Meaningful Monday

I know... Life is hard on a Monday, but it’s time to awaken your brain! Let’s make today a Meaningful Monday!

An invasive species is any type of living thing that is not native to a certain area and causes harm to the other animals that live there. One way that they can cause harm to an ecosystem is by competing with native wildlife for food sources.

What does the word **native** mean?

a. natural  
b. foreign  
c. popular  
d. invasive

Abigail and her family were heading to the east coast for Memorial Day Weekend. Abigail had been looking forward to seeing her grandmother and all the lobster she would be eating! Her bags were packed and in the car before her parents were even up. While she waited for everyone else to be ready, she thought about all of the seashells she would bring back to her friends. On the news, the weather forecaster said that there was a chance of rain all weekend long. Abigail couldn’t imagine that it would rain all weekend long. Just in case, she put a few books in her bag.

**Which sentence best supports this statement?**

a. Her bags were packed and in the car before her parents were even up.  
b. She grabbed a few books just in case.  
c. Abigail and her family were heading to the east coast for Memorial Day Weekend.  
d. Abigail couldn’t imagine that it would rain all weekend long.

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**Text Structure Tuesday**

Yay! You came back to school today! Give yourself a pat on the back simply for being here. 😊

Although dolphins and porpoises have a lot in common, they are also very different! One of the best ways to tell the difference between a dolphin and porpoise is by their heads and bodies. Dolphins have a larger head and a snout, which is also called a beak. Although they both have a dorsal, or top fin, they are shaped differently. A dolphin’s dorsal fin looks like a wave because it is rounded. However, the porpoise has a dorsal fin that is triangular-shaped like a shark. Overall, a porpoise’s body is chunkier than the dolphin’s lean, streamlined shape. The mammal you probably see swimming on or below the surface of the water is probably a dolphin! Dolphins show less fear of humans than porpoises. Unlike dolphins, porpoises are not seen on the surface very often.

Which of the following best describes how the author organized the text?

a. by explaining the differences between a dolphin and porpoise  
b. by explaining the similarities between a dolphin and a porpoise  
c. by explaining the effects of dolphins and porpoises  
d. by explaining the life cycles of dolphins and porpoises
**SPRING into SPELLING!**
Rewrite the misspelled word on the line.

- **loveing**
- **bakeing**
- **rakeing**

**CONTRACTIONS**
Write the contraction for the words.

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**Throwback Thursday**
It’s Throwback Thursday! Let’s review our grammar skills!

**You’re the Editor!**
Correct the sentences below by finding the 4 mistakes. Rewrite the new sentences.

The shortfin mako sharks are not only beautiful but their also one of the fastest sharks in the ocean.

**Irregular Verbs**
Color the correct verb (orange) to complete each sentence.

1. My dog had ____ swimming in the pool!
   - go
   - went
   - gone

2. She _____ to the store for more popsicles.
   - go
   - went
   - gone

**Figurative Friday**
Figurative language uses words and expressions to have a greater impact on the reader.

**The Land of Counterpane** by Robert Louis Stevenson

When I was sick and lay a-bed,
I had two pillows at my head,
And all my toys beside me lay
To keep me happy all the day.

And sometimes for an hour or so
I watched my leaden soldiers go,
With different uniforms and drills,
Among the bed-clothes, through the hills;

And sometimes sent my ships in fleets
All up and down among the sheets;
Or brought my trees and houses out,
And planted cities all about.

I was the giant great and still
That sits upon the pillow-hill,
And sees before him, dale and plain,
The pleasant land of counterpane.

Select the two choices that describe the speaker in the poem.

- a. a child that is imaginative
- b. a child that is bored
- c. a child that is sick in bed
- d. a child that likes to travel
- e. a child that likes swim

Which of the following is the best example of rhyme in the poem?

- a. Among the bed-clothes, through the hills
- b. lay, day
- c. With different uniforms and drills
- d. giant great