

“My House”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

My house is in the United States. I live in the United States.
The United States is a country.

My house is in North Carolina. I live in North Carolina.
North Carolina is a state. The weather in North Carolina
is nice. It is sunny. The sky is blue.

My house is in Chapel Hill. I live in Chapel Hill.
Chapel Hill is a city. It is a city on a **hill**. It is a city
on a small mountain.

My house is red. My house is brick.
I live in a red brick house.



Questions:

1) What is the United States?

- A. a city
- B. a state
- C. a country

2) What is North Carolina?

- A. a city
- B. a state
- C. a country

3) What is Chapel Hill?

- A. a city
- B. a state
- C. a country

4) How is the weather in Chapel Hill?

- A. rainy
- B. sunny
- C. cloudy

5) What is my house made of?

- A. wood
- B. brick
- C. metal

6) What color is my house?

- A. red
- B. blue
- C. yellow

7) What is a **hill**?

- A. a forest
- B. a large river
- C. a small mountain

Answers and Explanations

- 1) **C**
In paragraph 1, we are told, “The United States is a country.” Therefore **(C)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 2) **B**
Paragraph 2 tells us, “North Carolina is a state.” Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)** and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 3) **A**
In paragraph 3, we learn, “Chapel Hill is a city.” Therefore **(A)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(B)** and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 4) **B**
In paragraph 2, the speaker tells us that she lives in the state of North Carolina. In paragraph 3, we learn that the speaker lives in the city of Chapel Hill. From this information, we can understand that the city of Chapel Hill is in the state of North Carolina. In paragraph 2, the speaker tells us that the weather in North Carolina is sunny. If the weather in North Carolina is sunny, then the weather in Chapel Hill must be sunny too. Therefore **(B)** is correct.

The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)**, and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 5) **B**
In paragraph 4, the speaker tells us, “My house is brick.” Therefore **(B)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)** and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 6) **A**
In paragraph 4, the speaker tells us, “My house is red.” Therefore **(A)** is correct. The passage does not contain information to support choices **(B)** and **(C)**. Therefore they are incorrect.
- 7) **C**
In paragraph 3, when the speaker tells us about Chapel Hill, she says, “It is a city on a **hill**.” Then she lets us know more about Chapel Hill. She tells us, “It is a city on a small mountain.” From this, we can understand that a *small mountain* and a *hill* are the same thing. Therefore **(C)** is correct.

The passage does not contain information to support choices **(A)** and **(B)**. Therefore they are incorrect.