Elementary Literacy Assessment Samples

Running the Hills

1. For this answer, the student should acknowledge that what he was hearing about Kendall was having an effect on his own feeling of readiness for the race. The student may allude to the fact that Alex was working so hard but in the end it may not matter since he had heard Kendall cheats to win.

2. **C**

3. **A**

4. In this answer, the student should acknowledge that Alex felt differently about Kendall after meeting him. The support from the text could refer to the fact that everything they had heard about each other was false and that knowing Kendall "ran hills" after practice made it clear to Alex that he worked very hard.

5. In this answer, the student may refer to the fact that, at the end of the day, the extra practice Kendall did (running the hills) is what made the difference between the winner and loser and this story is about winning a race and the work it requires.

6. D

7. In this answer, the student should answer that Alex was not upset because once the race was over, he knew the extra practice was what made the difference. The student may also add that they shook hands after the race showing he was not upset.

Robot on Ice

1. In this answer, the student should acknowledge that the NASA team was looking for meteorites.

2. In this answer, the student should acknowledge that meteorites are important to NASA because they can tell us more about what is in space.

3. C

4. B

5. The student should answer – they added heaters to keep the computers and sensors warm, and they added studs to the tires so Nomad could move on the ice without slipping.

6. In this answer, the student should acknowledge that the purpose of the spectrometer is to determine if the rock is an ordinary rock or an actual meteorite.

7. In this answer, the student should acknowledge that Nomad could search on his own and sort meteorites from Earth (regular) rocks.

8. In this answer, the student should acknowledge that the trip had been successful as Nomad had found a few meteorites which were brought back to the United States for scientists to study.