

Name Date

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Use this week's TIME for Kids (Edition 5–6) cover story to answer the questions. For each question, circle the letter next to the best answer.

Recall Key Facts and Details (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 1.** Which is *not* true of Joey Erace?
- A. He is popular on Instagram.
 - B. His father has spent more than \$30,000 on his baseball career.
 - C. His nickname is Joey Baseball.
 - D. He is a former minor league player.

Recall Key Facts and Details (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 2.** Joey Erace could not give an autograph to the fan he met in Florida because
- A. he hasn't learned to sign his name in cursive yet.
 - B. his parents wouldn't let him.
 - C. he doesn't like giving autographs.
 - D. he didn't have a pen.

Understand Vocabulary (RI.5.4; RI.6.4)

- 3.** Which is another way to say *skyrocketing* (section 4, paragraph 1)?
- A. taking flight
 - B. blasting off
 - C. increasing quickly
 - D. going away

Understand Vocabulary (RI.5.4; RI.6.4)

- 4.** Which is another way to say *crucial* in the next-to-last paragraph?
- A. very important
 - B. dangerous
 - C. expensive
 - D. exciting

Identify Main Idea (RI.5.5; RI.6.1)

- 5.** Which is the main idea of section 2 (“An Early Start”)?
- A. Youth sports are worth spending a lot of money on.
 - B. Highly competitive sports teams are good for kids.
 - C. Many families are taking youth sports very seriously.
 - D. It is important for kids to start playing sports early.

Draw Conclusions (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 6.** The author of this article would likely agree that
- A. it is important to set kids up for athletic success.
 - B. baseball is the best sport for kids to play.
 - C. kids who play sports are more likely to be successful.
 - D. investing so much time and money in youth sports might not be worth it.

Understand Text Structure (RI.5.5; RI.6.5)

- 7.** Which structure best describes section 3 (“Business Is Booming”)?
- A. problem-solution
 - B. cause-effect
 - C. pro-con
 - D. chronology

Interpret Language (RI.5.4; RI.6.4)

- 8.** The article says Katherine Sinclair “embraces the grind” in the next-to-last paragraph. This means she
- A. is tired of traveling.
 - B. always does her best.
 - C. is okay with working hard.
 - D. is a great player.

Understand Text Features (RI.5.5; RI.6.7)

- 9.** The sidebar (“The Long Shot”) adds to the article by showing
- A. how easy it is to be an athlete.
 - B. statistics about the benefits of being a good athlete.
 - C. statistics about how unlikely it is for kids to find long-term success in sports.
 - D. that basketball and soccer are challenging sports.

Recall Key Facts and Details (RI.5.1; RI.6.1)

- 10.** Which is a downside of youth sports becoming more intense and expensive?
- A. Kids enjoy competition.
 - B. Great athletes can earn college scholarships.
 - C. Travel teams can bring people together.
 - D. Many families cannot afford to participate.

Write Opinion Pieces (W.5.1; W.6.1)

Bonus Do you think families should take youth sports so seriously? Why or why not? State your opinion and support it with evidence from the text.