

Quiz: L.9-10.5.A

1. Read the following description of Hell from John Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

"As one great Furnace flam'd, yet from those flames
No light, but rather darkness visible
Serv'd only to discover sights of woe ..."

What is the most likely purpose of the oxymoron "darkness visible" in the text?

- A. to show how evil Hell is by how dark it is
 - B. to show how hot the flames are by how dark they are
 - C. to demonstrate what makes the flames interesting
 - D. to illustrate that the speaker is dreaming about Hell
2. Read the following paragraph:

The sun was shining brightly throughout the cloudless sky. The water lapped the shoreline. Everything was beautiful, except for my uncle nagging me to take out the trash. "I've told you a million times!" he yelled, ruining the scene.

Which of the following reasons explains why hyperbole is used in this passage?

- A. to better describe the landscape
 - B. to create a mood for the upcoming plot
 - C. to show emphasis in the uncle's words
 - D. to give information about the narrator
3. Read the following sentence describing the setting of a story.

"The darkness in the woods was nearly absolute. Jarod could scarcely see his hand in front of his face. However, more disturbing was the deafening silence that swallowed him. The woods should be alive with nocturnal sounds."

What is the most likely purpose of the oxymoron "deafening silence" in the text?

- A. to explain why Jarod cannot hear
- B. to create an atmosphere of horror
- C. to show that Jarod is unaware of his surroundings
- D. to demonstrate that it is a typical night in the woods

