

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

George loved to compete in sports. He had always been the highest scorer on Peyton High's basketball team. There had never been a better guard in the history of the school. But George's basketball career was about to change. This week he and his family were moving from their small town of Carthage, Illinois, to the big city of Boston, Massachusetts. His new school would have thousands of students. George wondered whether he would even get to play on the team.

- 1 If this paragraph is the beginning of a story, what will the story be about?

- A whether George will like his new school
B what will happen to George's family in Boston
C a comparison of small towns and big cities
D George trying to make the team

**Tip**

Think about the main idea of this paragraph. In what direction will the story probably go from here?

- 2 What problem, or conflict, will George likely encounter in the story?

- F having people make fun of him because he is from a small town
G getting lost in his new school
H proving that he is good enough to be on the team
J understanding people's accents

**Tip**

If necessary, reread the last few lines of the paragraph to see what problem George is worried about.

- 3 What evidence suggests that George will overcome his problem?

- A Stories always have happy endings.
B People from small towns always succeed in cities.
C George is a stubborn person.
D George loves to compete and is an excellent player.

**Tip**

Notice the things that the author tells about George.



SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION Discuss with your child another story he or she has read, such as "The Hot and Cold Summer." Have your child talk about the main conflict in that story and how it is resolved.