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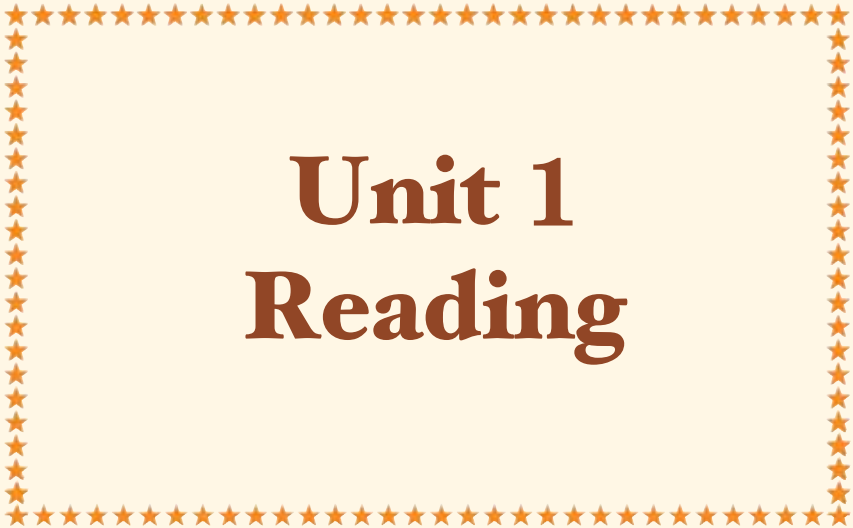
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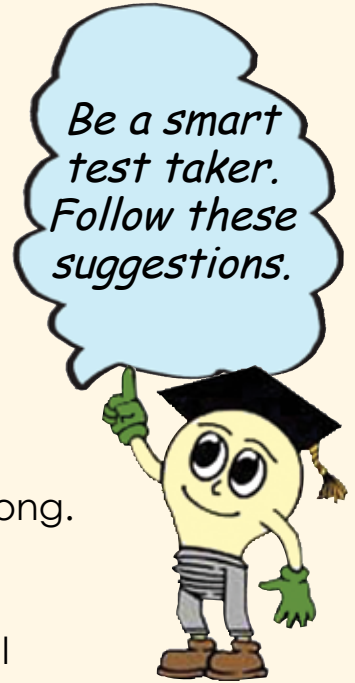
# **Unit 1**

# **Reading**

## Test Taking Skills for Multiple Choice Questions

1. Read **all** answers given. Answer "a" may seem a good answer at first. Answer "d" may be even better.
2. Look back at the story for clues to the answers. It helps to underline the proof for your answer.
3. If you are not sure of an answer, circle the question and skip it for now. When you come to the end, go back. Words in other questions may help you remember.
4. NEVER LEAVE A BLANK. It will **always** be marked wrong. Take an "educated guess."
5. An educated guess means that first you cross off all answers you know are wrong. You can usually do this with 2 of the 4 answers. Then you have a 50-50 chance of getting it right. Take a guess.
6. Key words in the questions, such as BEST, MOST, and MAINLY, are often written in capitals or dark print. Pay special attention to these important words.
7. Questions sometimes use the words AFTER or BEFORE. They tell us to pay attention to the order of things in the story.
8. Be careful of words such as BUT, NOT, and EXCEPT. They tell us that there is a change in the question.
9. The wrong answer choices often have words used in the story. Do not be fooled. Look for the right IDEA.
10. If there are pictures in the story, check them, too. They are sometimes clues to an answer.

*Be a smart  
test taker.  
Follow these  
suggestions.*



A Poem

# The Keeper of Dreams

## What I Know

Circle the correct answer.

1. Some words in poems may rhyme. They have the same \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. beginning sound
  - b. ending sound
2. Dream can be something we do when we sleep. Dream can also mean \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. to want
  - b. to answer
3. A rock star is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. person who studies rocks
  - b. singer

## What I Want to Know

(✓ Check all that you want to know.)

- Who in this poem is dreaming?
- Who “keeps” the poet’s dreams?
- \_\_\_\_\_ →



1. Some words in poems may rhyme. They have the same ending sound.  
2. Dream can be something we do when we sleep. Dream can also mean to want.  
3. A rock star is a singer.

## ANSWER BOX

# The Keeper of Dreams

by John Micklos, Jr.



Read this poem at least two times.



When I grow up, I want to be  
A sailor sailing on the sea—  
Or maybe a teacher,  
Or maybe a singer,  
Or maybe a preacher,  
Or a steeple bell ringer.

You could be all those things,  
My mom says to me.  
You can be anything  
That you want to be.  
Just follow your dreams,  
Wherever they lead,

For life is a tree and  
Your dreams are the seeds.  
When you're young, you can dream  
Of being anything—  
An actor, a rock star,  
An athlete, a king.  
Whatever I wish for,  
No matter how hard it seems,  
I share with my mother,  
The keeper of dreams.

## What I Learned

**Circle the letter next to the correct answer.**

1. How old do you think the person in the poem is?
  - a. 10 months old
  - b. 3 years old
  - c. 8 years old
  - d. 21 years old
2. What does the child dream about?
  - a. school
  - b. career
  - c. fears
  - d. doing nothing
3. By the end of the poem, what does the child decide?
  - a. to become a king
  - b. some things are too hard to do
  - c. to plant seeds
  - d. it doesn't say

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## What I Learned

4. Why is Mother a good “Keeper of Dreams?”
  - a. She tells the child what is right.
  - b. She listens and understands.
  - c. She wants her child to be a teacher.
  - d. She keeps her child safe.
  
5. In this poem, what does the tree stand for?
  - a. life
  - b. dreams
  - c. strength
  - d. choices
  
6. The jobs described here:
  - a. are not possible
  - b. are things that anyone can do
  - c. are pretty much the same
  - d. are very different from each other
  
7. Why does Mother suggest jobs like actor, rock star, or king?
  - a. to show that dreams can come true
  - b. to show these are her favorite jobs
  - c. to say that some jobs are impossible
  - d. to say what she wants her child to be
  
8. Which word below BEST describes Mother?
  - a. selfish
  - b. busy
  - c. nosy
  - d. caring

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