

# **Everett Public Schools**

## **Assessment of Student Learning**

### **Supplemental Teacher Guide**



## **Reading Selections for Grade 8**

### **Mid-Year Benchmark**

"Memories of Dating"

"The Man in the Glass"

"Dealing with Peer Pressure"

"Growing Up"

"Swim Lessons" (Functional Document)

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**1. Short Answer – 2 points**

**Strand: Critical Thinking**

**Learning Target: LT10 Evaluate Reasoning**

Why does the author, Dave Berry, ask Phil Grant to help him get a date with Judy? Include **two** details from the selection in your answer.

<b>2</b>	A <b>2-point response</b> provides <b>two</b> text-based details to explain why the author asks Phil to help him get a date with Judy.
<b>1</b>	A <b>1-point response</b> provides <b>one</b> text-based detail to explain why the author asks Phil to help him get a date with Judy.

*Text-based details include, but are not limited to:*

**Appearance**

- Worried about his zits, 16% (paragraph four)

**Experience**

- “I never did this.” (paragraph five)- This shows Dave never had experience when asking girls out.
- “Phil was a friend of mine who had the ability to talk to girls.” (paragraph six)- This shows why Dave used Phil because he was able to talk to girls.

**Fear of Rejection**

- “There was always the possibility that the girl would say no, thereby leaving me with no viable option but to leave...” (paragraph five)
- “Never risk direct contact with the girl in question.” (paragraph seven)

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**2. Short Answer – 2 points**

**Strand: Critical Thinking**

**Learning Target: LT11 Extend Beyond Text**

One conclusion a reader can draw from the poem “The Man in the Glass” is that the most important person to judge your actions in life is yourself. Provide **two** details from the poem to support this conclusion.

<b>2</b>	A <b>2-point response</b> provides <b>two</b> details to support the conclusion that the most important person to judge your actions in life is yourself.
<b>1</b>	A <b>1-point response</b> provides <b>one</b> detail to support the conclusion that the most important person to judge your actions in life is yourself.

*Text-based details may include, but are not limited to:*

- “The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life is the one staring back from the glass.” (line 7 and 8)
- “For he’s with you clear up to the end.” (line 10)
- “Just go to a mirror and look at yourself, and see what that man has to say.” (lines 3 and 4)
- “But your final reward will be the heartaches and tears if you’ve cheated the man in the glass.” (lines 15 and 16)

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**3. Extended Response – 4 points**

**Strand: Analysis**

**Learning Target: LA07 Cause and Effect**

How did Buddy's experience selling magazines influence him to become a writer? Include **three** details from the selection in your answer.

<b>4</b>	A <b>4-point response</b> provides a reasonable statement of how Buddy's experience selling magazines influences him to become a writer and provides <b>three</b> text-based details to support the answer.
<b>3</b>	A <b>3-point response</b> provides a reasonable statement of how Buddy's experience selling magazines influences him to become a writer and provides <b>two</b> text-based details to support the answer. <b>OR</b> Provides three text-based details that would support a reasonable answer.
<b>2</b>	A <b>2-point response</b> provides a reasonable statement of how Buddy's experience selling magazines influences him to become a writer and provides <b>one</b> text-based detail to support the answer. <b>OR</b> Provides two text-based details that would support a reasonable statement.
<b>1</b>	A <b>1-point response</b> provides a reasonable statement of how Buddy's experience selling magazines influence him to become a writer. <b>OR</b> Provides one text-based detail that would support a reasonable statement.

*Text-based details may include, but are not limited to:*

**He was not a good salesperson**

- Canvasses entire town for 6 days and still had unsold magazines
- Timid about ringing doorbells
- His younger sister had to show him how to sell magazines on a rainy day

**Selling magazines was hard work**

- He had to be out in cold rainy weather
- He had to trudge through the town peddling
- Defended himself against angry dogs
- Rejected by surly strangers
- Rang numerous doorbells

**A writer's life is easy**

- Writers do not have to ring doorbells
- "... what writers did couldn't even be classified as work."
- "...making stories must surely be almost as much fun as reading them."

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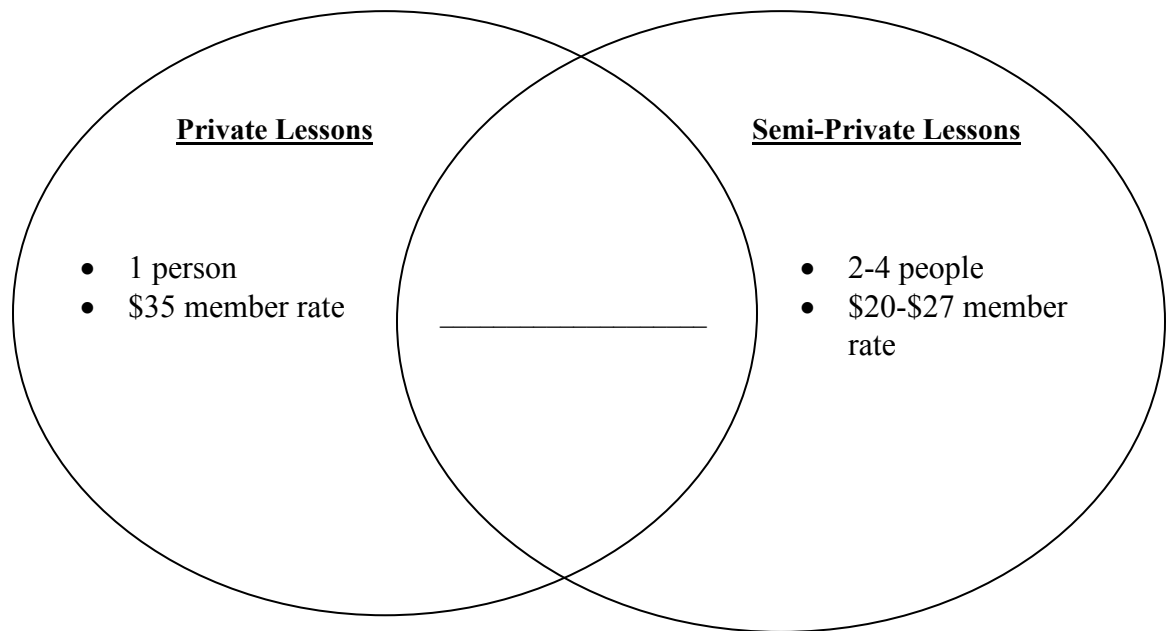
**4. Completion Item – 1 point**

**Strand: Analysis**

**Learning Target: IA06 Compare and Contrast**

Read the chart.

Use information from the “Lesson Rates” section to provide another detail that shows how private lessons are similar to semi-private lessons. [IA06]



***Correct answers would include, but not limited to:***

- All lessons meet weekly for 30 minutes
- Both save \$5 for members and non-members
- Both classes are by appointment
- Both allow members and non-members
- Both schedule 1 lesson at a time

***Incorrect answers would include, but not limited to:***

- Saying that “all lessons cost money” is not a specific detail.
- Saying that they both have teachers is actually from the wrong section