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Text 1: Fiction - Mario and Pikachu's Power-Up Quest

Mario jumped high, dodging Goombas as he raced through the Mushroom Kingdom. But something was different today—blocks that usually held coins were empty, and a strange energy filled the air. Suddenly, a bright flash appeared, and standing before him was Pikachu!

“Pika! Pika!” Pikachu chirped, pointing toward Bowser’s castle.

Luigi ran up, panting. “Mario! Bowser’s got something new! He stole all the Power Stars, and now the game world is changing!”

Mario and Pikachu exchanged a determined look. Pikachu’s electricity sparked, and Mario grabbed a Super Mushroom. Together, they dashed forward, leaping over lava pits, dodging Bullet Bills, and zapping Koopa Troopas.

At last, they reached the castle gates. Bowser roared, holding a Poké Ball in his claws. “You’ll never get past my newest champion!” he sneered.

The Poké Ball opened, and out jumped Charizard, its fiery wings spreading wide. Pikachu stepped forward, cheeks crackling. Mario clenched his fists. This was the biggest boss battle yet!

Would Mario and Pikachu defeat Bowser and save the Mushroom Kingdom? Only the bravest players could find out!

Text 2: Nonfiction - Mario & Pokémon: Two Gaming Legends

For decades, two video game franchises have captured the hearts of players worldwide: **Super Mario Bros.** and **Pokémon**. These two games are different in many ways but share a massive impact on gaming history.

Super Mario Bros. debuted in 1985 with Mario as the hero who must rescue Princess Peach from Bowser. The game introduced side-scrolling platform adventures, power-ups, and hidden secrets. Over the years, Mario has appeared in racing games, sports games, and even 3D worlds.

Meanwhile, **Pokémon** began in 1996 as a role-playing game where trainers catch and battle creatures. Pikachu quickly became the face of the franchise, appearing in movies, TV shows, and even its own game series. Players worldwide have collected and battled Pokémon for decades.

Both franchises have sold millions of copies and continue to be popular. Whether jumping over Goombas or battling Gym Leaders, Mario and Pokémon have shaped gaming history in exciting ways.

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Question Set

Comprehension Questions

1. **(Main Idea)** What is the main idea of the nonfiction passage?
 - a) Mario and Pokémon are new games.
 - b) Mario and Pokémon have influenced gaming history.
 - c) Pokémon is more popular than Mario.
 - d) Only Mario has been in multiple game styles.

2. **(Supporting Detail)** What game did Super Mario Bros. first appear in?
 - a) 1996 Pokémon Red and Blue
 - b) 1985 Super Mario Bros.
 - c) 1990 Super Smash Bros.
 - d) 2006 Pokémon Diamond and Pearl

3. **(Inference)** In the fiction passage, what can you infer about Bowser's Poké Ball?
 - a) It contains a friendly Pokémon.
 - b) It holds a powerful Pokémon to challenge Mario and Pikachu.
 - c) It is empty and has no real use.
 - d) It will help Mario win.

4. What problem do Mario and Pikachu face in the fiction passage?
 - a) Bowser stole the Power Stars.
 - b) Pikachu needs a Super Mushroom.
 - c) Luigi is lost in the Mushroom Kingdom.
 - d) The game world is broken.

5. How do Mario and Pikachu prepare to battle Bowser?
 - a) They gather power-ups and rush to the castle.
 - b) They find Princess Peach.
 - c) They call for help from other Pokémons.
 - d) They set a trap for Bowser.

Vocabulary Questions

6. **(Context Clues)** What does the word "franchise" mean in the nonfiction passage?
 - a) A small store
 - b) A series of games, movies, or shows
 - c) A group of fans
 - d) A type of controller

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7. **(Context Clues)** In the fiction passage, what does "crackling" mean in "Pikachu's cheeks crackled with electricity"?
 - a) Making a small popping sound
 - b) Falling apart
 - c) Growing weaker
 - d) Becoming colder
8. **(Synonym)** What word could replace "massive" in the nonfiction passage?
 - a) Tiny
 - b) Huge
 - c) Weak
 - d) Slow
9. **(Antonym)** In the nonfiction passage, the word "debuted" means "first appeared." What is an antonym for "debuted"?
 - a) Retired
 - b) Started
 - c) Improved
 - d) Created
10. What does the word "determined" mean in the sentence: "Mario and Pikachu exchanged a determined look"?
 - a) Confused and unsure
 - b) Focused and ready
 - c) Happy and relaxed
 - d) Tired and weak

Grammar Questions

11. **(Capitalization)** Which sentence is written correctly?
 - a) mario and pikachu ran toward bowser's castle.
 - b) Mario and Pikachu ran toward Bowser's castle.
 - c) mario and Pikachu ran toward Bowser's castle.
 - d) Mario and pikachu ran toward Bowser's castle.
12. **(Punctuation)** Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
 - a) Bowser roared "You'll never get past my newest champion!"
 - b) Bowser roared, "You'll never get past my newest champion!"
 - c) Bowser roared. "You'll never get past my newest champion!"
 - d) Bowser roared "You'll never get past my newest champion"?

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13. **(Subject and Predicate)** What is the complete subject of this sentence?

Mario and Pikachu leaped over the lava pit.

- a) Mario and Pikachu
- b) leaped over the lava pit
- c) leaped
- d) over the lava pit

14. **(Parts of Speech)** What part of speech is “quickly” in the sentence:

Pikachu quickly dodged the attack.

- a) Noun
- b) Adjective
- c) Verb
- d) Adverb

15. **(Parts of Speech)** In the sentence *Mario clenched his fists*, what part of speech is “clenched”?

- a) Noun
- b) Verb
- c) Adjective
- d) Pronoun

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Answer Key

Comprehension Questions

1. **(Main Idea) B** - Mario and Pokémon have influenced gaming history.
2. **(Supporting Detail) B** - 1985 Super Mario Bros.
3. **(Inference) B** - It holds a powerful Pokémon to challenge Mario and Pikachu.
4. **A** - Bowser stole the Power Stars.
5. **A** - They gather power-ups and rush to the castle.

Vocabulary Questions

6. **(Context Clues) B** - A series of games, movies, or shows.
7. **(Context Clues) A** - Making a small popping sound.
8. **(Synonym) B** - Huge.
9. **(Antonym) A** - Retired.
10. **B** - Focused and ready.

Grammar Questions

11. **(Capitalization) B** - Mario and Pikachu ran toward Bowser's castle.
12. **(Punctuation) B** - Bowser roared, "You'll never get past my newest champion!"
13. **(Subject and Predicate) A** - Mario and Pikachu.
14. **(Parts of Speech) D** - Adverb.
15. **(Parts of Speech) B** - Verb.