

Session 1—Reading

Directions

In this part of **ELAP Plus Third Edition**, you will read four passages:

- The Cabin in the Woods
- Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Many Stories
- Icarus’s Short Flight
- Blue Beauty: The Eastern Bluebird

There are multiple-choice questions for you to answer after each passage. Refer to the passage as often as you need to. Then fill in the circle of the best answer to each question.

Now turn the page and begin.

SAMPLE

Read this article. Then answer questions 19 through 24.

Blue Beauty: The Eastern Bluebird

1 The Eastern Bluebird is one of the most well-known birds in the United States. Many people believe the Eastern Bluebird brings hope and happiness. People in New York and Missouri made the Eastern Bluebird their state bird.

2 The Eastern Bluebird is a small bird. It usually grows to be only about six inches tall. Only male bluebirds have a bright blue color. They also have an orange neck and a white belly. Female bluebirds are mostly gray and brown. When a baby bluebird grows feathers, they are a mottled gray color at first. Later, more colors appear.

3 Most Eastern Bluebirds live in the eastern United States. Some also live in Canada and Mexico. The bluebirds prefer to live in quiet, open places. You can often spot them in trees near farms, parks, and gardens. Bluebirds also live in special birdhouses that people build for them.

4 Bluebirds prefer to live in large groups, especially in the winter. Sometimes, up to 100 birds will live in one area. The birds use their warbles to talk to each other. Different sounds and songs have different meanings.

5 Eastern Bluebirds build nests for their babies. Babies have no feathers to keep them warm and dry, so their nests must be strong. Bluebirds usually build their nests inside holes in trees. They use small plants, grass, and pine needles to make a nest. After the babies are born, the parents care for them for about three weeks. Older brothers and sisters may assist as well.

6 Bluebirds eat many kinds of food. Their favorite meals are small bugs, spiders, and worms. Sometimes, they also eat fruit. Eastern Bluebirds usually catch their food by flying down quickly to grab it. They are fast and clever birds.



Good News for the Eastern Bluebird

For many years, Eastern Bluebirds were in trouble. Other kinds of birds were taking their homes. In some places, people cut down the trees where bluebirds live. There were not many Eastern Bluebirds left. People worried that there would not be any left in the future. Luckily, people began to work to save their favorite bird. Many people now build special birdhouses for them. This gives the Eastern Bluebird more safe places to live. The number of Eastern Bluebirds is once again growing strong.

Glossary

mottled – having spots of color
warbles – bird sounds

19 Where should you look to find the definition of the word “mottled”?

- (A) in the glossary
- (B) in “Good News for the Eastern Bluebird”
- (C) at the photograph
- (D) in “Blue Beauty: The Eastern Bluebird”

20 Where should you look to find information about the number of Eastern Bluebirds?

- (A) in the glossary
- (B) in “Good News for the Eastern Bluebird”
- (C) at the photograph
- (D) in “Blue Beauty: The Eastern Bluebird”

21 Read the following sentences from paragraph 5 of the passage:

After the babies are born, the parents care for them for about three weeks. Older brothers and sisters may assist as well.

The word “assist” **most** likely means

- (A) help
- (B) rush
- (C) grow
- (D) live

Session 2—Reading and Writing

Directions

In this part of **ELAP Plus Third Edition**, you will read three passages:

- Annette's New Dog
- How to Make a Birdfeeder
- Grandpa's Camera

Then you will write about what you read.

Now turn the page and begin.

SAMPLE

Read this story. Then answer questions 30 and 31.

Grandpa's Camera

1 Don and his grandpa enjoyed going on walks to the park each week. Don liked to see the trees, plants, and animals there. One day Don asked his grandpa if they could take pictures on their walk.

2 "That's a great idea, Don," said Grandpa. "The next time we go for a walk, I'll bring my camera."

3 The next week, Don and Grandpa went for their walk. Grandpa took his camera out of a bag.

4 "That doesn't look like any camera I've ever seen," said Don. "Why is it so big?"

5 "Well, Don," said Grandpa. "This camera is much older than most cameras you've seen. In fact, it was my father's camera. Some people think that old things aren't useful anymore. But, I like this camera better than any other I've ever used."

6 Grandpa showed Don how to take a picture with the camera. First, he looked through the window of the camera. He lined up the camera to take a picture of a butterfly. Then, he pressed the button at the top of the camera. The machine clicked loudly. Then, a lightbulb flashed. Grandpa turned a button at the top of the camera, and the camera made more clicking sounds.

7 "Do you think that camera will really take good pictures?" asked Don.

8 "I think you'll be very surprised, Don," said Grandpa with a smile.

9 Grandpa and Don went on their walk together the following week.

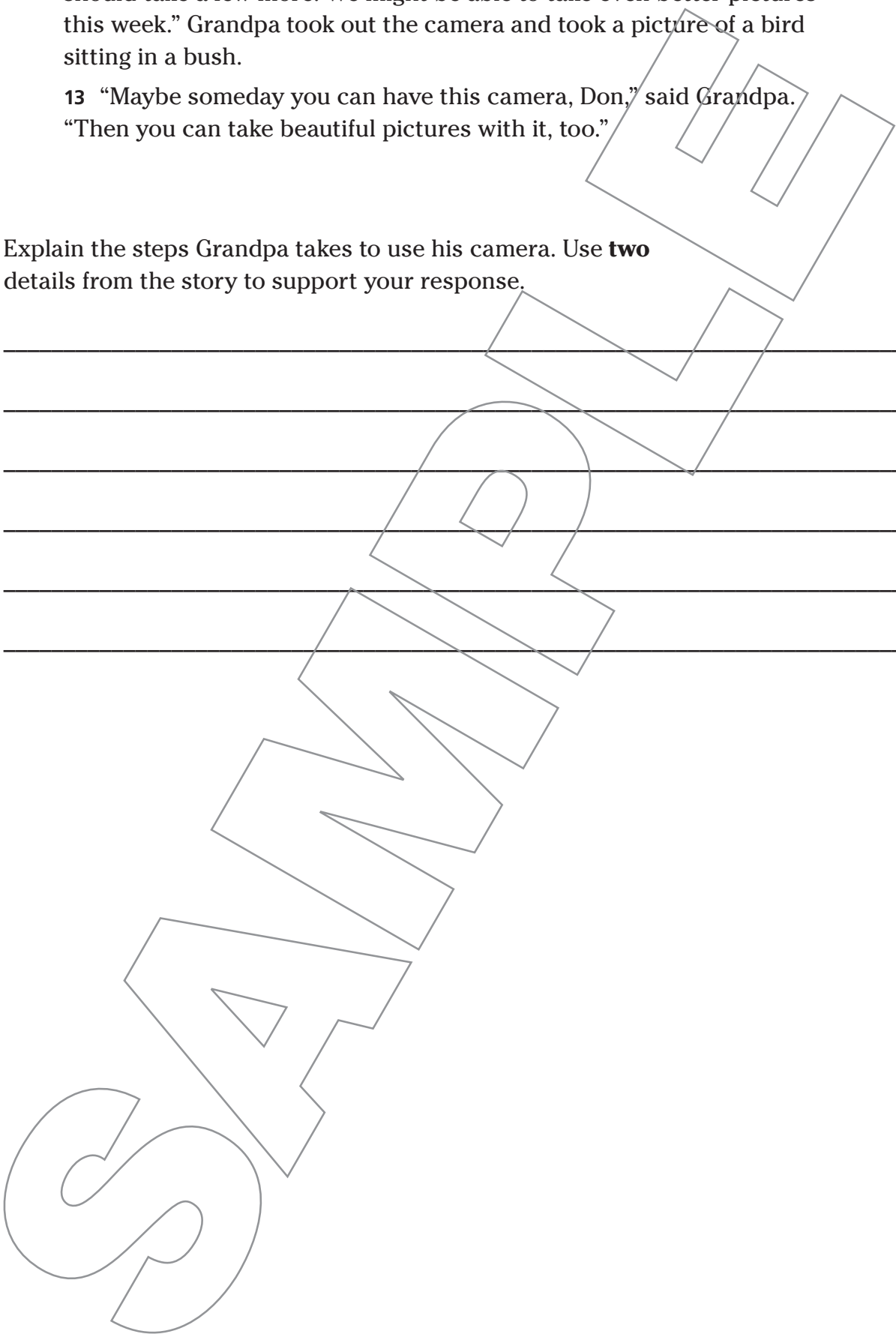
10 "Here, I wanted to show you something," Grandpa said. He gave Don the pictures they had taken the week before with the camera. Don could not believe how beautiful and colorful the pictures were. One showed a squirrel climbing a tree. Another showed a bright red flower soaked by raindrops.

11 "I've never seen such nice pictures before!" Don exclaimed. "I like this picture the best." He pulled out a picture of Grandpa and him standing in front of a park bench.

12 Grandpa smiled. “Yes, that’s my favorite picture, too. Maybe we should take a few more. We might be able to take even better pictures this week.” Grandpa took out the camera and took a picture of a bird sitting in a bush.

13 “Maybe someday you can have this camera, Don,” said Grandpa. “Then you can take beautiful pictures with it, too.”

30 Explain the steps Grandpa takes to use his camera. Use **two** details from the story to support your response.



31

How does Grandpa feel about his camera being old? Does Don agree or disagree? Use details from the story to support your answer.

In this answer, be sure to include:

- how Grandpa feels about his camera
- whether Don agrees or disagrees
- details from the story to support your answer
