

A Tricky Move

If you think moving a piano is tricky, try moving the 2,080-pound Liberty Bell. The bell, one of America's most **enduring**¹ symbols of freedom, had to be moved from its second home at Liberty Hall Pavilion in Philadelphia to a new building down the street.

Why the change of address? The National Park Service built a new center for the Liberty Bell.

Movers wanted to make sure that no additional harm was done to the bell's famous crack. During the move, scientists attached tiny **sensors**² to the mostly copper bell. The sensors would sound an alarm if the bell's famous crack got bigger. "The bell is fragile because of the way it was [made]," said one scientist.



National Park Service

The Liberty Bell no longer rings today. During the move, wireless technology was attached to the bell.

This wasn't the first time the Liberty Bell was moved. From 1885 to 1915, the Liberty Bell traveled across the country, visiting more than 400 cities and towns, including Chicago, New Orleans, and St. Louis.

Workers also moved the Liberty Bell in 1976, when it was taken from Independence Hall to the Liberty Hall Pavilion.

¹ **enduring**: long-lasting

² **sensor**: device that detects movement and responds by giving a signal

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Which city is home to the Liberty Bell?

- A New Orleans
- B Chicago
- C New York
- D Philadelphia

2. The National Park Service built a new center for the Liberty Bell. The problem was that workers had to make sure that the bell's crack was not harmed during the move. How was that problem solved?

- A Workers wrapped the bell in many layers of bubble wrap and tissue paper.
- B The bell was carefully taken apart before the move and then put back together again.
- C Sensors were attached to the bell and would sound an alarm if the crack got bigger.
- D Scientists used superglue to seal the edges of the bell's crack during the move.

3. Which of the following conclusions about the Liberty Bell is supported by the passage?

- A Many workers have dropped the Liberty Bell.
- B The Liberty Bell is difficult to move.
- C Scientists are trying to figure out how to fix the bell's crack.
- D The Liberty Bell will ring once a day at the new location.

4. Read this sentence from the passage: "The bell is fragile because of the way it was [made]," said one scientist."

Based on the text, the word **fragile** means

- A delicate
- B strange
- C wonderful
- D noisy

5. The primary purpose of this passage is to describe

- A how the Liberty Bell got the crack that made it famous
- B how scientists are using wireless technology to move large objects
- C how the Liberty Bell traveled across the country from 1885 to 1915
- D how workers moved the Liberty Bell without damaging its crack

6. What was the home of the Liberty Bell in 1976?

7. Why is the Liberty Bell important? How do you know? Give specific examples from the article that support your answer.

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

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- A instead
- B because
- C so
- D for

9. Answer the following questions based on the sentence below.

Workers carefully moved the Liberty Bell from Liberty Hall Pavilion in Philadelphia to a new center down the street that was built for the Liberty Bell by the National Park Service.

Who? _____

(did) What? moved the Liberty Bell

How? _____

Why? _____

Where? _____

10. **Vocabulary Word:** enduring: long-lasting.

Use the vocabulary word in a sentence: _____

Teacher Guide and Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 960

Featured Text Structure: Problem/Solution – the writer poses a problem and suggests possible solutions

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Suggested answer: Independence Hall [paragraph 5]

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How? **carefully**

Why? **a new center was built for the Liberty Bell by the National Park Service**

Where? **from Liberty Hall Pavilion in Philadelphia to a new center down the street**

10. **Vocabulary Word:** enduring: long-lasting.

Use the vocabulary word in a sentence: answers may vary.