



# Reading Counts Quiz

Teacher: Amy Kendall



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Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Book: Touch Blue

**1. Tess's father didn't think that Reverend Beal asked the Calders about taking in a foster child because**

- A. they didn't pay attention to their own children.
- B. they didn't care much about helping people.
- C. he felt that they had too much going on.
- D. he didn't approve of how strict they were.

**2. What happened when Eben called Aaron an orphan?**

- A. Tess kicked Eben.
- B. Aaron tripped Eben.
- C. Tess chased Eben.
- D. Aaron punched Eben.

**3. Tess's father and uncle used some buoys as decoys because**

- A. they liked to experiment with the lobsters.
- B. other fishermen liked to put traps near theirs.
- C. someone was stealing from some of their traps.
- D. they were being paid to test different kinds of buoys.

**4. Aaron helped Tess with her skiff because**

- A. he wanted to use it to leave when it was ready.
- B. she was trying hard to make him feel at home.
- C. it was taking her a long time to work on it.
- D. he thought it was cool to have a boat.

**5. When Aaron felt seasick, Tess**

- A. gave him a piece of candy.
- B. made him drink a smelly tea.
- C. told him to imagine he was on land.
- D. had him keep his eyes on his feet.

**6. When she found a button on the beach, Tess**

- A. tossed it out to sea.
- B. buried it in the sand.
- C. gave it to Aaron.
- D. let Libby have it.



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**7. Tess didn't want to do something with Jenna for the talent show at first because**

- A. Jenna might make her look bad.
- B. Cal liked to work with Jenna.
- C. Amy didn't like Jenna.
- D. she didn't know Jenna very well.

**8. Tess \_\_\_\_\_ when she and Aaron went to the post office.**

- A. ran into her neighbor
- B. opened her parents' letter
- C. pointed out the old stamps
- D. tripped on the steps

**9. Aaron's mother \_\_\_\_\_ when she came to see the talent show.**

- A. wore a hat and gloves
- B. rushed onstage to hug Aaron
- C. gave Aaron a standing ovation
- D. grabbed a seat up front

**10. Tess took back her blue lobster from Mr. Phipps's store because**

- A. a man from Louisiana was asking about buying it.
- B. she was afraid that he might sell it to be eaten.
- C. the other lobsters in the tank were bothering it.
- D. she decided not to sell it to the aquarium in Texas.

**11. Tess saw Aaron's mother walk into the talent show while she was**

- A. opening windows.
- B. serving punch.
- C. practicing her dance.
- D. singing onstage.

**12. What happened when Aaron helped Tess scrape her skiff?**

- A. He got a paint needle in his finger.
- B. The scraper nearly snapped in two.
- C. The boat fell off the support blocks.
- D. He scraped the skin off his wrists.

**13. Tess wanted Aaron to see his mother because**

- A. she couldn't imagine not being able to see her mother.
- B. she felt children and mothers should always be together.
- C. it might give him the courage to cooperate with the system.
- D. it might help him give up his perfect idea of his mother.



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**14. Aaron's mother couldn't take care of Aaron because she**

- A. had a lot of other children.
- B. wasn't sure how to make a nice home.
- C. had problems with alcohol and drugs.
- D. couldn't find a decent job.

**15. Aaron hadn't returned to his mother after his grandmother died because**

- A. no one wanted him to return to his mother.
- B. no one had been able to find his mother.
- C. his mother had been in jail for robbing a store.
- D. he had been afraid to go with his mother.

**16. Tess's father said the deserted island was named Dead Man's Island because**

- A. the man who used to own the island had died there alone.
- B. a shipwrecked sailor had washed up on the island long ago.
- C. a ship's captain had run aground on the island and died days later.
- D. several people had died while trying to get onto the island.

**17. Aaron waited for the ferry on the beach because**

- A. he was afraid he would miss it if he didn't watch.
- B. it was too hot to sit out on the dock.
- C. he didn't want to talk to the people on the wharf.
- D. it was the best place to sit and think.

**18. Tess wanted Aaron to play his trumpet for everyone because**

- A. Mrs. Kuhl said that listening to him play was relaxing.
- B. she was proud that he knew how to read music.
- C. it might make him see that he didn't have to give up being a musician.
- D. it would take his mind off the upcoming meeting with Natalie at the office.

**19. Aaron threw the mussels back into the water because**

- A. he didn't want the seagulls to eat them.
- B. he was afraid they would dry out.
- C. they looked lonely sitting on the beach.
- D. they didn't belong on the hot beach.

**20. When she went out on the boat with her father and Aaron after the talent show, Tess**

- A. taught Aaron how to fish with a net.
- B. decided to get rid of her lobster traps.
- C. dropped her lucky items into the water.
- D. showed Aaron her favorite spots.



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**21. Some of the islanders took in foster children because**

- A. they wanted to share their island with others.
- B. it made them feel as though they were helping society.
- C. they needed more children to keep their school open.
- D. it seemed like an easy way to make money.

**22. When she sent a letter to Aaron's mother, Tess**

- A. drew pictures on the envelope.
- B. wrote a wish under the stamp.
- C. sealed it with red wax.
- D. covered it with kisses.

**23. Reverend Beal asked if Aaron would like to**

- A. help out in a children's class.
- B. talk about his problems.
- C. sing in the youth choir.
- D. become the church organist.

**24. What happened at the Fourth of July program?**

- A. Eben stood up and yelled mean things while Aaron was playing.
- B. Two women upset Aaron when they gossiped about his scar.
- C. Aaron threw a pie into Eben's face after Eben called him a loser.
- D. Aaron slammed the songbook shut and left after he found a note.

**25. While Tess was playing a game with Libby and Aaron, her father**

- A. reminded her of her chores.
- B. brought a letter to her.
- C. asked if he could play.
- D. thanked her for being nice.

**26. Tess's father explained that he banded the lobsters' claws because**

- A. he didn't want the lobsters to try to escape from the net.
- B. it usually helped the lobsters feel calm.
- C. it kept the lobsters from hurting each other.
- D. he didn't want all the lobsters' claws to become tangled.

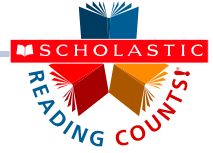
**27. When they were in the parish hall to go over the songs, Tess and Aaron**

- A. dressed up in clothes from the rummage sale boxes.
- B. used the songbooks to create a privacy screen.
- C. rearranged the items on the shelves of the pantry.
- D. talked about doing a dance routine for the talent show.



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**28. What happened when Tess's father had his arm around Aaron on the boat?**

- A. A seal popped up near the boat.
- B. Aaron burst into tears and couldn't stop.
- C. A sunfish leaped onto the boat's deck.
- D. Aaron pushed him into the water.

**29. What happened when Aaron and Tess were talking about Aaron's mother coming to hear him play?**

- A. Libby overheard them.
- B. A neighbor stared at them.
- C. The mailman approached them.
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