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**Lesson 10**

**Directions:** Read the following passage. Then answer questions 1 through 3.

## Marek's Dream Job

On March 20, 1914—just like every day—Marek Wolkoff took his place on the automobile assembly line, waiting for an engine to roll past. Each time an engine glided by, he attached a small bolt to the engine block, replaced it on the assembly line, and felt content. For eight hours a day, Marek repeated these few motions with the accuracy of a surgeon.

Marek loved his job in the factory. He had many reasons to be satisfied. This year the owner had raised his pay. But Marek's satisfaction had a deeper source: he loved the job's mystery. The automobiles that Marek helped to build were a complete mystery to him. Marek had never even ridden in one. They were still too rare and too expensive. Even though he worked all day building automobiles, he had never once sampled his own product.

Marek had always been a bit of a dreamer. Now in the factory, as he repeated his single task over and over, he dreamed about riding in an automobile. He imagined how the engines he built would roar into life. His dreams made it easy to get through the long work days.

One day, a distant relative visited in his brand-new car. "At last Marek can ride in an automobile!" said Marek's brother. With whoops of delight the whole family raced to Marek's room and carried him outside to the car. The ride was a thrill to Marek, who admired the roomy seats and the steady whir of the engine. He clapped and laughed as the car took off, and then again when it came to a stop. Then he hopped out, opened the hood to examine the engine he had built, and smiled with satisfaction.

But the next day at work, Marek felt discontented. He worked as carefully as ever, but he soon realized that his job had lost its mystery. At last, Marek's sadness and boredom became too much for him. He left the automobile company and took a job at a factory that built train engines. This time, he promised himself that he would never, ever ride a train.

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## Practice: Using Cue Words

**Directions:** Use “Marek’s Dream Job” to answer the following questions.

1. How would you describe Marek’s character? List at least two traits.

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**Explain**

*Write two cue words that help you know what kind of answer is expected.*

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2. What problem does Marek face after his first car ride?

- A He is sorry that he does not earn enough to buy a car.       C He becomes angry with his relatives for showing him the car.  
 B He loses his love of working because the mystery is gone.       D He loses his job because he no longer works fast.

**Explain**

*Write the cue word that helps you know what kind of answer is expected.*

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3. Why does Marek promise himself that he would never ride a train?

Use events from the story to support your answer.

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**Explain**

*Write the cue word that helps you know what kind of answer is expected.*

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**CHECK** Did you use cue words to help you think about the questions?

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