

Practice with Hints

Notes

Use the Notes column to take notes and use SALSA™ strategies. There are a few hints to get you started.

Listen to Your Own Advice

Mai loved fishing, but she wasn't old enough yet to go by herself. So she had to go with her older brothers, Li and Chen. They didn't like to have her tagging along after them. But their mother said they had to take her.

"Oh, Mom, do we have to?" Chen complained. "Yes, you do," answered their mother.

The children hiked down to the jetty where they liked to fish. The jetty was made of big boulders and rocks that jutted out into the ocean. They walked out just far enough so the water was deep and then got out their gear. Li and Chen had real fishing rods. Mai only had a stick and a line with a sinker—a weight to keep the line in the water—and a hook. They also had some worms that they had dug up that morning to use for bait.

They all settled down with their lines in the water. Li warned Mai to watch her line all the time. "*You never know when a fish might bite,*" he said.

Mai looked down into the water. It looked so blue and calm today. She wondered what she might catch. She liked to catch blowfish because they were funny. They would blow up like balloons when they were caught, so you had to tickle their stomachs to make them deflate.

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and there was a wonderful breeze. Mai loved the jetty. She liked to walk on the rocks in her bare feet. She liked to look for starfish in the corners of the jetty. She liked to daydream about her future and what she would become one day.

Now, though, Mai was **concentrating** on moving her line back and forth. She had taken Li's advice seriously. She was paying attention. She wanted a fish to see the bait and take a bite.

Skim This title hints that someone will learn a valuable lesson.

Look Take notes when the author provides lots of facts and details.

Solve Why does the author use *italics* here?

Look Watch for how the author describes people.

Notes

Ask Make a prediction. What do you think might happen next?

Her brothers were playing around. Li was older than Chen, but they loved to joke and make each other laugh. They weren't paying attention to their fishing rods. Instead, they were talking about something and Li was laughing.

Suddenly, Mai saw Li's fishing pole jiggle. She knew there must be something on the end of it. A fish had bitten the hook and it was pulling the pole. Then the pole started to disappear into the water.

"Li, watch out," Mai yelled. Her brother turned around and tried to grab the pole, but he wasn't fast enough. It slipped into the water and a few seconds later, it was gone.

"That must have been a big fish," Mai said. She looked down and saw that her line was pulling. "Look, I have a fish, too," she told her brothers. She pulled out a blowfish. She tickled its stomach and Chen helped her get the fish off the hook. It was beautiful. She was proud of it, but she threw it back into the water. Mai didn't really like keeping the fish she caught. She liked it better if they were waiting to play with her next time.

Assemble The end of a passage often retells the main idea.

Anyway, Mai was more proud of herself than the fish. As little as she was, she had done what her older brother had not. "You should listen to your own advice," Mai told Li.



Skim Watch for word banks and footnotes for help with word meanings.

Word Bank

concentrating — thinking hard or paying attention

1 Why did Li's fishing pole disappear into the water?

- (A) Li pushed it in by mistake.
- (B) Mai threw it into the water.
- (C) A fish bit the hook and pulled it.



Hint—What does Mai think when the pole starts to move?

2 What happened right after Li's pole fell in the water?

- (A) Mai caught a blowfish.
- (B) Mai threw her fish back in the water.
- (C) Mai got the pole back for Li.



Hint—Use your notes or look back at the story to check *when* things happened.

3 What is the main reason someone would read "Listen to Your Own Advice"?

- (A) to learn about different kinds of fish
- (B) to be entertained with a story about going fishing
- (C) to find out where to go to catch blowfish



Hint—What did you learn or get out of reading this story?

4 Which is the best summary of the reading selection?

- (A) A girl went fishing with her brothers. The brothers were joking around and not watching their poles. A fish pulled one of their poles into the water. The girl caught a fish because she was paying attention.
- (B) A girl and her brothers went fishing. One brother lost his pole when a fish pulled on the hook. Both brothers stopped paying attention.
- (C) A girl and her brothers were fishing at the jetty. She caught a blowfish and tickled its stomach. Then her brothers helped her get the fish off the hook. She threw the fish back into the water.



Hint—A good story summary often tells the central idea and the main events in the order they happened.

5 What will probably happen the next time the children go fishing?

- (A) Li will pay more attention.
- (B) Mai will go fishing by herself.
- (C) Chen will not go fishing.



Hint—Think about what you know from the story. Imagine that you and your friends were the children in the story.

6 How are Li and Chen different?

- (A) Li liked to fish and Chen did not.
- (B) Li was careful and Chen was not.
- (C) Li is older than Chen.



Hint—Scan your notes and the story for the names Li and Chen to find clues about how they differ.

7 The title of the story is “Listen to Your Own Advice.” What is another good title for this reading selection?

Give one detail from the selection to support your answer.



Hint—A title often tells the main idea of a selection.