Year 5

Thinking Literacy

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About *Thinking Literacy Year 5*

Thinking Literacy Year 5 is a student workbook that is designed to increase literacy and problem solving skills across a wide range of curriculum areas. This book has been specifically written for students in Year 5 and each different set comprises a series of multiple choice questions aimed at developing and/ or reinforcing a literacy skill. Each question is aimed at allowing the student to reach an understanding and comprehend clearly.

This book comprises:

- fifty-five sets of questions
- each set has ten questions
- the sets become more difficult
- the final sets are aimed to fully extend students' abilities
- all answers to the questions

Students can access these sets at their own level and work through them at their own pace, according to particular needs. *Thinking Literacy Year 5* is full of useful activities that will assist students to develop and practise their literacy and thinking skills in an enjoyable and systematic way.

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Set 1

Write the correct ending or answer in your book

1. Fire, if used carelessly, can cause great damage. Used sensibly and carefully, however, fire can be:
- **(a)** heat.
- **(b)** dangerous.
- **(c)** useful.
- **(d)** a bushfire.

2. Most meat-eating animals kill only what they need to eat. Dingoes, however, have been known to attack and kill many sheep in a flock, leaving the carcasses to rot. It seems as if killing:
- **(a)** is sport for them.
- **(b)** is only done to enable their survival.
- **(c)** is something they do unwillingly.
- **(d)** cannot be helped.

3. Most people who participate in sports are amateurs. Professionals, however:
- **(a)** are the best players.
- **(b)** play for money.
- **(c)** are prevented from competing.
- **(d)** play according to the rules.

4. The female redback spider eats the male after mating. Male redback spiders:
- **(a)** are caring fathers.
- **(b)** never see their children.
- **(c)** eat the baby spiders when they hatch.
- **(d)** are orphans.

5. Which is heaviest; a kilogram of lead, a kilogram of sawdust or a kilogram of feathers?
- **(a)** the kilogram of feathers.
- **(b)** none, they all weigh the same amount.
- **(c)** the kilogram of lead.
- **(d)** a mixture of half a kilogram of feathers and a half kilogram of sawdust.

6. Sunflowers are so named because, like the sun, :
- **(a)** they are large and bright.
- **(b)** they produce heat.
- **(c)** the earth orbits them.
- **(d)** they have many seeds.

7. Clark saved up to buy a telescope. Every night he spent hours using it. When he grew up he hoped to become:
- **(a)** a doctor.
- **(b)** an astrologist.
- **(c)** a fossicker.
- **(d)** an astronomer.

8. Because he was such a cheerful, pleasure loving man, Charles 11 of England was referred to as:
- **(a)** the King of Pain.
- **(b)** the Merry Monarch.
- **(c)** Charlie Chihuahua.
- **(d)** the Merry Widow.

9. In the sixteenth century there were no cars, trains or aeroplanes. There were not even many coaches. This meant that most people at that time had never seen:
- **(a)** a horse.
- **(b)** a car.
- **(c)** an aeroplane.
- **(d)** a four wheeled vehicle.

10. Travis had a terrible cough as well as a high temperature. The doctor told him he had:
- **(a)** influenza.
- **(b)** indigestion.
- **(c)** a headache.
- **(d)** arthritis.



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Set 2

Write the correct ending or answer in your book

1. Jupiter is the name the ancient Romans gave to their king of the gods. The planet Jupiter:
- **(a)** is where he lived.
- **(b)** is named after him.
- **(c)** is really a star.
- **(d)** is named after the god called Mars.

2. If people are 'at loggerheads' it means they are:
- **(a)** not very intelligent.
- **(b)** good friends.
- **(c)** in disagreement.
- **(d)** cutting down trees.

3. Many people believe roadside advertising signs are a distraction to drivers and, as a result may:
- **(a)** increase sales of the goods they advertise.
- **(b)** improve the scenery on long, boring drives.
- **(c)** cause accidents.
- **(d)** prevent serious crashes.

4. Food tastes vary in different countries and cultures. Few people in this country would think of eating spiders. In some countries, however, they are deep fried and considered:
- **(a)** repugnant.
- **(b)** dangerous.
- **(c)** unpalatable.
- **(d)** a delicacy.

5. Ronald's car was totally destroyed in the accident. Fortunately it will not cost him anything to replace it because:
- **(a)** his car was not worth anything.
- **(b)** it was insured.
- **(c)** he is very wealthy.
- **(d)** it is a wreck.

6. Jennifer's luggage had not arrived at the airport. To make matters worse it contained her credit cards and identification papers. Here she was, all alone in a foreign country where she could not speak the language. She felt:
- **(a)** helpless.
- **(b)** enthusiastic.
- **(c)** illegal.
- **(d)** unaware.

7. Email is a useful tool. It allows us to send messages that reach the recipient :
- **(a)** instantly.
- **(b)** today.
- **(c)** sender.
- **(d)** by mail.

8. Laura spent a lot of time in front of her mirror combing her hair. She was very conscious of:
- **(a)** the time.
- **(b)** a change in the weather.
- **(c)** what she ate.
- **(d)** her appearance.

9. The first zoo was begun in China around 1200 BC. It was the idea of the Chinese king called Wen. He called it his 'garden of intelligence'. He was very interested:
- **(a)** in animals.
- **(b)** in books.
- **(c)** all the time.
- **(d)** in growing plants.

10. Barber is to man as shearer is to:
- **(a)** wool.
- **(b)** shears.
- **(c)** barber.
- **(d)** sheep.



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Set 3

Write the correct ending or answer in your book

1. Woodwind instruments are so called because:
- **(a)** they were originally heard at concerts played in the woods.
- **(b)** you can't play them when it is windy.
- **(c)** they are made of wood and played by blowing air into them.
- **(d)** they vibrate.

2. A legend tells of a king called Midas who had the golden touch. Whatever he touched turned to gold. Midas was the happiest man in the world until his food turned to gold as well. The moral of this tale is:
- **(a)** home is where the heart is.
- **(b)** it is foolish to be rich.
- **(c)** that riches do not necessarily bring happiness.
- **(d)** too many cooks spoil the broth.

3. You use your hands for most of the things you do. Germs can be picked up from everything that you touch. That is why it is important to:
- **(a)** clean your teeth after meals.
- **(b)** wash your hands before handling food.
- **(c)** chew your food thoroughly before swallowing it.
- **(d)** wash the dishes after eating.

4. The tame goat is a very gentle animal unless it is teased; then it will:
- **(a)** yield us milk.
- **(b)** butt with its horns.
- **(c)** inject venom with its fangs.
- **(d)** eat grass and bark from trees.

5. The oceans of the world are made up of drop added to drop. Our lives are lived minute after minute. The largest projects may look overwhelming, but they are soon completed when divided into a series of small actions. Most great things are achieved:
- **(a)** without effort.
- **(b)** by others.
- **(c)** hurriedly.
- **(d)** a little bit at a time.

6. In cold weather some birds are able to fluff out their feathers. Air gets trapped in the feathers and helps keep the bird warm. In much the same way the hairs on our skin stand up to trap air when our bodies are cold. Tiny muscles move these hairs and show up as what we oddly call:
- **(a)** biceps.
- **(b)** wax.
- **(c)** goose pimples.
- **(d)** the skin.

7. Most wasps are social insects living together in large colonies. The solitary wasp, however, :
- **(a)** lives alone.
- **(b)** has a painful sting.
- **(c)** catches and paralyses other insects to feed its young.
- **(d)** builds a nest.

8. Eating more than you need can be harmful. To keep healthy you need a balanced diet. This means eating:
- **(a)** a lot of protein.
- **(b)** food with enough added salt.
- **(c)** high energy foods such as fats and glucose.
- **(d)** the right amount of food with the right mixture of ingredients.

9. Our five senses protect us from doing harm to ourselves. Our senses warn us of things that are dangerous to us so we can withdraw from the dangerous situation. Without our sense of touch we:
- **(a)** could not feel pain.
- **(b)** would not survive.
- **(c)** would be in constant pain.
- **(d)** could not even turn on a tap.

10. Gold is not affected by air or water. As a result:
- **(a)** it is mined.
- **(b)** prospectors seek it.
- **(c)** it is very scarce.
- **(d)** it does not rust or tarnish.



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Answers

SET 1
1. (c) useful
2. (a) is sport to them.
3. (b) play for money.
4. (b) never see their children.
5. (b) none, they all weigh the same amount
6. (a) they are large and bright.
7. (d) an astronomer.
8. (b) the Merry Monarch.
9. (d) a four wheeled vehicle.
10. (a) influenza.

SET 2
1. (b) is named after him.
2. (c) in disagreement.
3. (c) cause accidents.
4. (d) a delicacy.
5. (b) it was insured
6. (a) helpless
7. (a) instantly
8. (d) her appearance
9. (a) in animals
10. (d) sheep

SET 3
1. (c) they are made of wood and played by blowing air into them
2. (c) that riches do not necessarily bring happiness
3. (b) wash your hands before handling food
4. (b) butt with its horns
5. (d) a little bit at a time
6. (c) goose pimples
7. (a) lives alone
8. (d) the right amounts of food with the right mixture of ingredients
9. (a) could not feel pain
10. (d) it does not rust or tarnish

SET 4
1. (b) the knee
2. (b) if a space is wide enough for its body to fit through
3. (c) booked
4. (c) There will not be any smoke (because it is an electric train).
5. (c) the song
6. (c) a goat
7. (a) 15
8. (a) 7 p.m.
9. (d) milk
10. (a) chair, tree, violin

SET 5
1. (a) a play
2. (b) calf
3. (c) some warm clothing
4. (b) with their noses
5. (d) a lifejacket
6. (d) in a terrible rage
7. (b) from one part of the universe to another
8. (a) is thicker than ordinary milk
9. (c) the countdown
10. (c) $3.35

SET 6
1. (b) a winding road
2. (c) stapled them
3. (b) they have excellent eyesight
4. (a) accelerate
5. (a) they are attracted to these lights
6. (a) a new buckle
7. (d) eat insects
8. (b) weave cloth from plants
9. (b) an accident
10. (a) the thinner the air becomes

SET 7
1. (a) a parachute
2. (c) to accompany her
3. (c) beautiful cover
4. (d) fall over the world's edge
5. (a) for Daniel to get the jumper out of his wardrobe
6. (a) so small
7. (d) accurate
8. (d) bacteria caused diseases
9. (c) they found their food in the sea
10. (b) recycling paper

SET 8
1. (b) understand what they are saying
2. (b) the pearl
3. (b) their skins do not grow with them
4. (c) the tent was up
5. (c) what colours their skins were
6. (b) out of lighter material
7. (a) it allows all sorts of people to share their opinions with the community
8. (c) he was older than his actual age
9. (b) the bean
10. (a) a passport

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