

Practice Exercise 13

Names of dogs end up in 176th place in the list of things that amaze and fascinate me. They run from such plain and simple names as Spot, Sport, Rex, Brownie, and Rover all the way to such fancy names as Prince Rudolph Hertenberg Gratzheim of Daradorf, Darling Mist o' Love, and Heather-Light-Hollywood. All these names and others like them were thought up by adults, all of whom in every other way, I am told, have made a normal adjustment to life. In addition to the plain and fancy names, there are the sarcastic and the cute. Sarcastic names are given by people who do not like dogs very much. The most popular ones during World War II were Mussolini, Tojo, and Adolf. The cute people call their dogs Bubbles, Sparkles, Twinkles, Lovums, and Sweetums.

1. The overall tone of the paragraph is
 - a. sadly pathetic.
 - b. obviously serious.
 - c. offensively scornful.
 - d. lightly humorous.
2. The statement "All these names and others like them were thought up by adults, all of whom in every other way, I am told, have made a normal adjustment to life," conveys a tone of
 - a. sarcasm.
 - b. vengeance.
 - c. scientific precision.
 - d. indignance.
3. The author's attitude toward the topic is a blend of
 - a. shock and disappointment.
 - b. amusement and fascination.
 - c. amazement and respect.
 - d. apprehension and envy.
4. Underline the sentence that suggests that the author does not consider the topic a very important one.