

Reading comprehension

A Fishy Tale



George walks into a seafood restaurant and sees a sign that says, "Lobster Tails, \$1 each."

George says to the server, "Those must be very small lobster tails if you're selling them so cheaply."

"No. They are normal size," replies the server.

"Then they must not be too fresh," says George.

"No," says the server. "They are fresh today."

"There must be something wrong with them," says George.

"No. They are just regular lobster tails," says the server.

"OK," says George, "I'll have one."

The server takes George's money, sits down beside him and says, "Once upon a time, there was a big red lobster..."

Answer the following questions:

1. Which word in the title gives a clue to the "joke" of the story?

- a) A
- b) Fishy
- c) Tale

2. Which of these has an incorrect spelling?

- a) Tell me a tale.
- b) She is eating a lobster tail.
- c) The dog's tale is wagging.

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3. What mistake did the restaurant make?

- a) They spelled the word "lobster" incorrectly.
- b) The word "tail" should be "tale".
- c) They charged too much for a lobster tail.

4. How did the restaurant trick George?

- a) They gave him shrimp instead of lobster.
- b) They sold him a lobster tale instead of a lobster tail.
- c) They sold him a crawfish tail instead of a lobster tail.

5. Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelled differently.

Which of these pairs are NOT homophones?

- a) tail tale
- b) sea see
- c) fish dish

