

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. According to the passage, typical growth spurts are between

- A 12 to 20 inches a year
- B 1 to 2 inches a year
- C 10 to 14 inches a year
- D 2 to 5 inches a year

2. The passage lists common questions patients have about growth. Which of the following is NOT a question answered by the passage?

- A How tall will I be?
- B Am I tall enough?
- C How tall are athletes?
- D When will I start growing?

3. Based on the passage, it is likely that

- A Lisa Leslie always loved being tall
- B Lisa Leslie never liked playing basketball and wanted to do gymnastics
- C Lisa Leslie's teachers did not trust her
- D Lisa Leslie dislikes when people make comments about her height

4. Read the following sentence: "Even though those formulas can be fairly accurate, they can also be off by as much as 4 inches."

As used in the passage, **accurate** means

- A exact
- B typical
- C wrong
- D fake

5. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A You must be tall in order to play sports professionally.
- B Everyone grows taller but often on different schedules.
- C All people are the same height as their parents.
- D Everyone stops growing at the same age.

6. What two things do formulas that predict a child's height use?

7. Based on the passage, why might a kid experiencing a fast growth spurt most likely start bumping into things more often?

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

Formulas can be used to accurately predict a child's height, _____ they can sometimes be off by as much as 4 inches.

- A however
- B because
- C so
- D after

9. Answer the following questions based on the sentence below.

Girls usually start a growth spurt when they are 10 because the body releases hormones that cause the bones to grow.

Who? girls

What? _____

When? _____

Why? _____

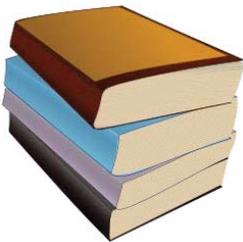
Directions: Read the vocabulary word and definition below to complete questions 10a, 10b, and 11.

Vocabulary Word: **typical** (typ·i·cal): common or usual.

10a. Read the sentences below and underline all forms of the word **typical**.

1. It is typical for people to have growth spurts where they grow between 2 to 5 inches.
2. A typical boy will start a growth spurt around age 13, and usually he will grow fastest around age 14.
3. It was typical for the girl to be late for appointments, and it always made her parents angry that she could not figure out how to be on time!
4. A typical lunch for me is a sandwich, but sometimes I like to eat something unusual, like a fruit salad or some sushi.
5. A dragon is not a typical sight in real life because it exists only in fictional stories.

10b. Which image shows something NOT typically found in a classroom?



11. Which of the following is typical: a purple pony or a gray cat? Why?
