

LINGO

Multiple Choice Cloze Passages



The Sweet Paint Job

ANSWER KEY:

A = floor, B = sweat, C = school, D = dogs, E = message, F = paint, G = crumpled, H = choice, I = work, J = gooey, K = done, L = door, M = eyes, N = around, O = tongue, P = hips, Q = reason.

Directions: There are some words missing from the passage below. Luckily, each absent word can be found by selecting the term that *makes the most sense* from three corresponding choices to the right. Fill the blank spaces by writing the correct words in order to complete the story.

THE SWEET PAINT JOB

Jasper stumbled through the door of his house and set his backpack on the kitchen A . Then, he wiped B from his brow and grabbed a soda from the icebox. "That was one tough day at C , Reggie," the boy said as he looked at his pet dog. The animal whined and pawed at Jasper's sneakered feet. "No cola for you," he said. "Sugar is bad for D ."

When Jasper put his drink down on the dining table, that's when he noticed the handwritten note.

"Young man," the E began. "Here's the paint for the backyard fence. I want the first coat drying by the time I get home from work. Love, Dad."

With a bow of his head, Jasper sighed. "I have to F the entire fence tonight?" Reggie, a small canine, to be sure, jumped up on Jasper's lap. Jasper stroked the slick fur of the dog with one hand as he G the piece of paper with the other. "I want to play video games tonight." Jasper felt sad. Yet, he knew he had no H . It was either paint the fence, or deal with an angry dad.

Bucket of paint and brush in hand, Jasper darted into his yard and got to I . "Maybe if I get this done quickly, I'll still be able to play *Wacky Wizards* for an hour before bedtime," he thought. The time flew by. Jasper kept painting—splashing the J substance all over the place. He was almost K when he heard his mother's voice shouting out from the back L .

"Jasper! Have you done something with my tub of vanilla frosting?" Jasper's M widened. His mouth took in air rapidly. But, he didn't exhale. Slowly, he turned N to face his mom. Cautiously, his O licked the paintbrush.

"That's some yummy frosting," said Jasper.

Jasper's mom hobbled out into the yard and placed her hands on her wide P . "It was," she said, "and it looks mighty nice plastered all over the fence for some odd Q ."

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A	ceiling	floor	fork
B	paint	sweat	tears
C	school	home	work
D	kitchen	aliens	dogs
E	message	video	anger
F	destroy	build	paint
G	ate	burned	crumpled
H	brush	sadness	choice
I	work	town	play
J	furry	gooey	boiling
K	crying	done	dead
L	door	empty	tire
M	waist	eyes	fence
N	down	sick	around
O	pants	hair	tongue
P	hips	mind	guitar
Q	reason	chicken	big