

Raygor Readability



For The Westing Game

First Passage:

“Grace stood before the front window where, beyond the road, beyond the trees, Lake Michigan lay calm and glistening. A lake view! Just wait until those so-called friends of hers with their classy houses see this place. The furniture would have to be reupholstered; no she’d buy new furniture-beige velvet. And she’d have stationary made-blue with a deckle edge, her name and fancy address in swirling type across the top: Grace Windsor Wexler, Sunset Towers on the Lake Shore.

Not every tenant-to-be was quite as overjoyed as Grace Windsor Wexler. Arriving in the late afternoon...” (4).

Second Passage

“Clink, clink. Theo tapped a spoon against a glass for attention. ‘Thank you for coming. When the meeting is over you are all welcome to stay for a chess tournament. Meanwhile, I’d like to explain why my partner and me...my partner and I...called this meeting. I don’t know about your clues, but our clues don’t make any sense.’ The heirs stared at him with blank faces; no one nodded no one even blinked. ‘Now then, if no two sets of clues are alike, as the will says, that could mean that each set of clues is only part of one message. The more clues we put together, the better chance we have of finding the murderer and winning the game” (77).

Third Passage

“The judge was impressed, but she had work to do. Stooping to gather the dropped clippings, she was confronted by the face of Sam Westing. The photograph had been taken fifteen years ago. Those piercing eyes, the Vandyke beard, the short beaked nose (like a turtle’s). The wax dummy in the coffin had been molded in the former image of Sam Westing as he had looked fifteen years ago-not as he looked now. She searched the folder. No recent photographs, no hospital records, no death certificate, just the accident report from the state highway police: Dr. Sidney Sikes....

Passage	Sentences	Words
Passage 1	7	15
Passage 2	9	24
Passage 3	6	30
Total Average	7.3	23

Conclusion: The Westing Game is between a third and fourth grade reading level.