WIDA Practice Pack — Grades 6–8

Free Sample

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Reading

Read the notice. Then answer the questions.

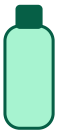
Social and Instructional: Lost and Found

Is This Yours?

Lost and Found, Room 102



jacket



water bottle



backpack



headphones

Visit Room 102 at lunch, Monday to Thursday.

Items not picked up by Friday, November 14,
will be given to the Lakeview Clothing Drive.

Tip: Write your name inside your things.

1. *Choose the best answer.*

Where can students find the lost items?

(A) In the gym

(B) In Room 102

(C) In the main office

(D) At the clothing drive

2. *Choose the best answer.*

What will happen to items that are not picked up by November 14?

(A) They will be thrown away.

(B) They will stay in Room 102.

(C) They will be given away.

(D) They will be sent home.

3. *Choose the best answer.*

Why does the notice tell students to write their name inside their things?

(A) So lost things can be returned to them

(B) So teachers can grade their work

(C) So the clothing drive knows who gave them

(D) So they can sell the things later

Read the two emails. Then answer the questions.

Social and Instructional: An Email to a Teacher

From: Darnell Dixon To: Ms. Ferraro Subject: Missing assignment

Dear Ms. Ferraro, I was absent on Monday and Tuesday because I had the flu. I missed the reading log that was due on Tuesday. Can I turn it in on Friday? I am feeling better now. Thank you, Darnell

From: Ms. Ferraro To: Darnell Dixon Subject: RE: Missing assignment

Hi Darnell, I'm glad you are feeling better. Yes, Friday is fine. You also missed a short quiz. You can take it in my room on Thursday before school, at 7:45. Ms. Ferraro

4. *Choose the best answer.*

Why did Darnell miss school?

(A) He was on a trip.

(B) He forgot the date.

(C) His bus was late.

(D) He was sick.

5. *Choose the best answer.*

What does Darnell ask Ms. Ferraro?

(A) If he can take the quiz at home instead of at school

(B) If he can turn in the reading log on Friday

(C) If he can skip the reading log

(D) If she can call his family

6. *Choose the best answer.*

When will Darnell take the quiz?

(A) On Friday after school ends

(B) On Tuesday during class

(C) On Thursday before school

(D) On Monday at lunch

Answer key with explanations

Question 1. Where can students find the lost items?

Answer: B, In Room 102

This checks a key detail in a notice. The title and the second line both name Room 102.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (In the gym): The gym is not mentioned.
- **C** (In the main office): The office is not mentioned.
- **D** (At the clothing drive): Items go to the clothing drive only if nobody picks them up.

Question 2. What will happen to items that are not picked up by November 14?

Answer: C, They will be given away.

This checks a sentence with a condition. The notice says items not picked up "will be given to the Lakeview Clothing Drive," which means they will be given away.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (They will be thrown away.): The notice says the items will be donated, not thrown away.
- **B** (They will stay in Room 102.): The date is a deadline, after which items leave Room 102.
- **D** (They will be sent home.): Nothing says items will be sent home.

Question 3. Why does the notice tell students to write their name inside their things?

Answer: A, So lost things can be returned to them

This asks for the purpose of a tip, which students must infer. A name inside a jacket or bottle helps the school return it to the owner if it is lost.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **B** (So teachers can grade their work): Grading is not connected to lost items.
- **C** (So the clothing drive knows who gave them): Writing a name is about getting things back, not about donating.
- **D** (So they can sell the things later): Selling is not mentioned.

Question 4. Why did Darnell miss school?

Answer: D, He was sick.

This checks a reason given with "because." Darnell writes, "I was absent on Monday and Tuesday because I had the flu." Students need to know that the flu is an illness.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (He was on a trip.): No trip is mentioned.
- **B** (He forgot the date.): He knows the reading log was due on Tuesday.
- **C** (His bus was late.): No bus is mentioned.

Question 5. What does Darnell ask Ms. Ferraro?

Answer: B, If he can turn in the reading log on Friday

This checks the main request in an email. Darnell asks, "Can I turn it in on Friday?" where "it" means the reading log.

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (If he can take the quiz at home instead of at school): The quiz is mentioned only by Ms. Ferraro, and she says to take it in her room.
- **C** (If he can skip the reading log): He asks for more time, not to skip it.
- **D** (If she can call his family): He does not ask her to call anyone.

Question 6. When will Darnell take the quiz?

Answer: C, On Thursday before school

This checks a detail in the reply. Ms. Ferraro writes that he can take the quiz "in my room on Thursday before school, at 7:45."

Why the other choices are wrong

- **A** (On Friday after school ends): Friday is the new date for the reading log, not the quiz.
- **B** (On Tuesday during class): Tuesday is a day Darnell was absent.
- **D** (On Monday at lunch): Monday is a day Darnell was absent.

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