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Do You Know Your Spy Slang?

Would you rather be a birdwatcher or a carnivore? Or would you enjoy being a musician? And what would you do if you found yourself in "hospital"? Get the skinny on a spy's secret lingo and find out how well you understand Sneak Speak.

- 1. A birdwatcher is . . .
 - a. a camera.
 - b. a spy.
 - c. a hotel window.
- 2. What's Camp Swampy?
 - a. The United States' training base.
 - b. A code name for a surveillance operation.
 - c. A meeting place.
- 3. Carnivore is . . .
 - a. an FBI computer program.
 - b. a Russian assassin.
 - c. a spy who talks too much and must be pulled from the field.
- 4. What's a hospital?
 - a. German slang for the United States.
 - b. American slang for the Kremlin, the seat of Russian government.
 - c. Russian slang for prison.
- 5. Which spy penetrates enemy spy organizations?
 - a. A mole.
 - b. A vole.
 - c. A ghoul.
- 6. What is a musician?
 - a. A person who fakes, or "fiddles" documents.
 - b. A radio operator.
 - c. A target who "sings" and provides valuable information.





- 7. Should you worry if you've been "blown"?
 - a. No, because it means you've been given a new identity and sent out to the field.
 - b. Yes, because it means you've been captured.
 - c. Yes, because it means your cover has been compromised.
- 8. Pocket litter is . . .
 - a. items that are placed in a spy's pocket, such as receipts or coins, that make her assumed identity seem more authentic.
 - b. an inflatable dummy used to allow a live agent to escape unseen.
 - c. useless information gathered during a failed mission.
- 9. Uncle is . . .
 - a. a Spymaster.
 - b. spy headquarters.
 - c. a coded call for help.
- 10. What's a bug?
 - a. A spy who has defected to the other side.
 - b. A secret message.
 - c. A listening device.





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Give yourself one point for each correct answer.

1. b

5. a

a
a

7. c

9. b

10. c

4. c



HOW YOU RATE...

- **0-3 Slang starting gate.** You've got your foot in the spy-slang door! Now please remove it.
- **4-7 Slang slinger!** You can use spy slang effectively to order a sandwich in the caf at spy headquarters.
- 8-9 Slangtastic! Your spy slang is top-notch!
- 10 Slanguage expert! You've written the spy-slang dictionary!