

Read the passages and choose the best answer to the questions that follows them. You may use a dictionary.

Many children believe that monsters hide in their closets and under their beds, waiting to attack them during the night. Children scared of monsters often call to their parents. Many parents, faced with their frightened child, go to the closet or bend down to the floor to command the “monsters” to leave their children alone. Imagine the surprise of the child when his parents confirm that indeed there are monsters lurking about. Parents may think they are being cute or lessening their child’s fears when they pretend to banish the monsters, but what they really do is worsening the fear. Experts say that in this situation, parents should assure their children that monster don’t exist.

We can infer from the passage that children want their parents to

- threaten the monsters.
- politely ask the monsters to leave the premises.
- assure them that monsters have not been seen for thousands of years.
- assure them that monsters do not exist.
- assure them that the monsters are gone for now.

Mary wanted to supplement her income, so she decided to buy items at garage sales and then sell them in an online action. She woke up early at Saturday morning and travelled around the city, stopping at nearly two dozen garage sales. She spent \$600 at the sales. After spending just a few hours setting up the auctions online, Mary sat back and watched. When the auctions concluded three days later, Mary had sold all of her items for a total of \$ 1850.

Which of the following conclusions can be made based on the information in the passage?

- Mary was out of work before she started her online business.
- Mary made more from her auctions than she did from her other job.
- Mary is a poor businesswoman.
- Mary made back all the money she invested.
- Mary’s auctions were a bust.

Probably in response to society’s obsession with looking great and staying healthy, a strange new disorder has emerged. Exercise addiction is a little-known but real threat. Some of the signs of exercise addiction include the use of exercise to avoid personal problems or to escape from reality, the false belief that one is out of shape or fat, and feelings of guilt and depression about missing a day of exercise.

What is the main idea of the passage?

- Too much exercise is a good thing.
- Too much exercise can be a good thing.
- Exercise is not worth the risk.
- Too much exercise can be detrimental to one’s health.
- You shouldn’t feel guilty if you skip a day at the gym.

Some people complain that film actors make too much money. What these people don’t understand is that most actors are worth their exorbitant salaries. Even terrible movies can be salvaged by a great actor in lead or supporting role, so it’s no wonder that top actors command millions of dollars per movie. If a movie that cost \$150 million to make grosses \$225 million because Hollywood’s hottest leading man starred in it, that leading man’s salary was a great investment. People who complain about highly paid professionals like actors and actresses simply haven’t thought about the economics of making a hit film.

The author of the passage implies that those people who object to actors’ high salaries

- rarely go to the movies.
- are jealous of the actors’ wealth.
- misunderstand the lifestyles actors must lead.
- lack the business sense to comprehend the actors’ true value.
- have no way of comprehending what \$5 million can buy.