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Read the excerpt from the passage:

It had a perfectly round door like a porthole, painted green, with a shiny yellow brass knob in the exact middle.
**Which type of literary device is used in the sentence above?**

a. Personification, giving human qualities to the door.
b. Hyperbole, exaggerating the size of the door.
c. Simile, comparing the door to a porthole.
d. Metaphor, representing the door as a brass knob.

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**Benchmark**

**LA: 6.2.1.7**

The student will locate and analyze an author’s use of illusions and descriptive, idiomatic, and figurative language in a variety of texts, identifying how word choice sets the author’s tone and advances the work’s theme.
“What I say, said Bilbo gasping. And please don’t cook me, kind sirs! I am a good cook myself, and cook better than I cook, if you see what I mean. I’ll cook beautifully for you, a perfectly good breakfast for you, if only you won’t have me for supper.”
What is the most likely reason the author uses humor in this quote?

a. To suggest that Bilbo is trying to talk himself out of being eaten.
b. To explain that Bilbo is an excellent cook.
c. To indicate the trolls appreciate a good joke.
d. To show how barbaric the trolls are.

Benchmark: LA.8.1.7.2

The student will analyze the author’s purpose and/or perspective in a variety of texts and understand how they affect meaning.
One morning, they forded a river at a wide shallow place full of the noise of stones and foam. The far bank was steep and slippery. When they got to the top of it, leading their ponies, they saw the great mountains had marched down very near to them.
What does forded mean as used in the above passage?

a. to pile up  
b. to mingle  
c. to stand out  
d. to cross over

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LA 7.1.6.3
The student will use context clues to determine the meanings of unfamiliar words.
The end of their argument was that they sent Fili and Kili to look for better shelter. They had very sharp eyes, and being the youngest of the dwarves by some fifty years they usually got these sorts of jobs (when everybody could see that it was senseless sending Bilbo). There is nothing like looking, if you want to find something. You certainly usually find something, if you look, but it is not always quite the something you were after. So it proved on this occasion.
Based on the above passage, what will most likely happen in the future?

a. Bilbo will surprise the dwarves by finding new shelter.
b. Bilbo and the dwarves will find danger.
c. Fili and Kili will avoid this particular job.
d. It will take Kili 50 years to find a dry cave.

Benchmark LA.6.1.7.3

The student will determine the main idea or essential message in grade-level text through inferring, paraphrasing, summarizing, and identifying relevant details.
The Fifth Door

READ THE EXCERPT FROM THE PASSAGE:

Very slowly he got up and groped about on all fours, till he touched the wall of the tunnel; but neither up nor down it could find anything: nothing at all, no signs of goblins, no signs of dwarves. His head was swimming, and he was far from certain even of the direction they had been going in when he fell. He guessed as well as he could, and crawled for a long while, till suddenly his hand met what felt like a tiny ring of cold metal lying on the floor of the tunnel.
Which phrase best describes Bilbo in this passage?

a. Confused and lost  
b. Energetic and impatient  
c. Hungry and tired  
d. Greedy and sly

Benchmark

**LA.8.2.1.2**

The student will locate and analyze elements of characterization, setting, plot, including rising action, conflict, resolution, theme, and other literary elements as appropriate in a variety of fiction.
“What shall we do, what shall we do!” Bilbo cried. “Escaping goblins to be Caught by wolves! he said, and it became a proverb, though we now say “out of the frying-pan into the fire” in the same sort of uncomfortable situations.
Based on the above passage, what is meant by “Out of the Frying-Pan and Into the Fire?”

a. The goblins want to eat Bilbo and the dwarves.
b. The wolves want to eat Bilbo and the dwarves.
c. Bilbo is moving from one crisis to another.
d. Bilbo is thinking about food because he is hungry.

Benchmark

LA 7.1.7.2
The student will determine the main idea or essential message in grade-level or higher texts through inferring, paraphrasing, summarizing, and identifying relevant details.