Paired-Texts Quiz

Directions: Read “Stuttering Doesn’t Hold Me Back” and “The Incredible Power of Speech.” Then answer the questions below.

1. Which statement best expresses a central idea of “Stuttering Doesn’t Hold Me Back”?
   A. Millions of Americans have a stutter.
   B. Building confidence can help a person who stutters cope with the disorder.
   C. There is no cure for stuttering.
   D. Taro Alexander is the founder of SAY.

2. Which line from the article best supports your answer to Question 1?
   A. “A band starts to play, and Bella taps her foot to the music.”
   B. “The disorder occurs most often among kids ages 2 to 5 . . .”
   C. “Bella’s feelings were so hurt that she ran to the school bathroom to cry.”
   D. “Her grades have risen, and she has a lot more confidence.”

3. In “Stuttering Doesn’t Hold Me Back,” what is the purpose of the section “No Longer Alone”?
   A. to describe how Bella’s classmates treated her
   B. to explain the complexity of speech disorders
   C. to show how Bella’s life has improved through her participation in SAY
   D. to summarize what scientists know about speech disorders

4. On page 20, Bella says, “When will I stumble upon my chance?” What could replace “stumble upon” without changing the meaning?
   A. break
   B. go after
   C. seize
   D. come across

5. In “The Incredible Power of Speech,” Lauren Tarshis develops the idea that speech is complex
   A. by describing what happens in the body to create speech.
   B. by explaining how sea lions call to their babies.
   C. by pointing out that even scientists struggle to understand how speech works.
   D. A and C

6. Which statement is supported by information in BOTH articles?
   A. Some young people who stutter have been bullied.
   B. The brain may be key to understanding speech disorders.
   C. Organizations that help kids who stutter are important.
   D. There is a difference between speaking and communicating.

Constructed-Response Questions

Directions: Write your answers to the questions below on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

7. What challenges has Bella faced? How has she overcome those challenges? Use text evidence from “Stuttering Doesn’t Hold Me Back” to support your answer.

8. In “The Incredible Power of Speech,” Tarshis writes that “communication is different from speaking.” How does she support this statement in her article?