a practical solution to a problem (**up, lap, in**) their area, and their submission had (**been, speak, cellar**) the national winner. The solution they (**exercised, developed, passenger**) and implemented was so simple that (**they, sank, best**) couldn't believe no one had done (**am, it, jet**) before.

The students had requested that (**the, why, beg**) town council let them adopt a (**holiday, borrow, network**) of connected sidewalks. They would turn (**the, map, lie**) sidewalks into multiuse paths that led (**or, to, mix**) the busiest parts of town, including (**was, shy, the**) schools. With relatively little expense, the (**carvings, sidewalks, certain**) became attractive and safe places for (**rewards, charged, walkers**), skaters, and boarders. A bicycle lane (**was, for, air**) marked on the road beside each (**it, pan, of**) the sidewalks, and parking was restricted (**am, to, not**) the other side of the street.

(**Under, Catch, Within**) a matter of months, something remarkable (**had, feed, swim**) happened in the town. The number (**her, of, all**) cars had diminished considerably, and the (**basket, number, shape**) of walkers had increased more than (**tonight, bring, anyone**) had imagined. Downtown no longer had (**traffic, minute, engine**) congestion and parking problems, but it (**dry, fire, was**) busier than ever because more people (**were, fish, box**) walking. Even the school buses had (**shopped, changed, spring**) their routes and no longer came (**but, zoo, all**) the way to school. They stopped (**unless, cover, instead**) at a parking area several blocks (**away, when, swim**). Students walked the rest of the (**bed, way, cow**) to school on the multiuse path.

(**Just, Been, When**) they heard they had won the (**contest, light, silly**), the students in the class had (**if, add, a**) unanimous vote and decided to do (**a, to, nap**) tour of some towns in Europe. (**Or, It, Pat**) was these towns, with a long (**kitchen, history, welcome**) of walking and convenient public transportation, (**leaf, deck, that**) had been the inspiration for their (**journey, project, disappear**). They couldn't think of a better (**straw, nearly, place**) to take a vacation and see (**at, in, job**) person where their ideas had come (**from, past, dust**).

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