**Texting Trolls**

      Well, it happened once again. Tremor Troll had another crush. This time it was the new girl in class, Tina Troll.  
      Tremor was very shy and reluctant to actually talk to a girl. “How can I introduce myself to her?” he asked his close friend, Trogmire Troll.  
      “Send her a nice text message,” Trogmire suggested. “I can get her number from her friend, Tammy Troll.  
      Tremor had gotten his first cell phone just two days earlier so this would be the perfect time to enter the world of texting. “Great idea!” Tremor said, “I can think all day in school about what I’ll say.”  
      The boys got together after school and Tremor was ready. “I’ll say, ‘Hi, I’m Tremor,’” he told his friend.  
      Trogmire entered Tina’s number for Tremor and quickly typed and sent the message for him. It seemed like forever to Tremor, but in less than a minute a response triggered a musical tone from his phone.  
      “She sent me an answer!” Tremor gasped, shaking all over.  
      Trogmire, who considered himself to be a cell phone expert, said, “No, she sent you a *reply*!”  
      Tremor stared at the screen with a confused look. “This is hard to read,” he groaned.  
     “That’s because we texters use all kinds of shortcuts to make typing go faster,” Trogmire explained. “Here, let me translate for you. It says, ‘Tremor, you are ugly and you smell bad too.’”  
      “Did she *really* say that?” Tremor asked.  
      “Yes, she really did,” Trogmire replied.  
      Tremor jumped up and shouted, “This is the happiest day of my life!”  
      And so, Tremor Troll and Tina Troll became good friends. But as things often go, true romance did not blossom. Tremor’s crushes were always fleeting and Tina Troll was more interested in her hobby, collecting rare bed bugs, than in having a serious relationship.  
      However, Tremor Troll’s love of texting had been born and went on and on and on.  
  
1. If you are **reluctant** to do something, you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
a. in a rush to do it  
b. not very willing to do it  
c. very pushy  
d. crazy  
  
2. For how long had Tremor owned a cell phone?  
  
a. about a year  
b. never  
c. less than a week  
d. about two months  
  
3. How much time did Tremor plan to spend on creating a message?  
  
a. about the length of one school day  
b. thirteen years  
c. less time than it takes to blink  
d. a little more than two days  
  
4. Trogmire was proud of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
a. athletic ability  
b. lack of interest in texting  
c. buttermilk pancakes  
d. knowledge about cell phones  
  
5. This experience led Tremor to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  
  
a. marry Tina  
b. hate bugs  
c. love texting  
d. order pizza by phone