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# The Strange Present

**Directions:** Read the short sentences. Pick the answer choice that best combines the information in the short sentences. Your answer should be clear and grammatically correct.

1. March 15 was a day.

The day was Sam's favorite of the year.

The day was Sam's birthday.

- a. March 15, a favorite day of Sam's year, was his birthday.
- b. March 15 was the day of Sam's birthday, the favorite day of the year.
- c. His birthday was Sam's favorite day of the year, March 15.
- d. Sam's favorite day of the year was March 15, his birthday.

2. Sam had a party.

The party was small.

The party was every year.

The party had cake.

The party had balloons.

The party had presents.

- a. Every year, Sam had a party with cake, balloons, and presents that was small.
- b. Sam had a small party every year with cake, balloons, and presents.
- c. Every year, Sam had a small cake with his party and balloons and presents.
- d. With cake and balloons and presents, every year Sam had a small party.

3. Dawn said she was going to give Sam a present.

The present was two birthdays.

Dawn was Sam's aunt.

- a. Dawn said she was going to give a present of two birthdays from Sam's aunt.
- b. Giving a present of two birthdays, Dawn said she was Sam's aunt.
- c. Dawn, Sam's aunt, said she was going to give Sam two birthdays for a present.
- d. The present, two birthdays, Sam's aunt Dawn was going to give to Sam.

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4. Dawn laughed.

The laughing was at an expression.

The expression was Sam's.

The expression was puzzled.

Dawn was a pilot.

- Laughing at Sam's puzzled expression, Dawn was a pilot.
- Dawn was a pilot, and she laughed at the puzzled expression that was Sam's.
- Dawn, a pilot, laughed at Sam's puzzled expression.
- Dawn laughed, and the puzzled expression of Sam's the pilot laughed at.

5. Dawn strapped Sam into her plane.

The plane was sturdy.

Dawn's eyes twinkled.

- Dawn's eyes twinkled, and she strapped Sam into her plane that was sturdy.
- Dawn's eyes twinkled as she strapped Sam into her sturdy plane.
- Strapping Sam, with eyes twinkling, Dawn was in her sturdy plane.
- The plane was Dawn's, who strapped in Sam, eyes twinkling, and was sturdy.

6. Dawn flew over a line.

The line was the International Date Line.

When Dawn flew back, Sam turned 10 again!

- Dawn flew over the International Date Line, and when she flew back, Sam turned 10 again!
- Turning 10 again, Dawn flew Sam back over the International Date Line!
- Flying back over the International Date Line, Sam turned 10 when Dawn flew again.
- The International Date Line was the line Dawn flew over and back, turning Sam 10 again!

**Fun Fact!** Did you know that the International Date Line is an imaginary line on the earth's surface where, by international agreement, travelers change dates? Cross eastward, and you subtract a day. Cross westward, and you add a day. The line generally follows the 180° meridian of longitude.