

Reading Counts Quiz – *Miracle At Monty Middle School*

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The lexile is 930. Recommend 5 or 6 points for successful passage of the quiz.

1. What is the author's overall message?
 - A. Physical attacks work better than the power of the pen.
 - B. Nobody wants to be a failure.
 - C. Miracles can happen – believe and achieve.
 - D. Don't put all of your trust in other people.

2. Which of the following was NOT a reason that Marvin believed in "The Power of the Pen"?
 - A. Nicole's journal helped arrest her abuser.
 - B. His letter to his father helped explain his feelings.
 - C. His letter to his mother bonded them together.
 - D. His speech helped others see the truth about Mr. Martin.

3. Why doesn't Marvin have his own room?
 - A. His dad moved in with Teresa.
 - B. His older brother moved back from college.
 - C. He's afraid of the dark and has nightmares.
 - D. He likes Markus' house better.

4. Which of the following people betrayed Mr. Martin, in some way?
 - A. Ms. Needlebrook
 - B. ALL of the choices
 - C. His students
 - D. Ms. Lockner

5. What changes does Mr. Martin make in the Drop Out Prevention (DOP) class?
 - A. He hangs up a flag & fixes MTV.
 - B. He helps the students believe in themselves.
 - C. He enforces class rules.
 - D. ALL of the changes.

6. Which of the following was NOT one of Mr. Martin's tips for acing the state writing test?
 - A. Use hooks, impressive vocabulary & similes.
 - B. Always begin your essay with a question.
 - C. Organize it like a hamburger.
 - D. Fill it with details, like FRIES.

7. Which of the following is NOT a simile?
- A. Life is like a box of chocolates.
 - B. Life is like a roller coaster.
 - C. Rabbit fur feels like soft velvet.
 - D. Marvin is a bright star.
8. Marvin doesn't like change. What has been the biggest change in his life so far?
- A. His favorite teacher died.
 - B. He gained a lot of weight.
 - C. He broke up with his girlfriend.
 - D. His parents divorced.
9. Which member of Teresa's family did Marvin have the most trouble with?
- A. Tiffany
 - B. Taylor
 - C. Big Ray
 - D. Travis
10. What incident motivates Marvin to lose weight and work out?
- A. Freddie Crooper called him "Bubble Boy."
 - B. His clothes no longer fit him.
 - C. He wants to lose weight for the prom.
 - D. Danielle said he was fat.

ANSWER KEY:

1 C; 2 C; 3 A; 4 B; 5 D; 6 B; 7 D; 8 D; 9 A; 10 A.