

Read the passages and select the best answer for each question.

HOROSCOPES

Avery was ferociously scanning her horoscope. She knew it held the answer to if Jake would finally ask her to the first 6th-grade dance of the year. The rumors have been flying for months, well, weeks, maybe. She needed to know if it was unquestionably true or just bored kids making stuff up again. Lily snuck up behind her and snatched the trashy magazine out of her hand; the cover was smeared with the latest celebrity drama.

"You know that horoscopes are a sham; why do you read this fake garbage anyway?" Lilly's eye roll said more than her sarcastic pitch.

"I've just been waiting for so long; I want to know if it's actually going to happen or if I'm going to the dance alone."

"Well, horoscopes aren't real, Avery; stop reading that stuff. It obviously hasn't helped you yet..."

Avery almost ranted about how last week's issue promised her a surprise, and her mother did make cupcakes out of the blue. That clearly proved that the horoscopes were accurate. But, she could tell from Lilly's annoyed face that now was not the time.

"Fine, Lilly, I guess you are right. And since horoscopes are fake, I won't tell you what they say about what the stars have in line for you this week."

Lilly chuckled and wrapped her arm around Avery. "Well, it probably is predicting that we will be late for class! The girls bolted to class, still bickering about the validity of horoscopes and gossip magazines.

1. "Avery was ferociously scanning her horoscope." What does the word ferociously mean as it is used in the sentence?

- a. Angrily
- b. Happily
- c. Quickly
- d. Intensely

2. "You know that horoscopes are a sham; why do you read this fake garbage anyway?" Lilly's eye roll said more than her sarcastic pitch." how does the author's use of the words fake garbage affect the tone of the sentence?

- a. The words create an intense tone.
- b. The words create a humorous tone that shows Lilly thinks horoscopes are funny.
- c. The words create an angry tone to show Avery's feelings toward horoscopes.
- d. The words create a tone that shows Lilly's irritation and feelings about horoscopes.

3. What type of figurative language is used in the sentence, "Why do you read this fake garbage anyway?"

- a. Simile
- b. Metaphor
- c. Alliteration
- d. Personification

4. What type of figurative language is used in the sentence, "Lilly's eye roll said more than her sarcastic pitch."

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- c. Alliteration
- d. Personification

5. "Lilly's eye roll said more than her sarcastic pitch." What can the reader infer from Lilly's eye roll?

- a. Lilly thinks horoscopes are silly.
- b. Lilly actually doesn't mind horoscopes.
- c. Lilly wants to know her horoscope, and Avery won't tell her.
- d. Lilly has an itch in her eye.