

ELA Grade 7 Unit 1 Activity 1.7-1.8 - Print

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Which lead paragraph is the **best** example of the reaction type?

- A) My bicycle picked up steam as I headed down the last stretch. I was just a few inches ahead of Zoey, but all I had to do was keep pumping and I'd have her beat. I kept my eyes and my focus firmly on the finish line.
- B) The school auditorium that day was dim and ghostly quiet. Ms. Marquez, our band teacher, had assured us numerous times that the quality of the sound in the auditorium was excellent, but that just meant the audience would be able to hear my every mistake.
- C) "What on earth did you do to your hair?" asked Dad. "It looks like you put your finger in the electric socket!" I tried not to roll my eyes, as that would just get me in even more trouble. "Relax, Dad. It's Crazy Hair Day at school. They're handing out prizes, and I plan to win!"
- D) When my cell phone lit up with Mike's number, I instinctively smiled. "Hey," said Mike, "We're in! The concert starts at seven, and you can spend the night at my house." I could barely contain my excitement as I grabbed a few essentials: my phone, my favorite sweats, and my toothbrush.

2

Highlight the sentences from "Why Couldn't I Have Been Named Ashley?" by Imma Achilike that show the narrator is uncomfortable with her name.

"Ashley!" exclaimed Mrs. Renfro, and simultaneously three heads whipped around at attention towards the perturbed teacher. Not highlighted: "Ashley!" exclaimed Mrs. Renfro, and simultaneously three heads whipped around at attention towards the perturbed teacher. At the same time, all three Ashleys proudly replied, "Yes, ma'am?" Not highlighted: At the same time, all three Ashleys proudly replied, "Yes, ma'am?"

When I was a fourth grader, I remember sitting in class that day just before the bell rang for dismissal. Not highlighted: When I was a fourth grader, I remember sitting in class that day just before the bell rang for dismissal. I remember thinking of all the names in the world, how I could have possibly been stuck with such an alien one. Not highlighted: I remember thinking of all the names in the world, how I could have possibly been stuck with such an alien one. I thought about all the popular kids in the class. Not highlighted: I thought about all the popular kids in the class. I figured that I wasn't popular because of my weird name. Not highlighted: I figured that I wasn't popular because of my weird name. I put some things together in my mind and came up with a plausible equation: COOL NAME = POPULARITY. Not highlighted: I put some things together in my mind and came up with a plausible equation: COOL NAME = POPULARITY. The dismissal bell rang. Not highlighted: The dismissal bell rang. As I mechanically walked out to catch my ride, I thought to myself, "Why couldn't I have been named Ashley?" Not highlighted: As I mechanically walked out to catch my ride, I thought to myself, "Why couldn't I have been named Ashley?"

I was born, on July 7th, 1986, at Parkland Hospital of Dallas, Texas. Not highlighted: I was born, on July 7th, 1986, at Parkland Hospital of Dallas, Texas. I was the first American-born Nigerian in both of my parents' families. Not highlighted: I was the first American-born Nigerian in both of my parents' families. I was my parents' first joy, and in their joy, they gave me the name that would haunt me for the rest of my life, Immaculeta Uzoma Achilike. Not highlighted: I was my parents' first joy, and in their joy, they gave me the name that would haunt me for the rest of my life, Immaculeta Uzoma Achilike.

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Read the sentences from "Why Couldn't I Have Been Named Ashley?" by Imma Achilike.

Suddenly, my palms started sweating and then she began to hopelessly stutter my name, "Im-Immaculet Arch-iki, I mean, Achei...." Here, I interrupted. My ears burned with embarrassment and droplets of perspiration formed on my nose. "Did I say it right?" she said with the same apologetic look on her face. Before I responded, the laughs that the other kids in class had been holding back suddenly exploded, like a volatile vial of nitroglycerin, into peals of laughter.

Which sentence **best** describes the meaning of the underlined word in this sentence?

- A) random
- B) humorous
- C) angry
- D) unpredictable

4

Ari is writing a description for a narrative. Which shows the correct use of commas between coordinate adjectives?

- A) The hot, spicy taco sauce had spilled all over my new white backpack.
- B) The hot spicy taco sauce had spilled all over my new, white, backpack.
- C) The hot, spicy taco sauce had spilled all over my new, white backpack.
- D) The hot, spicy, taco sauce had spilled all over my new white backpack.