

CHAPTER 18 SELF-CHECK

Safe Streets and Homes

Circle the letter of the phrase or statement that best answers each question.

1. Some people need help in saying no to crime because _____.
 - a. they are afraid their friends will hurt them
 - b. they are afraid they won't seem cool to their peers
 - c. their friends might try to get them angry enough to go along with the crime
 - d. they need help because of all three of the above

2. An untrue statement about crime and violence is that _____.
 - a. friends plus alcohol or drugs plus weapons often just equals fun
 - b. schools with less crime and violence have more learning
 - c. seven percent of 10-12 year-olds were assaulted in one year of a study
 - d. people who feel good about themselves do not need to be violent to solve their problems

3. A true statement about violent crime is that _____.
 - a. there is nothing that can be done about it
 - b. violent crime does not begin with arguments
 - c. young people all over the country are stopping crime with success
 - d. not fighting means that you are frightened and weak

4. A T-shirt slogan that discourages fighting might be _____.
 - a. "cool down and calm down"
 - b. "I'm always right"
 - c. "Stop, look, listen ... and shoot!"
 - d. "take a deep breath"

5. In your advice to a friend who was going to enter a fight, you would say that _____.
 - a. it shows you are brave to risk your life in a fight
 - b. it's important to be sure no police are around
 - c. violent fights often result in someone getting caught and punished
 - d. risking injury is worth it when your pride is at stake

6. An untrue statement about murder is that _____.
 - a. it is all too easy to kill with a gun or a knife
 - b. it is more difficult to kill someone with your fists than it is with a gun
 - c. police say that if people drank less, there would be fewer murders
 - d. it is harder for police to stop violence when the people fighting are strangers

CHAPTER 18 REALITY CHECK

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WRITING ACTIVITY

Read the following news story very carefully. Read each item below. Write your answers in complete sentences.

A RANDOM, SENSELESS KILLING—A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Three men face a murder charge. Dwayne J., Albert L., and Jason D. could get the death penalty. According to police, Dwayne J. and Albert L. ate together at a diner. As they left, they argued with some young men in a tan car in the parking lot.

Witnesses said there was fistfighting.

After Dwayne J. and Albert L. drove away, they saw a friend, Jason D., and picked him up. They told him about the fight. They decided to get Dwayne J.'s father's gun to settle the fight.

As they drove around, they spotted a tan car they thought belonged to men with whom they had argued. There were two men inside, talk-

ing. Dwayne J., Albert L., and Jason D. yelled at them to come out. When they did, shooting began. One victim was killed. The other is recovering from injuries. Both were students who had been nowhere near the diner. It had been a tragic mistake.

1. If the suspects had not been able to get a gun, could the murders have occurred? _____

2. What could Dwayne J. or Albert L. have done to try to prevent a fistfight? _____

3. Why do you think Jason D. went along? Was it to be cool? _____

4. Even if they had found the men they had argued with, what could the suspects have done differently? _____

5. Look up the words, *senseless* and *random* in the dictionary. Write their definitions below.

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ACTIVITY

Form a small group of 3-6 people. Each person in your group should contribute. Before you begin, decide what each person's job will be in the group. If time allows, present your group's work to the class.

Gun control is an issue. Decide what side you support.

- Prepare the reasons for your group's argument: either that guns should be harder to get or that guns should not be harder to get.
- Debate a group that supports the opposing side.
- Strengthen your argument by reviewing the other group's argument. Have a second debate.

Part 4

CUMULATIVE REVIEW

Color in the circle beside the correct answer.
More than one answer may be correct.

- Police need to make sure _____.
 - a. that they spend equal time in the office and on the street
 - b. that officers are not injured in the line of duty
 - c. that the suspect is treated fairly at all times
 - d. that they do not use too much force
- Members of a jury ask themselves this question: _____.
 - a. is there more evidence on the innocent side or on the guilty side?
 - b. is the accused person somewhat guilty or extremely guilty?
 - c. was most of the evidence in plain sight?
 - d. is there enough evidence for the lawyer to appeal the case?
- There cannot be a fair trial _____.
 - a. if there are no witnesses
 - b. if there is not a fair jury
 - c. if witnesses refuse to promise to tell the truth
 - d. if the suspect is mentally ill
- Police sometimes ask personal questions _____.
 - a. to decide if a person is a law-abiding citizen
 - b. to protect themselves and innocent people
 - c. to help establish probable cause
 - d. to legally take away your right to privacy
- Besides logic, lawyers form arguments using _____.
 - a. customs and rights
 - b. fault and cause
 - c. duty and ownership
 - d. all of the above when necessary
- It is an untrue statement that _____.
 - a. you do not have to testify or speak at your own trial
 - b. sometimes trials are held without the defendant
 - c. you and your lawyer have the right to cross-examine witnesses
 - d. only your lawyer has the right to call witnesses for your side
- When you report a crime, _____.
 - a. tell the police if anyone is hurt
 - b. tell the police you need to protect your right to privacy by not giving your name
 - c. tell the police only a few details until you speak with a lawyer
 - d. tell the police your opinion of the suspect's character
- It will be harder to prove there was a rape _____.
 - a. if you do not tell someone right away
 - b. if you feel guilty for having been careless
 - c. if there are no witnesses
 - d. if you have no cuts and bruises
- Many juveniles get into legal trouble because _____.
 - a. they are not in school during the day
 - b. they did not appeal their case quickly enough
 - c. they hang out with the wrong crowd
 - d. they are unhappy and bored
- Community policing works in a way _____.
 - a. that respects the problems of every person
 - b. that respects the problems of the community as a whole
 - c. that keeps police and people at a safe distance from each other
 - d. that builds understanding between police and people
- It is easier to say no to a small crime _____.
 - a. than it is to say no to a misdemeanor
 - b. if a weapon is not involved
 - c. before it turns into a punishable offense
 - d. before it turns into something bigger
- A person can stop fighting by _____.
 - a. listening to enemies as well as to friends
 - b. thinking of ways to let the other person leave with dignity
 - c. believing that there is a solution to the problem
 - d. having more weapons than anyone else in the neighborhood