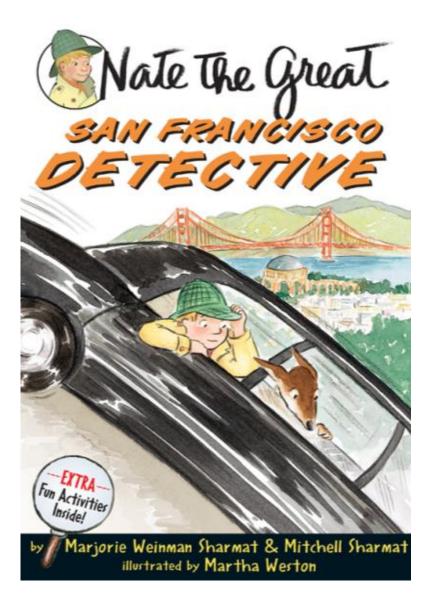


Nate the Great Book Series

Reading Comprehension Exercises
PART 4 (book 22~29)



Book 22

Nate the Great and his dog, Sludge, are in San Francisco to visit Nate's cousin, Olivia Sharp. Olivia is also a detective, and she's very busy. In fact, she's not around to receive her friend Duncan's call about his missing joke book. Nate takes the case and cruises up, down, and around the city in Olivia's limo to look for clues. Can Nate the Great solve his first out-of-town case and keep the world from coming to an end?



I. Complete the sentences using the phrases in the blue box.

1.	Claude lost an itsy bitsy seashell on the Golden Gate Bridge two years ago.			
	Itsy bitsy means			
2.	Claude hung up. Hung up is the past form of hang up . To hang up is to			
3.	Nate hoped that this Duncan person did not have his information straight .			
	Straight means			
4.	Duncan's hair was hanging limp, his socks were drooping, and his jeans were			
	slipping.			
	• Limp means			
	Drooping means			
	Slipping means			
5.	He knocked the syrup bottle over everything. To knock is to			
6.	. The bag was full of cold, crusty, icky things. Crusty means, while icky			
	means			
7.	Nate told Duncan to thaw the pancake. To thaw is to			
8.	"We can't be positive ," Nate said. Positive means			
9.	"I owe you one," Olivia said You use I owe you one to			

- very small
- completely sure
- not hard or strong
- clear; basic or true
- having a hard outer layer
- end a phone conversation
- moving out of the correct position
- hit something and make it move or fall
- unpleasant to touch, look at, smell, etc.
- hanging, bending, or moving downwards
- cause something frozen and hard to become warmer and softer
- thank someone for helping you and say that you will do something for him or her in the future





II. Choose the correct answer.

1.	What time was I	Nate supposed	to meet Olivia	at the airport	in San Francisco?
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A. 8:00

B. 9:00

C. 10:00

2. Who told Nate on the phone that they all missed him?

A. Annie

B. Claude

C. Rosamond

3. What was Olivia's number for Duncan's case?

A. 18

B. 21

C. 22

4. What did Duncan NOT say about Joke Stew?

- A. It was a small book.
- B. It was in a bag when he last saw it.
- C. It was the only copy at Booksie's Bookstore.



5. How did the waiter in the pancake house look when Nate said he was looking for a joke book titled *Joke Stew*?

A. mad

B. tired

C. interested



II. Choose the correct answer.

- 6. According to Nate, whom might his Golden Gate clue help?
 - A. Claude

B. Duncan

C. Olivia

- 7. What did Nate NOT find in the bag from Duncan's freezer?
 - A. a huge menu

B. a syrup container

- C. a little tub of butter
- 8. Why did Nate have to choose where to look for Duncan's joke book?
 - A. The book could be anywhere.
 - B. Somebody could have found the book and taken it home.
 - C. There wasn't enough time to look for the book everywhere in a big city.
- 9. Where in Booksie's Bookstore did Nate find Duncan's joke book?
 - A. in the children's books
- B. in the cookbook section
- C. in the joke book department

- 10. What did Nate NOT say about the case he had for Olivia?
 - A. It was big and small.
 - B. It was easy and hard.
 - C. It was possibly hopeless.





III. Arrange the events below in the order in which they happened in the book.

Nate ate a frozen mushyberry pancake.	Gluds or a California case. a California case. but it has something to do with
Claude told Nate to find his lost seashell.	the entire world. Or the end of it. Something like that.
Nate called his mother and left a message.	I will be back.
Nate enjoyed the ride back to the Golden Gate Bridge.	Nate the Great."
Nate asked Willie to take him to the Golden Gate Bridge.	
Nate saw a sign that said "NATE THE GREAT" in big letters.	The state of the s
Duncan talked about what had happened after he left the pancake house.	
Willie told Nate that Sludge had looked in garbage cans behind the pancake	house.
Nate asked the lady behind the counter if books were returned to Booksie's	Bookstore.
Duncan said he couldn't tell Nate the bad thing that had happened in the p	ancake house.



IV. Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6, and 9: Match the descriptions below with the characters in the blue box.

- She asked for lots of fish.
- He breathed heavily on the phone.
- He looked even sadder than he sounded.
- She was late because of her friend's case.
- He had served a boy mushyberry pancakes.
- He said the Golden Gate Bridge was a fine bridge.
- He spoke after Nate thanked everyone for the call.
- He was peering through the front window of the bookstore.
- She was the first person Nate talked to on the phone in San Francisco.
- 10. He thought the limo was a good place to think and to drive around to see San Francisco.
- 11. She said that a book was put on the shelf again when it was brought back to the bookstore.



























V. Chapters 2 and 3: Fill in the boxes with the correct letters to complete the sentences below. (Clue: The missing words are related to telephone calls.)



VI. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8: Write <u>T</u> if the sentence is correct. Write <u>F</u> if the sentence is incorrect.

1. Duncan had to tell a joke to a friend at two o'clock.
2. Duncan bought <i>Joke Stew</i> at Booksie's Bookstore, then he went to Perry's Pancake
House immediately.
3. According to the waiter at the pancake house, a boy scooped out all the sticky stuff
and dumped it in a bag.
4. Duncan opened the bag of sticky stuff before he put it in the freezer.
5. Duncan dropped a lot of bags outside the pancake house, picked them up,
and brought them home.



VII-A. Chapters 7 to 9: Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

- 1. Why did Duncan put the bag of sticky stuff in the freezer?
- 2. When did Nate think Duncan had dropped his book in its bag?
- 3. According to the lady behind the counter in Booksie's Bookstore, what books had been returned that day or the previous day?
- 4. Why did Nate find Duncan's book in the wrong place?





VII-B. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

- 1. In your opinion, why did Duncan keep saying that the world was coming to an end before Nate found his joke book?
- 2. In Chapter 7, Nate told Duncan, "Olivia has her way. I have mine." What are the differences between Nate's and Olivia's ways of solving cases? Which detective do you think has a better style? Explain your answer.
- 3. In Chapter 7, Nate said that hope was the worst thing to lose. Do you agree or disagree with him? Explain your answer.
- 4. In Chapter 10, what case do you think Nate had for Olivia? Why do you think so?



