

## “Julian’s Work”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Julian works at the bookstore.

First, his job is to unload boxes of books from the truck.

Then he opens the boxes. After that, Julian puts the books in different piles.

One pile is for books that tell true stories. These are called books of fact.

Another pile is for books that tell stories that are not true. These are called books of fiction.

Julian then puts the books on shelves in the bookstore.

Putting books on shelves is what Julian likes to do best at work.

When Julian has free time at work, he likes to read through all of the books.

His favorite books are the ones that tell true stories about real people and their lives.

On Sunday and Monday, Julian does not work at the book store.

On these days, he stays at home. He uses this time to write a story about himself.

Julian grew up in Peru. Now he lives in the United States. He works at the bookstore to pay for school.

Julian wants to be a teacher.

One day, he hopes to turn his story into a book.

He hopes to see it at the bookstore.



### Questions:

1) Where does Julian work?

- A. on a truck
- B. at a bookstore
- C. in Peru
- D. at an art store

2) What must Julian do first at his job?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions (continued):

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3) What is the second thing Julian must do at his job?

- A. open boxes
- B. tape boxes shut
- C. put books on shelves
- D. put books in piles

4) In how many piles must Julian put the books?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

5) In what piles are the books placed?

- A. easy and hard
- B. long and short
- C. true and not true
- D. funny and not funny

6) What is a word for a book that is true?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

7) What is a word for a book that is not true?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

8) What does Julian like to do best at work?

- A. unload boxes
- B. open boxes
- C. put books in piles
- D. put books on shelves

9) What does Julian do during his free time at work?

- A. write stories
- B. read books
- C. tell stories
- D. put books on shelves

10) Which books does Julian like best?

- A. true books
- B. funny books
- C. sad books
- D. books with happy endings

11) Why does Julian work at the bookstore?

- A. to buy a house
- B. to pay for clothes
- C. to pay for school
- D. to pay for a trip to Peru

12) What does Julian hope to turn his story into?

- A. a book
  - B. a movie
  - C. a play
  - D. a TV show
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