



Practice Quiz



Genre: Nonfiction

Read the passage and the letter below and answer the questions that follow.

The Really Real Story of Celia Spencer

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If you're in the mood for an adventure, go see the new movie *The Really Real Story of Celia Spencer*. It tells the story of Celia Spencer, a ten-year-old with an amazing life. Her parents are circus performers. For the first ten years of her life, she lives with the circus, traveling all across Australia, Europe, and North America. When the circus goes out of business, Celia's parents decide it is time to settle down. The movie takes viewers along as Celia gets used to living in one place instead of traveling the globe. Celia makes new friends and has plenty of adventures. She also learns a lot along the way. If you're in the mood to laugh, go see this movie.

The Really Real Story of Celia Spencer gives viewers a look at a life that most people do not know much about: the life of a circus performer. It was very interesting to learn about the lives of the performers. They get into trouble, have fun, and learn new tricks. Celia even gets to teach some dogs tricks to perform in the ring. Although it was one of the most fascinating aspects of the film, the movie only showed the lives of the circus performers at the beginning. I think it would have been more interesting if the movie spent more time showing what circus life is like.

When the circus goes out of business and Celia's parents decide to settle down, the story becomes a little sad. Celia is not used to living in one place, and it is hard for her. Then Celia meets Charlie, a ten-year-old girl in her neighborhood. They become best friends. They visit the zoo, hang out listening to opera music, and even come up with ideas for making girls' clothes that look like circus costumes. They get in a lot of trouble during the movie, but they find a way of getting out of it without hurting themselves or anyone else. They are always happy with who they are, even when they do not fit in with the rest of the crowd.

Fans of actress Sarah Woods, who plays Celia, will love this movie. Woods does a great job as Celia. She makes the character very believable. Lisa Manning, who plays Charlie, shows off her talents as an actress, too. All of the actors in the movie do a great job.

Overall, this was a funny and entertaining movie that kids ages 8–14 will really enjoy. Certain parts of the movie were a little slow, but there were enough funny moments to make up for it. If you want to be entertained, go see this movie!



Think Twice

Hey Ryan,

The other day you mentioned you wanted to see the movie *The Really Real Story of Celia Spencer*. I think you might want to change your mind about that. I saw it over the weekend and it wasn't at all what I thought it would be. Don't waste your time or money on this one.

I agree with you that the previews looked really funny. Unfortunately, those scenes were the only funny parts in the entire movie. It might have been better if it was a biography and focused on the life of Celia when her family was in the circus, but they didn't spend a lot of time on that. Instead it spent most of the movie following Celia and her friend Charlie. Let me cut to the chase, it was really a boring movie.

Sarah Woods, the actress who plays Celia, was OK in this movie. I thought she did a better job acting in *Too Fast*. Remember that movie about the race car drivers? She played the daughter of the main character and she was really into the cars he raced. Believe me, you would rather pay to see *Too Fast* again than have to see *The Really Real Story of Celia Spencer*.

Maybe someone will catch on as to how cool it would be to see the real life of a circus family. So if that is what you're looking for, Ryan, this isn't the movie for you. You should come over to my house and we'll watch *Too Fast* again.

Later!

Gabe



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- 1 **In which sentence does Janice BEST summarize her thoughts?**
- A The movie takes viewers along as Celia gets used to living in one place instead of traveling the globe.
 - B Although it was one of the most fascinating aspects of the film, the movie only showed the lives of the circus performers at the beginning.
 - C Fans of actress Sarah Woods, who plays Celia, will love this movie.
 - D Overall, this was a funny and entertaining movie that kids ages 8–14 will really enjoy.
- 2 **Which statement BEST supports the passage’s claim that the movie was good?**
- A It tells the story of Celia Spencer, a ten-year-old with an amazing life.
 - B I think it would have been more interesting if the movie spent more time showing what circus life is like.
 - C All of the actors in the movie do a great job.
 - D Certain parts of the movie were a little slow, but there were enough funny moments to make up for it.
- 3 **Which statement from the passage would Gabe MOST agree with?**
- A If you’re in the mood to laugh, go see this movie!
 - B I think it would have been more interesting if the movie spent more time showing what circus life is like.
 - C All of the actors in the movie do a great job.
 - D If you want to be entertained, go see this movie!
- 4 **Which statement from the letter BEST shows how the author feels about the movie?**
- A The other day you mentioned you wanted to see the movie *The Really Real Story of Celia Spencer*.
 - B I think you might want to change your mind about that.
 - C Don’t waste your time or money on this one.
 - D I thought she did a better job acting in *Too Fast*.
- 5 **Based on the letter, what is meant by the phrase *cut to the chase*?**
- Let me cut to the chase, it was really a boring movie.
- A to quickly repeat information
 - B to behave in a confused manner
 - C to explain a situation that is confusing
 - D to leave out unnecessary details and get to the point



- 6 **Based on this sentence from the letter, what is the definition of *biography*?**

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- A a story about families
B a story about someone's life
C a story about a specific time
D a story about a circus owner's family
- 7 **How does the structure used in the passage compare to the structure used in the letter?**
- A The passage uses cause and effect, and the letter uses problem and solution.
B The passage uses compare and contrast, and the letter uses cause and effect.
C The passage uses chronological order, and the letter uses compare and contrast.
D The passage uses problem and solution, and the letter uses chronological order.

- 8 **Which word is a synonym for *talents* in this sentence from the passage?**

Lisa Manning, who plays Charlie, shows off her talents as an actress, too.

- A fears
B looks
C failures
D abilities
- 9 **What is the meaning of the word *aspects* in this sentence from the passage?**

Although it was one of the most fascinating aspects of the film, the movie only showed the lives of the circus performers at the beginning.

- A parts
B themes
C minutes
D conflicts

- 10 Which word **BEST** replaces *hard* as it is used in this sentence from the passage?

Celia is not used to living in one place, and it is hard for her.

- A firm
- B solid
- C rugged
- D difficult