

**Reading Comprehension Test. Edgar Allan Poe. From “The Cask of Amontillado”**

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Directions: Select the best answer from the choices provided. Write the letter of your answer on the line next to the number.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The walls of the crypt where the narrator [Montresor] leads Fortunato are
- stocked with barrels of Amontillado.
  - lined with human remains.
  - crawling with rats and cockroaches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The narrator [Montresor]
- chains Fortunato to a wall inside an underground crypt.
  - speaks disparagingly of Luchesi, calling him “an ignoramus.”
  - surprises Fortunato by leading him to a concealed treasure that was locked in the catacombs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. When Fortunato lifts his torch to look inside the crypt,
- he sees the chains and iron staples at the extremity of the niche.
  - he cannot see where the crypt ends because of the poor light.
  - he is horrified to see that the sides of the crypt are lined with skeletons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. When Fortunato reaches the end of the crypt, he
- appears to be frightened by the cold darkness.
  - seems upset that his progress was stopped by the rock.
  - stands stupidly bewildered.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. What does the narrator [Montresor] plan to do with Fortunato?
- Kill Fortunato by leaving him chained to a wall inside the crypt.
  - Scare Fortunato by showing him the wretched place where the Amontillado is stored.
  - Honor Fortunato’s negative opinion of Luchesi by rendering “all the little attentions” in Montresor’s power.