SECTION III: Decoding and Word Recognition

Quick Quiz 9 • Chapter 8: Multisyllabic Word Reading, pp. 259–318

Directions: Read each item and select the best answer.

1. From fifth grade on, what is the importance of knowing how to decode multisyllabic words?

- a. Multisyllabic words are often used in instructional media.
- b. Multisyllabic words carry the meaning in content-area texts.
- c. Multisyllabic words are usually found in novels and myths.
- 2. Good readers and poor readers approach multisyllabic word reading very differently. Which of the following statements describes what good readers do?
 - a. Good readers chunk multisyllabic words into syllables.
 - b. Good readers process the individual letters within multisyllabic words.
 - c. Good readers memorize multisyllabic words as whole units.
- 3. The brain's orthographic processor recognizes three types of common letter patterns and recurring word parts in long words. What are they?
 - a. Phonemes, graphemes, and morphemes
 - b. Syllables, affixes, and phonograms
 - c. r-, s-, and I- blends

4. Which word has two closed syllables?

- a. thirsty
- b. raining
- c. pumpkin

5. Which single-syllable word is an example of an open syllable type?

- a. she
- b. beach
- c. broke

6. Why is the instant recognition and accurate pronunciation of affixes a key to decoding multisyllabic words?

- a. Syllable divisions often occur between morphemes and affixes.
- b. Syllable divisions often occur between phonograms and affixes.
- c. Syllable divisions often occur between root words and affixes.
- 7. There are two ways to divide words that have one consonant between two vowels. Which syllable division pattern should students try first?
 - a. VC/V with a short-vowel sound
 - b. V/CV with a long-vowel sound
 - c. V/CV with an unstressed schwa

8. Which of these statements about syllable division is true?

- a. The syllable breaks in dictionaries show how to pronounce words.
- b. Inflectional endings often form separate syllables.
- c. Syllables tend to break between the letters in a digraph or diphthong.

9. Instruction in multisyllabic word reading can begin once students are able to decode single-syllable words. All of the following are additional prerequisite skills except which one?

- a. The ability to pronounce an unstressed syllable
- b. The ability to pronounce vowel combinations
- c. The ability to pronounce affixes in isolation

10. Which multisyllabic word contains a vowel combination syllable type?

- a. provide
- b. thirsty
- c. poison