LITERATURE

TestPractice

The Interlopers

Complete the sample test item below. Then, read the explanation at right.

Sample Test Question	Explanation of the Correct Answer
Who is the story's **narrator**? **A** Georg Znaeym **B** Saki **C** Ulrich von Gradwitz **D** an unnamed, all-knowing storyteller	The correct answer is *D*. *A* and *C* are not correct, because the story is told from the omniscient point of view, not the point of view of just one character. *B* is not correct; Saki is the author.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the letter of each correct response.

1. Which passage reveals that the narrator is **omniscient**?

A "Both men spoke with the bitterness of possible defeat, for each knew that it might be long before his men would seek him out."

B "The forest lands of Gradwitz were of wide extent and well stocked with game."

C "The two raised their voices in a prolonged hunting call."

D "'No,' said Ulrich with a laugh, the idiotic chattering laugh of a man unstrung with hideous fear."

2. The **narrator** tells us the two men—

F are hunting wolves

G don't go hunting at night

H want to kill each other

J go to hunting parties together

3. The two men decide to become friends because—

A their men have ordered them to

B they hate the neighbors

C they have become tired of being enemies

D they hope to save themselves by working together

4. The **narrator** creates suspense by waiting until the end to—

F reveal what is approaching the men

G tell which man dies first

H explain what the men were fighting about

J warn readers against hunting at night

SKILLS FOCUS

Literary Skills Analyze use of the omniscient narrator (or point of view).

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Skills Review

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

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Context Clues

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage, using context clues to identify the meaning of the boldface word. Then, circle the letter of the definition of that word.

SKILLS FOCUS

Vocabulary Skills
Analyze context clues to identify word meaning. Use words in context.

1. The hunter examined his **quarry** after it had been shot.

A rifle **C** enemy
B land **D** hunted animal

2. No one could stop the bitter **feud** between the two neighbors.

F ongoing argument
G broken fence
H agreement
J flooded lands

3. They heard the loud sound when the tree **thundered** down on them.

A fell from the sky
B was split by lightning
C fell with a roaring noise
D yelled

4. He felt no pain in his right arm, which was now **numb.**

F bandaged **H** painful
G without feeling **J** foolish

Vocabulary in Context

DIRECTIONS: Complete the paragraph below by writing the correct word from the box in each blank. Not all words from the box will be used.

Word Box

precipitous
acquiesced
marauders
exasperation
pious
retorted
condolences
languor
reconciliation
succor

The two enemies stared at each other. The gray-haired one laughed. "What are you laughing at?" the brown-haired one asked in (1) _____. "I am laughing at two helpless men caught in a trap," the other (2) _____ in anger. "Shall we become friends? No, (3) _____ is not in my plans. I will never make up with you. And don't give me any (4) _____ words about what religion has taught us. We will always be enemies. Our widows can send each other (5) _____ if they wish."

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