

- Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.

People around the world tell folktales. Folktales are legends, myths, and fables that everyone knows and passes down through the generations. Before radio, television, computers, and printed books, people amused themselves by telling stories. Besides being entertaining, folktales passed along the values and beliefs of a culture. People still read and enjoy them, and learn from the ideas in them.

- 1 Which sentence best paraphrases the second sentence?

- A Folktales are traditional stories that older people hand down to younger people.
- B Folktales are printed in books so people can memorize them.
- C Folktales are the same thing as legends.
- D Folktales are the same all around the world.

**Tip**

Think about the meaning of the word *generations*. Use this meaning to help you choose the best paraphrase.

- 2 Which sentence best paraphrases the fourth sentence?

- F Folktales are entertaining stories with no special meaning.
- G Folktales are more fun to tell than they are to listen to.
- H Folktales are fun to tell and hear, and they express the important ideas of a group.
- J Everyone likes folktales, but many people don't understand why they are important.

**Tip**

Sentence 4 makes two important points. Find the answer choice that includes both of these points.

- 3 Which is the best summary of the paragraph?

- A People rarely tell folktales to other people anymore.
- B People like to watch stories on television.
- C People in many parts of the world tell folktales.
- D Folktales are entertaining stories from the past that still teach important ideas.

**Tip**

Choose the answer that best describes the ideas in the paragraph.



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION Discuss with your child the kind of information that goes into a summary. Then help him or her summarize a favorite story or fairytale.