

"A Day's Wait" by Ernest Hemingway

Synonyms and Context Clues

Match the synonym on the left with the italicized work in the sentence on the right.

1. _____ Detached	a. Papa tried to start a conversation with Schatz, but he couldn't get the boy to talk. Finally, Schatz <i>initiated</i> a conversation himself.
2. _____ Poised	b. Schatz was uninterested in the book his father was reading and had an <i>indifferent</i> attitude.
3. _____ Commenced	c. As he relaxed, the tightness left his face and his features went <i>lax</i> .
4. _____ Slack	d. Papa stood <i>balanced</i> in the snow, steadying himself long enough to shoot two quail.

Grammar Errors

Identify the type of error, if any, in each unlined passage, and circle the letter next to the correct answer.

The events in "A Day's Wait" really happened to Ernest Hemingway and his nine-year-old son Jack. Jack's real nickname (1) was Bumby but in this story the nine-year-old is called "Schatz", a (2) german pet name (3) meaning treasure Hemingway and his family (4) lived in france for many years. In this story a family is back in the United States after living abroad.

- 1. A. Spelling
- B. Capitalization
- C. Punctuation
- D. No error

- 3. A. Spelling
- B. Capitalization
- C. Punctuation
- D. No error

- 2. A. Spelling
- B. Capitalization
- C. Punctuation
- D. No error

- 4. A. Spelling
- B. Capitalization
- C. Punctuation
- D. No error

Find evidence from the text.

	Answer in your own words	Evidence from the Text (Quote); How do you know?
1. How does Schatz behave when his father reads to him the first time? Why does the boy behave that way?		
2. How does Schatz respond when his father suggests that he try to go to sleep? Why does the boy respond that way?		
3. Why doesn't Schatz allow anyone in his room later? What does this indicate about his fear?		
4. Why isn't Schatz able to fall asleep?		
5. Why does Schatz think he is going to die?		
6. While Schatz thinks he is dying, his father goes hunting. How would the father's actions be different if he, too, were afraid Schatz was going to die?		
7. At which point in the story is Schatz's internal conflict resolved?		
8. List one character trait of Schatz that may have contributed to his inner conflict.		