

Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Subway Ride

Jen followed Nicky and her mother down a flight of stairs. Nicky's mother handed Jen a token. Jen slipped the coin into a slot and pushed through the turnstile. Then they all went down another flight of stairs and onto the subway platform.

Jen heard a rumbling that sounded like an earthquake. She was bracing for the walls to start shaking, when a train roared into the station. It screeched to a stop in front of them. There was a crowd waiting to get on the train. Jen, Nicky, and Nicky's mother got on with them.

The seats filled up before Jen or Nicky could sit down. "Hang on to that bar," said Nicky's mother, and Jen held on for dear life. The train began to speed up and then entered a dark tunnel. Nicky said something to Jen, but she could not hear a word over the rumbling of the train.

After a minute, the train came to another screeching halt. "Six more stops to the aquarium," Nicky said.

By the time the train reached the aquarium stop, Jen was used to the noise and the motion of the train. In fact, she had found her first ride on a Boston subway train very exciting. She just hoped their trip to the aquarium would be as much fun.

Answer the questions below.

1 What did Jen do right after she slipped the token into the slot?

- A** braced for the tunnel walls to shake
- B** went down a flight of stairs
- C** held on for dear life
- D** pushed through the turnstile

2 What is the first paragraph mostly about?

- F** riding on a subway train for the first time
- G** going from the street to the subway platform
- H** taking the subway to the aquarium in Boston
- J** taking a sightseeing trip in a strange city

3 What will Jen and Nicky probably do next?

- A** have lunch with Nicky's mother
- B** go to the aquarium with Nicky's mother
- C** go shopping with Nicky's mother
- D** ride the subway to the hotel

4 Tell what happened after the train started and before it reached the next stop. Use sequence words in your answer.

5 What will Jen and Nicky probably have to do to get out of the subway?
