The Cat Walk

Most four-legged animals, such as dogs, walk the same way. They move the front leg on one side. At the same time, they move the back leg on the other side.
Cats are special animals. One thing that makes a cat different is the way it walks. The next time you see a cat, watch the way it walks.

A cat moves both legs on one side at the same time. First, the cat moves both left legs. Then, the cat moves both right legs.
The way cats walk is very special.

Only a few animals, such as the giraffe and the camel, walk the same way that a cat walks!
Task 1 Part A

A

cat

B

dog
There are many different kinds of animals.

Cats have a special way of walking.

Cats are better than dogs.
A

At the same time, they move the back leg on the other side.

B

The next time you see a cat, watch the way it walks.

C

Only a few animals, such as the giraffe and the camel, walk the same way that a cat walks!
Going Crabbing

Sammy and his family visited the beach last summer. Sammy enjoyed playing in the waves. He had fun building sand castles, too.
But Sammy’s favorite activity happened one night. Just as it was getting dark, Sammy and his dad gathered a flashlight, a bucket, and a net. They walked out onto the beach.
Sammy shined the flashlight on the sand. He saw crabs moving in all directions. He used the net to scoop up one of the crabs. Then he found more.
Sammy put each crab into the bucket. At the end of the night, he counted 32 crabs. He held a few and took some pictures. Then he turned the bucket over and smiled as all the crabs raced away.
Task 2 Part A

A

a crab

B

a bucket
Sammy gathers supplies.

Sammy shines the flashlight.

Sammy sees crabs moving.

Sammy builds a sandcastle.

Sammy visits the beach.

Sammy lets the crabs go.
It is fun to play in the waves on the beach.

People can enjoy exploring the beach.

Crabs are speedy animals.
The truck *hauled*, or carried, furniture from factories.
A: carried  
B: factories
It used to take a long time to travel across the United States. In the past, it could take many weeks. A person can now fly across the United States in about six hours. Airplanes have made *improvements* in how people travel. Getting to different places is now easier for people.
a long time

getting to different places

now easier
Airplanes are helpful to both businesses and people. Businesses use airplanes to send things around the world. People use airplanes for transportation needs, too.
A

a way to make new things

B

a way to move from place to place

C

a way to learn about airplanes
Solar Energy

People use electricity to provide power for many things. Without electricity, our homes would be dark. There would be many things we wouldn’t be able to use. We would not be able to turn on the lights or the computer. The washing machine would not work, and neither would the refrigerator. Our need for electricity grows every day.
But how can we produce more electricity? One way is by using solar energy. Solar energy is energy that comes from the sun. Scientists have found ways to turn the sun’s energy into electricity.
One way people use solar energy is by putting solar panels on their roof. The solar panels turn sunlight into electricity. Then the people who live in the house can use that electricity to keep their house comfortable.
The best thing about solar energy is that we will not run out of it. That is because the sun is the source of solar energy. It is why solar energy is called a “sustainable” energy source. Sustainable means that we can keep using it 10 years from now, and 100 years from now. We will never use it all up.
Some places get more sun than other places. Those places are best for solar panels.
Solar energy is a good source of electricity because__________.
A

the sun will last for a long time

B

the sun is getting bigger every day

C

the sun can only be seen during the day
People have different reasons for using solar panels on their homes. One reason for using solar panels is to save money on electric bills. _______________. These are the two main reasons why most people would use solar panels.
A

Another reason is that it helps our planet.

B

But solar energy helps protect the planet.

C

Then people do things that are good for our planet.
As I entered the movie theater, I placed my phone in my pocket. Although cell phone use is not permitted inside the theater, people are allowed to use phones in the lobby.
**Task 5 Part A2**

A. placed

B. allowed
The tour guide warned us against touching any plants we did not recognize. She said there was some poison ivy along the trail. We were glad to be alerted to this problem.
warned

trail

glad
The carpenter lifted the heavy board, and by gently pressing, she *nudged* it into place.
A measured

B carried

C pushed
Visiting Cumberland Island

Maya is excited because Aunt Kay is taking her to visit Cumberland Island.

Cumberland Island is a beautiful piece of land surrounded by water. It is a national park, so the land is protected. Wild animals can roam or move freely. People can visit but not live there.
“How will we get to Cumberland Island?” Maya asks her aunt. “Will we drive?”

“No,” Aunt Kay says, “there is no bridge to the island. We will take a boat called a ferry.”

They board the ferry and head toward the island. Maya and Aunt Kay stand together at the railing and gaze out at the waves.
“What will we see?” Maya asks, because she knows that Aunt Kay has been there many times.

“Near the water, there will be beautiful birds. Cumberland Island is an important habitat for shorebirds.

“There are also plenty of wild turkeys, white-tailed deer, and armadillos."
“If we are lucky, we might see wild horses.”

“Wild horses!” Maya shouts. “Oh, I can’t wait! I know this day is going to be a grand adventure.”
to an island

B

to a museum
Maya and Aunt Kay board the ferry.

Aunt Kay tells Maya about the animals on the island.

Maya asks Aunt Kay how they will get to the island.
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