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## Main Idea and Supporting Details

### Main Idea

*The **main idea** of a story or passage is what the passage is mostly about. It is the basic idea that the author wants the reader to understand. Sentences that help to support, or explain, the main idea are called **supporting details**.*

When you are looking for the main idea of a passage, ask yourself . . .

Why did the author write this passage?

What is the passage mostly about?

When you think you know what the main idea is, ask yourself . . .

Do all of the sentences in the passage support this idea?

If the answer to this question is yes, then you have found the main idea! Let's try these steps to find the main idea in the story below:



During the War of 1812, the British set fire to the U.S. Capitol. They also burned the 3,000 books in the Library of Congress. Thomas Jefferson helped create the library when he was president. He chose books. He hired the first two librarians. When the war started, he was retired. He had a library of books at his home. It was known as the finest private library in the country.

He offered to sell Congress his 6,487 books for \$23,950. He hoped to build a new Library of Congress. Congress was excited to get the books for such a low price. His books were about many things. The library once had books about only money, history, and law. Jefferson's books were about art, science, and more. He also had books in French, Spanish, and Latin. He thought Congress should read about all subjects.

adapted from "Jefferson and the Library of Congress" at [americaslibrary.gov](http://americaslibrary.gov)

What is the **main idea** of this passage?

The main idea is that Thomas Jefferson helped rebuild the Library of Congress after the War of 1812. The other sentences in the passage support this idea. For example, the first paragraph explains why the Library of Congress needed rebuilding. The second paragraph explains how Jefferson helped rebuild the Library of Congress. He did this by selling the government his books for a low price.

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## Main Idea and Supporting Details

Question 1 .



You can be safe around water if you follow a few simple rules. Learn to swim, and always swim with a friend. It's more fun, and having a friend with you is just plain smart! Make sure to obey the rules and lifeguards. Rules for the pool are there to protect you. Lifeguards make sure you follow the rules to help you stay safe, not to ruin your fun. Make sure a lifeguard or an adult can see you at all times, just in case you need help.

This paragraph is mostly about

- A. running around the pool.
- B. being safe at the pool.
- C. becoming a lifeguard.
- D. swimming with friends.

Question 2 .

### Sunscreen

The more often you go outside when the Sun is out, the higher your risk of getting skin damage. That is why you should take care and use sunscreen. Sunscreen helps protect the skin by keeping ultraviolet A and B rays away from the skin. Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays are thought to cause skin cancer. Ultraviolet B (UVB) rays are the main cause of sunburns.

When you choose a sunscreen, be sure to choose one with "broad spectrum protection." That means the sunscreen will protect you from both UVA and UVB rays. In addition, you need to pay attention to the SPF, or sun protection factor. The SPF tells you how well a sunscreen protects you from UVB rays. However, a high SPF does not mean that it will protect your skin better than one with a low SPF. Your choice of SPF depends on your skin type and on how easily you get sunburns. Even though you may put on sunscreen before you head outdoors, you need to reapply it every two hours. You also need to apply a golf-ball size amount of lotion evenly onto your body. If you swim or sweat a lot, you may have to apply sunscreen more often.

Although sunscreen is a good way to protect your skin, the best way to prevent skin damage is to limit your time outdoors. The Sun is at its strongest between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Therefore, you should avoid going outside during that time period.

**Directions:** Choose the correct answer from the drop-down menu.

Paragraph 2 is mostly about

## Question 3 .

Only some of the things that you may hear about Davy Crockett are true. It is not true that he killed a bear when he was only three. Those are only words from a song. It is true that he was a frontiersman. The words in the song about where he was born are only partly true. It's true that he was born in Tennessee, but not on a mountaintop, as the song states. Even his name is different from the song. People who knew him called him David—not Davy. David Crockett died defending the Alamo. One thing that is certain is that he was an American hero, pioneer, and politician.

*adapted from The Truth About Davy Crockett*

What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Davy Crockett was born on a Tennessee mountaintop.
- B. The real name for Davy Crockett was David Crockett.
- C. Davy Crockett really was an American frontiersman.
- D. Not everything people hear about Davy Crockett is true.

## Question 4 .

Alaska is a great place to visit. There are many things to see there. It is one of our most beautiful states. The state has many different kinds of animals. Alaska has beautiful mountains. It has the highest point in North America. It has volcanoes and glaciers.

Which sentence from the passage best describes the main idea?

- A. It has volcanoes and glaciers.
- B. Alaska has beautiful mountains.
- C. Alaska is a great place to visit.
- D. It is one of our most beautiful states.

## Question 5 .

**Turn Off Your TV!**

How much television do you watch a week? Maybe you watch five hours a week. Maybe you watch five a day. That is over 30 hours of TV a week! What would your life be like without TV? One organization wants you to find out!

In 1995, TV Turnoff Network started an event. It is called TV Turnoff Week. The goal is to get people off of their couches. People can use that week to get active. They can draw, ride a bike, or play a game.

TV Turnoff Week usually happens the last week in April. When the event started, only a few thousand people were involved. Last year, over 7.6 million people joined. The group asks people to "Turn off TV, and turn on life."

The TV Turnoff Network started this event because of kids. Kids spend more time watching TV than they do at school. Watching too much TV leads to bad health. People who watch too much TV do not eat well and do not exercise as much.

So turn off your TV for a week. You never know what might happen!

TV Turnoff Week was started to get kids to watch less TV. What statement from the passage supports this idea?

- A. TV Turnoff Week usually happens the last week in April.
- B. That is over 30 hours of television a week!
- C. The goal is to get people off of their couches.
- D. Kids spend more time watching TV than they do at school.



## Question 6 .

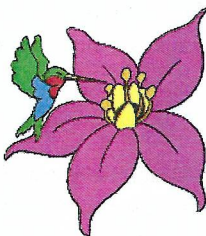
**Amazing Antarctica**

Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth. Located on the South Pole and covered in ice, it is actually a desert because it gets very little precipitation. Many unusual discoveries have been made at this icy wasteland over the years. In 1912, a British explorer discovered a fossil of a prehistoric tree. This proved that a forest once covered Antarctica. In 1986, a new species of dinosaur fossil was discovered. Explorers since then have explored the base camps of the first explorers. A fruitcake, which had been perfectly preserved in the freezing temperatures, was found in one camp. It was "deemed edible," but few people want to eat fresh fruitcake. So, no one was willing to try it.

Which sentence from the passage best supports the main idea?

- A. Located on the South Pole and covered in ice, it is actually a desert because it gets very little precipitation.
- B. Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth.
- C. In 1912, a British explorer discovered a fossil of a prehistoric tree.
- D. This proved that a forest once covered Antarctica.

## Question 7 .

**Hummingbirds in Your Backyard**

Watching hummingbirds in your backyard is fun and interesting. Their little wings make a humming sound as they flap. Zipping backwards and forwards from plant to plant, hummingbirds are amusing to watch. They love bright flowers. The birds get nectar from the flowers. Nectar is a liquid that flowers have that hummingbirds drink for food. To get hummingbirds into your backyard, you can plant bright flowers and hang a hummingbird feeder on your porch. The little birds like to sip the nectar from petunias, morning glories, and other bright plants. These birds are drawn to red feeders because they love that color. Making hummingbird food is easy. Put four parts water and one part sugar into the feeder. Soon, you will have hummingbirds visiting your backyard every day.

The passage says that watching hummingbirds visit the backyard is fun. Which statement from the passage **best** supports this idea?

- A. "Soon, you will have hummingbirds visiting your backyard every day."
- B. "Nectar is a liquid that flowers have that hummingbirds drink for food."
- C. "Zipping backwards and forwards from plant to plant, hummingbirds are amusing to watch."
- D. "The little birds like to sip the nectar from petunias, morning glories, and other bright plants."

## Question 8 .

Glow worms are not really worms. They are the larvae or the babies of the mosquito fly. Glow worms are found in New Zealand. They live in damp areas like caves. Glow worms live in groups called colonies. These insect larvae make a liquid that glows as it leaves their bodies. They also make webs to catch their food. Glow worms build their webs with silk threads. The threads stick to rocks or trees. Other threads hang straight down from the web. The glow worms squirt sticky drops onto the hanging threads. Small insects like gnats are drawn by the glow worms' light. The little insects get stuck on the threads. Then, the glow worms feel the movement of the trapped bugs. Next, the glow worms travel to the insects and eat them. Glow worms can be very bright. However, only the brightest glow worms can be seen in full moonlight.

Which statement supports the idea that glowing helps glow worms catch their food?

- A. Glow worms can be very bright.
- B. The little insects get stuck on the threads.
- C. However, only the brightest glow worms can be seen in full moonlight.
- D. Small insects like gnats are drawn by the glow worms' light.

## Question 9 .

**Directions:** Select the correct text in the passage.

Which sentence in the passage supports the idea that many movies are based on ideas from other movies?

#### Movie Making

Most new movies are based on old ideas. Every year, movie makers create many sequels. These movies continue the action that started in another movie. Some fans wait for years to find out what will happen to their favorite characters. Movie makers hope that these fans will go see every movie in a series. One movie may lead to several sequels.

Other movies are based on books. Popular books also have loyal fans. These fans enjoy seeing if the way they imagined the characters looking is the same on the big screen.

Movie makers use ideas from the small screen as well. Both cartoons and live-action TV shows can be made into movies. For example, movie makers have used TV cartoons and action series to create successful movie series. TV ideas like these often become huge hits in the movie theaters.

Movies can also be based on real people. Many people have lived exciting lives. Their adventures can help create fun and interesting movies.



## Question 10 .

**Mount Everest Getting Smaller?**

The world's tallest mountain is Mount Everest. It is also the hardest mountain to climb. Few people have climbed it. It has been measured many times. A new report says that the mountain is smaller than it was 5 years ago. Mountains are supposed to get taller over time. However, scientists are worried about Everest doing the opposite. Heat and the weather are changing the mountain's size. Streams of water from melting ice go down the mountain. The water wears down the mountain as it moves. Scientists do not know how much the mountain's size has changed in the last 5 years.

In March, scientists will climb the mountain. They will find out exactly how big it is. They will use radars and satellites to measure it. They will keep measuring the height over many years.

Which of these best states the main idea of the passage?

- A. Mount Everest is the tallest mountain.
- B. Mount Everest is getting smaller.
- C. Mount Everest is easy to climb.
- D. Mount Everest was measured in 1999.

## Cause and Effect

# Cause and Effect

*Many authors use **cause and effect** in their writing. Cause and effect helps you understand how events in a story are connected. It also helps you understand why a character acts in a certain way.*

A **cause** is why something happens.

An **effect** is what happens because of that cause.

When you read, look for cause-and-effect relationships. Think about these questions:

- Does this passage tell you **why** something happens?
- Does this event **cause** something else to happen?
- Is the character doing this **because** of something that happened?

*You can find cause and effect by looking for **clue words**. **Because, since, so, and as a result** all tell you that you're reading about a cause-and-effect relationship.*

**Read the passage below and look for the cause-and-effect relationships.**

Many years ago, a group of people called the Huns attacked China. The Huns wanted to conquer the Chinese. **Because** the Chinese wanted to protect themselves, they built a huge wall. This wall was 1,500 miles long. **As a result** of this wall, the Huns were kept out of China. This Great Wall of China is still standing today.

This writer uses **cause and effect**.

**Think:** "What happened?"

**Answer:** The Chinese built a wall.

This is the **effect**.



**Think:** "Why did they build the wall?"

**Answer:** To keep the Huns out.

This is the **cause**.

The clue words "**because**" and "**as a result**" help us answer these questions.

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## Cause and Effect

### Question 1 .



Dolphins are protected animals. Laws have been passed to keep them from being harmed. But the same laws that help the dolphins can cause problems for fishermen. Fishermen use nets to catch fish for grocery stores and restaurants. Nets make the work go faster, and fishermen catch more fish to sell. It would take a very long time to catch a lot of fish with a fishing pole. The dolphin laws say that fisherman cannot use a certain net anymore because it is dangerous to dolphins. Dolphins are mammals, and they need air to live. If they were to get caught in these nets, they might not be able to swim to the surface to breathe air.

Dolphins live in the same areas as big fish. Dolphins often swim and play with schools of tuna. Just like the tuna, they can get caught in the fishermen's nets. Fishermen do not want to catch or harm dolphins. Today, fisherman follow a fishing style using different nets that will not harm dolphins. It is difficult, but the fisherman are careful to only catch tuna and not dolphins. As a result, the dolphin population is growing.

What is an example of cause and effect from the selection?

- A. There are new laws that are trying to protect dolphins from injury.
- B. Dolphins were getting caught in nets because they swim with tuna.
- C. Fishermen do not mean to hurt dolphins by using fishing nets.
- D. Fishermen can catch more fish with a net than with a fishing pole.

### Question 2 .

#### The Giant Panda of China

The giant panda is known to many people as the cuddly-looking, black-and-white bear found in China. Pandas live in the mountains where it is wet. For this reason, they have very thick, woolly fur that keeps them warm. The oils in the fur also make it waterproof. In addition, pandas climb trees well. This is because they have short claws perfect for grabbing hold of the tree bark.

Pandas like to take afternoon naps up high in the trees. However, unlike other bears, pandas do not "hibernate," or sleep through the winter. Other types of bears must do this because it is so hard to find any food when the ground is covered with snow. Pandas in China do not need to hibernate because they can find food all through the year.

When it gets very cold, giant pandas move lower down the mountain. It is warmer there, and they can find cozy shelter in dens or hollow trees. Pandas used to even live lower on the mountain but not anymore. The many farms and other signs of human life have driven pandas to live in high areas.

What causes the giant panda to be a good climber?

- A. short claws
- B. cold weather
- C. afternoon naps
- D. oily fur

## Question 3 .

**Pompeii**

Thousands of years ago, Pompeii was a city in Rome. In the summer of 79 A.D., a volcano exploded. Ash and stone covered the city like a blanket. For hundreds of years, the city was hidden under the ash and stone. Nobody knew it was there! In 1748, scientists began digging around Pompeii. They found that the ash of the volcano had kept the city looking just like it did thousands of years ago. Scientists found things like jewelry and pots. They learned a lot about how people lived in ancient Rome. Today, people are able to visit the city of Pompeii. They can see the way the city looked before it was buried.

According to this passage, how did scientists learn about ancient Rome?

- A. by studying how volcanoes erupt
- B. by studying why volcanoes erupt
- C. by studying items found under the ash
- D. by studying history books about Pompeii

## Question 4 .

**The Mystery of the Bumblebee**

Bumblebees should not be able to fly. That is what a scientist, named August Magnan, suggested. Magnan wanted to explain how bumblebees flew using math. However, when Magnan finished solving his math problems, the answers showed that bumblebees should not be able to fly. Their bodies are too big and their wings are too small, and when bumblebees fly, they don't always fly in a nice straight line. Sometimes they "bumble" around—bumping into flowers or other objects as they fly. As a result, many people believed that bumblebees were somehow special.

It may be true that bumblebees are special, but it is not because they can fly. Just like Magnan, scientist Michael Dickinson wanted to understand exactly how bumblebees could fly. First, he examined special photographs of bumblebees while they were flying and looked closely at their wings in the photographs. He also created a large robotic bee wing. Dickinson used this special wing to help him understand exactly how a bumblebee's wing works. After a lot of research, Dickinson believed he understood how bumblebees could fly.

Some people believe that when an insect flies, their wings move up and down like a bird or that they fly the same way an airplane does. Neither of these is true. Dickinson discovered that bumblebees actually flap their wings back and forth very rapidly. Bumblebee wings sort of work like a helicopter blade. By flapping their wings very rapidly, bumblebees move the air in such a way that they are able to stay aloft.

Other studies have confirmed what Dickinson discovered. Researchers in China attached very tiny pieces of glass to some bumblebees. Then they watched how the light bounced off their wings. This showed exactly how the bumblebees moved their wings. Dickinson's ideas were proven correct, and now we know how bumblebees are able to fly.

In the passage, what causes light to bounce off the wings of a bumblebee?

- A. objects in their path
- B. tiny pieces of glass
- C. a photograph of their wings
- D. movement of air



## Question 5 .

## Evaporation

The process in which water turns into water vapor and rises is called "evaporation." Heat from the sun causes water in the oceans and rivers to evaporate. The water vapor hovers near the earth's surface and then slowly rises into the atmosphere as it gets warmer.

Water in oceans and rivers is continuously evaporating. This continual evaporation of water would decrease the water level in these sources if the water did not fall back down in the form of rain.

When the vapor rises into the atmosphere, it meets cold conditions. The colder temperature causes the vapor to collect in the form of heavy drops. Clouds are formed when the water vapor collects into drops. The heavier the drops, the darker the clouds. When these drops become heavy enough, they fall on the earth in the form of rain or snow. In this way, the water returns to the earth and the cycle begins again.

What happens to water vapor when it becomes cold?

- A. It forms clouds then falls back onto earth as rain or snow.
- B. It turns into a water cycle.
- C. It makes the air in the atmosphere cold.
- D. It rises high to remain in the atmosphere as water drops.

## Question 6 .

**Hibernation**

Animals have many ways to deal with cold weather. Humans use heaters in their homes and wear jackets. Birds fly south to find warmer winter weather. Some animals dig in and wait for spring. To protect themselves, they go into a kind of sleep. That sleep is called hibernation, and it keeps the animals from starving in the winter.

One animal that hibernates is the bear. During the winter, the bear goes into a cave to sleep. While it sleeps, its breathing and heartbeat slow down. This lets the bear save energy. It can go without food for the whole hibernation. The bear does not grow during hibernation.

To prepare for hibernation, the bear spends the months before eating excessive amounts of food to fatten up. It can eat up to three times its normal amounts. Then, shortly before it goes into hibernation, the bear slows down its activities and sleeps for longer periods—sometimes up to 22 hours per day.

Bears hibernate for different periods of time, depending on where they live, the food supply, and the weather. For example, bears in Mexico may only hibernate for several weeks, while bears in Alaska, where it is colder, may sleep for more than six months. When spring comes, the bear wakes up and goes on with its normal life.

**Directions:** Drag the tile to the correct part on the graphic organizer. Not all tiles will be used.

Place the words in the graphic organizer that tell an effect of hibernation on bears.

starves in    stores food    wakes up    growth stops  
winter        in cave

## Question 7 .

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What causes water to change into vapor?

- A. rain or snow falling on the earth
- B. chill present in the air
- C. cold conditions in the atmosphere
- D. heat from a source

## Question 8 .

**The Giant Panda of China**

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When it gets very cold, giant pandas move lower down the mountain. It is warmer there, and they can find cozy shelter in dens or hollow trees. Pandas used to even live lower on the mountain but not anymore. The many farms and other signs of human life have driven pandas to live in high areas.

What is one effect of pandas being able to find food all year long?

- A. They have thick, woolly fur coats.
- B. They live high up in the mountains.
- C. They do not sleep through the winter.
- D. They sleep in dens or in hollow trees.



## Question 9 .

**Frank Lloyd Wright***adapted from the Library of Congress*

Frank Lloyd Wright was one of the most original American architects of the 20th century. His buildings and ideas have affected the way offices and homes are designed and organized today. Wright's willingness to look to different cultures for inspiration allowed him to develop his own style. During the early 1900s, other American architects were merely imitating European styles. Wright believed in the power that good design has to make people more aware and respectful of their surroundings and of nature. Wright designed office buildings, houses, neighborhoods, public buildings, churches, and museums. He designed about 800 buildings. Of the 380 that were built, about 280 are still standing.

Many of Wright's most famous buildings are houses. He wanted to create houses that could be built cheaply using inexpensive materials. In the 1920s, he began to design a new system to build affordable homes using concrete blocks. He called these modular parts "textile blocks." They were similar to the idea of Lego blocks. Several of his textile block houses were built in the Los Angeles area in the early 1920s.

Wright's masterpieces get their unique look from his belief that architecture must fit into its natural surroundings. He felt that people and the buildings they occupy must exist in harmony with nature. As a Midwesterner, he was familiar with the flatlands of the Great Plains. As a result, Wright's houses are known for being long, horizontal, and usually one story tall. In other words, they are fairly flat. They are called "prairie" houses, after the flat expanses of land between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains.

**Directions:** Drag each tile to the correct location on the chart.

Match the correct cause or effect with the statements in the chart.

Wright was one of the most original architects of the 20th century.

Wright developed his own design style.

Wright designed one-story "prairie" houses that were flat.

Wright wanted to make homes that were affordable.

Wright designed buildings to fit nature.

## Question 10 .

**A Very Special Bridge**

by M.K. Terry

In Longview, Washington, there is a very special bridge. It is not a bridge for cars or people. It is a bridge for squirrels!

Amos Peters had an office on a busy street. He often looked out the window while he worked. Peters noticed that squirrels were having a difficult time crossing the very busy street to get to the park. Peters decided to do something to help the squirrels.

Peters thought about the problem and came up with the idea of a bridge—just for squirrels. Peters contacted some others to help him design and build this unusual bridge, and in 1963, the bridge was hung between two large trees and opened to the squirrels. The bridge became known as the "Nutty Narrows Bridge."

Animal lovers from around the world heard of the Nutty Narrows Bridge and sent Peters letters thanking him for his idea. One man even wrote, "Little men take time to cater to big people who might do them good. Only big men pause to aid little creatures."

The bridge still stands today but has undergone some repairs to keep it safe. A wooden statue of a ten-foot squirrel is located near the bridge. It is there to help people remember those who helped the squirrels cross the street safely.

What was one effect of constructing the Nutty Narrows Bridge?

- A. Animal lovers from across the world wrote letters to Mr. Peters.
- B. People were unhappy with the number of squirrels that visited the bridge.
- C. Mr. Peters contacted other architects to help build the special bridge.
- D. A large amount of money was spent for the repair of the bridge.

## Text Structure

### Question 1 .

Darla scratched her head because she was unsure how her room got so messy so quickly. Empty bottles, food wrappers, and used tissues lay around and under her unmade bed. A mountain of old papers and gum wrappers stood on her small desk. Toys and dirty clothes were scattered all over the room. Muddy footprints were all over the carpet.

The passage above uses its structure to

- A. show the order that Darla will clean her room.
- B. explain why Darla is such a messy young lady.
- C. describe what Darla's messy room looks like.
- D. contrast Darla's room with a really clean room.

### Question 2 .

Natural predators such as snakes, sea gulls, and raccoons are threats to sea turtles, but human beings pose the greatest threat to the sea turtles. People threaten the turtles if they disturb the nesting sites or harm the sea turtles at sea. This problem could be solved if people were more educated about sea turtles. Most people do not know what a turtle nesting site looks like or how the things that humans do can harm them. The first step in protecting the turtles is education!

What solution does the author offer to help protect the turtles?

- A. Moving the sea turtles
- B. Teaching people about sea turtles
- C. Killing snakes, sea gulls, and raccoons
- D. Getting rid of humans

### Question 3 .

Yolanda asked her mother if she could make some cookies for the school bake sale. Her mother said she would help Yolanda make the cookies. They worked very hard all morning. Yolanda put the cookies in a tin on the counter. She and her mom had to run a few errands. Later that afternoon, they came home to find the cookies were gone!

Which of these events comes LAST in the story?

- A. Yolanda found the cookies gone.
- B. Yolanda and her mom baked.
- C. Yolanda went to run errands.
- D. Yolanda asked her mom a question.



## Question 4 .

**Pele—The Legend**

Pele is one of the greatest soccer players of all times. He was born on October 23, 1940, in Três Corações, Brazil. He was named Edson Arondes after the inventor Thomas Edison. When he was in school, he was given the name "Pele." A few years later, Pele and his family moved to Bauru in Sao Paulo. As a child, Pele worked in tea shops in order to make extra money. His father was a soccer player and he was the first to teach Pele the game. Pele practiced using a ball he had made by stuffing newspapers in a sock and tying it tightly with a string.

When Pele was 14 years old, de Brito, a former Brazilian soccer player, noticed his talent. He started training Pele in soccer. In 1956, Pele enrolled in the Santos professional soccer club. The following year, he participated in an international event—the World Cup in Sweden. He took the world by surprise when he scored a number of goals for his team. Pele's team received the Jules Rimet Cup, which is given to the best team in the world.

Brazil won the World Cup in 1962 and again in 1970, becoming the first country to win the World Cup three times. Finally, in 1999, the International Olympic Committee honored Pele as one of the best athletes of the century. Although Pele has retired now, his skills and achievements are celebrated even today.

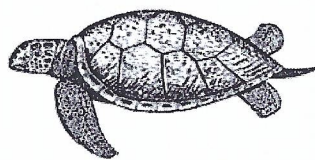
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- A. cause and effect.
- B. narration.
- C. chronological order.
- D. comparison and contrast.

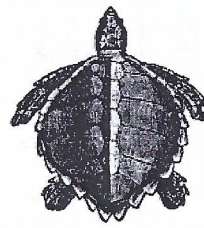
## Question 5 .

**Two Types of Sea Turtles**

Green sea turtles and loggerhead sea turtles live along the beaches of the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. Green sea turtles are endangered, meaning there are not many of them left in the world. Loggerheads are listed as threatened. This means loggerhead sea turtles are on their way to becoming endangered. Grass, algae, and other plants are what green sea turtles eat. Because of this, they are herbivores. Loggerhead sea turtles like to eat horseshoe crabs, clams, and mussels. Because they eat meat, loggerheads are carnivorous animals. Both the loggerhead and green sea turtles tend to stay close to the coastline.



a green sea turtle



a loggerhead sea turtle

How is the text above organized?

- A. cause/effect
- B. position/support
- C. problem/solution
- D. compare/contrast

## Question 6 .

**Water Pollution**

More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered with water. Water found in oceans contains various salts. It is not suitable for drinking, washing, or cleaning. This makes fresh water a very important resource. However, fresh water is not as widely found as salt water. Fresh water is found in lakes, rivers, and rain. However, various human activities have spoiled these water sources, and the result is known as water pollution.

Water pollution occurs because of many reasons. Chemical waste from industries, sewage, and other wastes from homes and oil spills all cause water pollution. Dumping solid waste in or near water sources also pollutes water. Chemical fertilizers<sup>1</sup> and pesticides<sup>2</sup> added to the soil pollute ground water as well. Sometimes pollutants in the air can also pollute water. When it rains, rainwater combines with the pollutants in the air and falls to the ground in the form of acid rain. Acid rain contains chemicals that can poison the soil and fresh water sources. Acid rain also causes the soil to lose its fertility. This affects the growth of plants, which in turn affects the animals that survive on plant life.

Water pollution can severely damage an ecosystem<sup>3</sup>. Water pollution reduces the level of oxygen in the water, which affects fish and other living things. Fish breathe this polluted water and pass the pollutants<sup>4</sup> into the food chain. Animals or birds that feed on these fish end up consuming the pollutants present in the water. Thus, water pollution can cause several problems. It is important to use water wisely and take steps to reduce water pollution.

1. a chemical substance added to the soil for increasing the growth of crops
2. a chemical substance used to kill small insects that damage plants
3. a group of living and nonliving things that form an environment and affect each other
4. things that cause pollution

How is this piece organized?

- A. compare and contrast
- B. cause and effect
- C. chronological
- D. sequence

## Question 7 .

**Importance of Water**

Water is a natural resource without which there would be no life on Earth. Two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered by water. However, this water is salty and cannot be used for drinking. In comparison, very little fresh water is available for consumption. People need water for drinking, cooking, and washing. Water is also necessary for our body. Two-thirds of the human weight is actually the weight of water in our body. A decrease of even two percent of water can cause dehydration<sup>1</sup>, which can lead to tiredness. Therefore, for one's body to function smoothly, one needs to drink plenty of water. Water is also important for plant and animal life to grow and thrive. Water is also used to create electricity. Household machines such as air conditioners, computers, television sets, and washing machines would be of no use without electricity. Therefore, it is hard to imagine a life without water.

With an increase in population, the needs of people have also increased. As a result, there is a shortage of water all over the world. Rainfall is the source of all water. Insufficient rains have made the problem of water shortage worse.

To fix this problem, one needs to use water wisely and save every drop. For example, taps should be turned off completely when they are not being used. Also, people should take shorter baths and wash their clothes in a limited quantity of water. People need to ensure that they think about the environment and plan their water usage accordingly.

1. a condition in which the water content in the body decreases

Which phrase from the piece helps to show how the text is arranged?

- A. "Water is a natural resource without which there would be no life on Earth."
- B. "People need water for drinking, cooking, and washing."
- C. "To fix this problem, one needs to use water wisely."
- D. "Two-thirds of the human weight is actually the weight of water in our body."

## Question 8 .

**Directions: Select the correct text in the passage.**

Which sentences show the effects of a hibernation?

**Hibernation**

Some think bears hibernate during the winter. However, bears do not truly hibernate in the winter. Bears go into a dormant state called torpor. During this time bears can wake up quickly and very easily. When an animal hibernates, they cannot wake up even if someone moves or touches them. A hibernating animal will have a slow heart rate and breathing. Body temperature drops to equal the temperature outside. It is not necessary for a hibernating animal to eat during this time. This is a way animals will adapt to their environment. It is important to survive in cold weather. They also need to get out of the cold because of how scarce food becomes in the winter.



## Question 9 .

**How to Make Dark Chocolate Cupcakes****Ingredients:**

2 cups sugar  
2 cups flour  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 cup cocoa powder  
2 tablespoons melted dark chocolate  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 eggs  
1 cup boiling water

**Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 350°F.  
Mix the sugar, flour, baking powder, and cocoa powder in a large bowl.  
Add the eggs, milk, melted dark chocolate, and vanilla extract.  
Blend the ingredients well and slowly add the boiling water.  
Grease a cupcake tray and pour the batter in it. Make sure that the batter does not completely fill the tray.  
Bake the batter for 20 to 25 minutes.  
Remove the cupcakes from the oven and leave them on a separate tray to cool for about 10 minutes.  
Remove the cooled cupcakes from the cupcake tray.  
Decorate the cupcakes with buttercream, whipped cream, fresh cream, or chopped strawberries.

How are these directions organized?

- A. in sequence
- B. by comparison and contrast
- C. by cause and effect
- D. as a problem and solution

## Question 10 .

**Directions:** Select the correct text in the piece.

Which sentence from the piece shows a comparison?

**Pandas**

The panda is a kind of bear found in China. Other names for the panda include the giant panda or panda bear. The shape of a giant panda's body is similar to that of other bears. It has a black and white fur coat and black patches around its eyes. The panda's diet consists of mainly bamboo, but it also eats the meat of small animals.

The panda is an endangered species. This means that, in the future, pandas may no longer exist in nature. Because of farming and other activities, pandas have lost most of their natural home territory. They also have a low birthrate, which means that the number of panda births over a period is very low. Due to these factors, pandas might disappear altogether someday.

Efforts are now being made to protect pandas from dying out. Many countries keep pandas in zoos. The aim is to raise the birthrate of pandas by keeping them in a protected environment. Laws have also been introduced to stop the illegal hunting of pandas. It is hoped that these steps will lead to an increase in the number of pandas.

## Graphic Features

# Let's Taco 'Bout... Graphic Features



## Guided Practice Graphic Features



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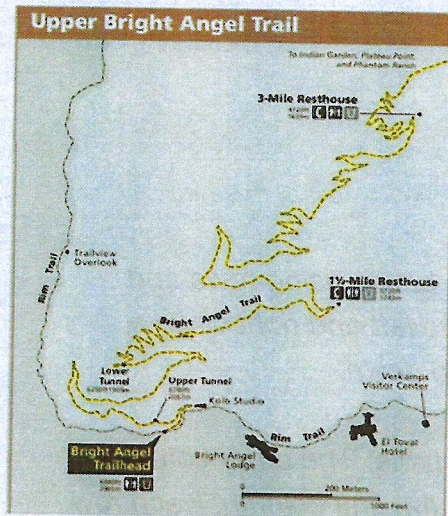
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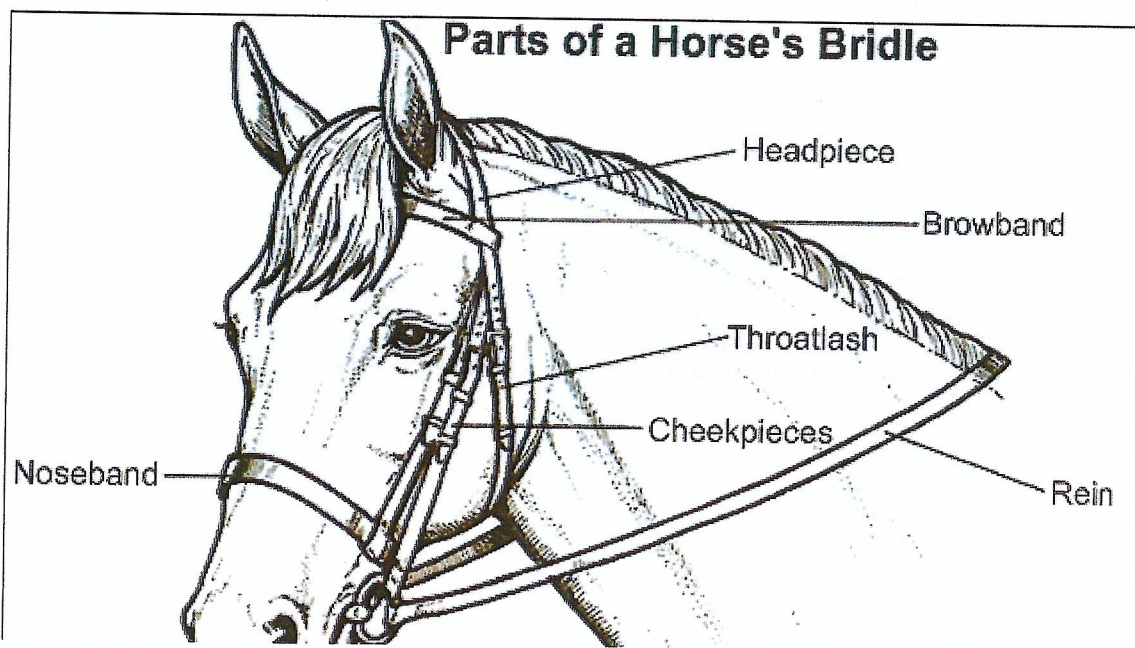
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## Diagrams

A **diagram** is a drawing or plan. It outlines and explains the parts of something. See example below.







## Tables

A **table** is a way to organize information in boxes using rows and columns. A row is made up of boxes that go left and right while a column is made up of boxes that go up and down.

The first column is the main subject of the table. The other columns give more information about the subject in the first column. Each row has all the information for one subject.

Here is an example of a table. It gives information about different students in a class.

<b>Facts about students in Mrs. Ryan's class</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Favorite subject</b>	<b>Favorite sport</b>
Ben	10	Math	Baseball
Julie	10	Science	Ice-skating
Chris	11	History	Soccer



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## Graphic Features

### Question 1 .

#### Afghanistan

Afghanistan is a country in Central Asia. It has many mountains. All the people who live there are called Afghans. The country has only a few good roads. Very few of the people who live there have their own telephone. The main foods people eat are bread and rice. They also eat cheese, chicken, lamb, eggs, melons, and other fruit.

	Afghanistan	United States
Population	About 26,813,057	About 278,058,881
Area	647,500 sq km (slightly smaller than Texas)	9,629,091 sq km
Government	no central government	federal republic; strong democratic tradition
Telephone System	very limited; few phones	very large; many phones

How does the chart help the reader picture the size of Afghanistan?

- A. It says that there is not a good telephone service.
- B. It says that people like to eat rice and bread.
- C. It says that there is no central government.
- D. It says the area is slightly smaller than Texas.

### Question 2 .

Kampgrounds of America (KOA) has been providing places to camp for the past 40 years. Okeechobee, Florida has the largest KOA and is a tropical vacation resort. It has fun activities for whole families and large groups.

It has its own palm-fringed 9-hole golf course, driving range, and putting green. There are four tennis courts and a fitness center. Choose from three pools: one for families, one for kids, and a third for adults only. Fish on Lake Okeechobee, and then swap fish stories at the Shanty Lounge. Join the Full Moon Bike Ride. KOA offers fun for everyone.

The KOA campgrounds are marked by a large, red icon on the map below.



Which of these is easiest to find on the map?

- A. KOA campgrounds near Okeechobee
- B. bike trails around Okeechobee
- C. fishing spots on Lake Okeechobee
- D. golf courses in Okeechobee



## Question 3 .

## The White Night Festival

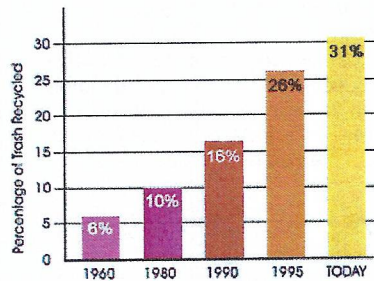


The White Night Festival is an annual, all-night festival celebrated in Saint Petersburg in Russia. The celebrations consist of the White Night Carnivals and Scarlet Sails. The Scarlet Sails is an important tradition of the festival. It is famous for its music concerts, fireworks and a huge water show.

Which caption would be best to add below the image to connect the photo to info in the passage?

- A. The Scarlet Sails celebrations became popular after 1961.
- B. Grand fireworks and boat parades are an important part of the Scarlet Sails celebrations.
- C. The Scarlet Sails celebrations take place in Saint Petersburg.
- D. A series of classical dramas, operas and music concerts are a part of the Scarlet Sails celebrations.

## Question 4 .



Recycling is growing all over the USA. People used to just throw all of their trash away. The dumps and landfills where the trash went were getting too full. There was just too much trash. People also noticed that the earth was running out of a lot of the natural resources that are used to make things we use, such as notebook paper, soda cans, cars, and even houses. Recycling is part of the answer to both problems.

Recycling programs are growing across the United States. More and more people feel that it is an important thing to do. In the 1960s, only 6% of trash was recycled. The number has steadily grown. Today, 31% of trash is recycled.

adapted from <http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/energyfacts/saving/recycling/solidwaste/recycling.html>

What information in the bar graph is not in the article?

- A. the percentage of trash recycled in 1990
- B. the countries that recycle the most trash
- C. the percentage of trash recycled in 1960
- D. the types of people that recycle their trash



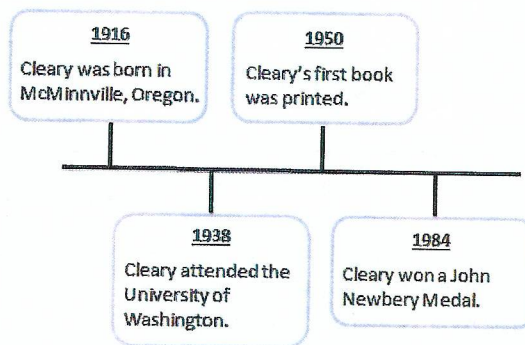
Question 5 .

Directions: Select the correct text in the passage.

Which four ideas from the passage can also be found in the timeline?

**Beverly Cleary**

Beverly Cleary is a popular children's author. In her long career, Cleary has written more than 30 books. Cleary was born in 1916 in McMinnville, Oregon. As a young child, she struggled to read. However, with the help of her third-grade teacher, Cleary became a good reader. From then on, she enjoyed reading and read a lot of books. In 1938, she attended the University of Washington. She wanted to become a librarian. Cleary found that children's books were not very good. Therefore, she decided to write her own book. Cleary's first book was *Henry Huggins*, which was printed in 1950. Many more books followed. Starting in 1955, she wrote a book series about Ramona Quimby. Cleary also won awards for her works. She won a John Newbery Medal in 1984 for her book *Dear Mr. Henshaw*. Today, Cleary's books are printed in many different languages.

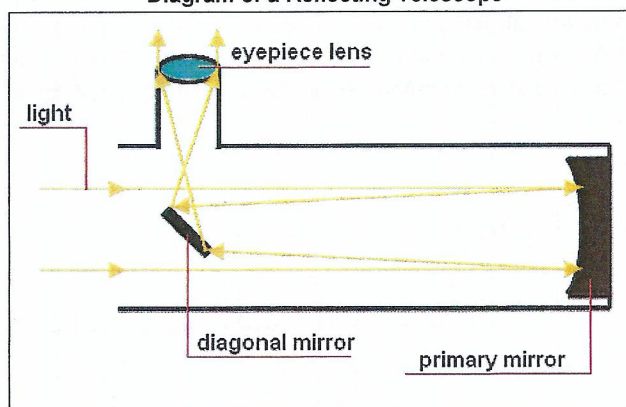


## Question 6 .

**How a Reflecting Telescope Works**

Isaac Newton created the first useful reflecting telescope in 1668. Until then, most telescopes used lenses. Lenses are pieces of glass that bend light. Instead of lenses, the reflecting telescope uses mirrors.

The reflecting telescope works like this. First, light from an object passes through the telescope. It bounces off the primary mirror at the back. The curved shape of the mirror causes the light to bounce back at an angle. The light then hits a diagonal mirror. This mirror is tilted so that all of the light can pass through the eyepiece lens. This lens takes all of the light and magnifies it. The result is a brighter and larger view of the object. This is why you can see faraway objects a lot better through a telescope.

**Diagram of a Reflecting Telescope**

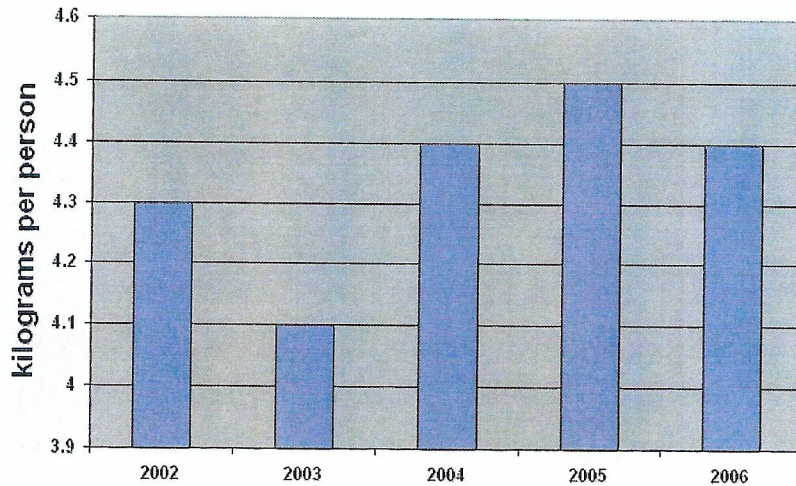
The diagram makes the information in the passage clearer by

- A. showing the steps on how to use a reflecting telescope.
- B. showing where parts of a reflecting telescope are located.
- C. showing how to build a reflecting telescope step by step.
- D. showing why a reflecting telescope is the best telescope.

## Question 7 .

Canada's turkey market is flat. The per capita turkey consumption (eating) in 2006 was 4.4 kilograms. It has not changed much in the last 10 years. This compares to U.S. rate of 7.7 kilograms. Per capita is a Latin phrase. It is used to point out the average per person.

### Canadian Per Capita Turkey Consumption



Which piece of information is present in both the article and the graph?

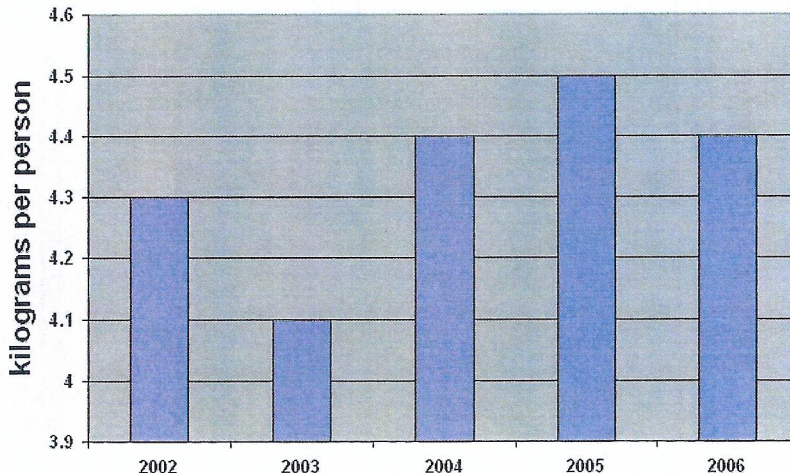
- A. The Canadian per capita turkey consumption is growing.
- B. The Canadian per capita turkey consumption is shrinking.
- C. In 2006, the average American ate 7.7 kg of turkey meat.
- D. In 2006, the average Canadian ate 4.4 kg of turkey meat.



Question 8 .

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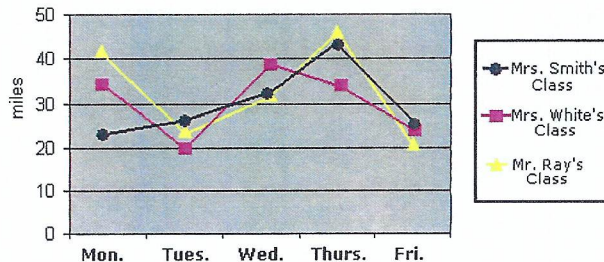


In which two years was the per capita turkey meat consumption the same in Canada?

- A. 2002 and 2004
- B. 2003 and 2005
- C. 2002 and 2005
- D. 2004 and 2006

Question 9 .

### Fourth Grade Walking Record



On which day did Mr. Ray's class walk the most miles?

- A. Monday
- B. Saturday
- C. Friday
- D. Thursday

## Question 10 .

**Rams Meet Tough Teams in Upcoming Tennis Matches**

The women's tennis team will face some tough teams in the next few matches, starting with Lincoln High on September 20th. The Lincoln women have won the state championship four years in a row. Their top two players are thinking of turning pro. But that doesn't scare the Rams' top-seeded player, Melissa Scanlon. "We've been training hard," Scanlon says. "We're ready for 'em."

The next two matches will be here at home, so come out and support your team!! See below for the current schedule. All matches start at 3:30 p.m.

Date	Where	Team
Sept. 20	Home	Lincoln
Sept. 22	Home	Washington
Sept. 27	Away	Ridgefield
Oct. 1	Away	South Bend

How does the chart add information to the article?

- A. It tells the reader how to get to the Ridgefield and South Bend matches.
- B. It gives the reader dates and locations of the next four tennis matches.
- C. It tells why the reader should come out and support his or her team.
- D. It tells the reader which tennis teams will be the hardest for the Rams to beat.

## Using Evidence to Support Claims

### Persuasive Writing

*When you try to **persuade** someone, you try to make them agree with your side of an argument. As you make a persuasive point, keep these things in mind:*

- **Know your audience** – Think about your audience. What do they already know about the topic? What do they need to know about the topic?
- **Know how to reach your audience** – What is the best way to get someone to agree with you? You can reach him or her through your writing or through a presentation. Adding facts and numbers to your paper can help you with your argument. Also, when you write for a friend, you can be casual. However, when you write for someone you do not know, you should use formal language.
- **Know your stuff** – Make sure you have all the facts you need. Make sure everything looks right before you present it.
- **Know the other side of the argument** – Think about what someone else would say to argue with you and include reasons why his or her points would be wrong.
- **Respect others** – It's important to respect a person's side of the argument. Never use words like "stupid," "crazy," or "dumb." Using those words makes you look bad. It makes it seem as if you cannot make a good argument.
- **Do not state something everyone knows** – Never end an argument with something like "This is what I think about \_\_\_\_\_." These sentences are not needed. Just like with all types of essays (not just persuasive), every sentence should add something important to your paper.

*example:*



Dear Editor,

It is important for students to have a red light by the new elementary school. Too many cars drive fast. They don't slow down for kids crossing the street. It is dangerous for kids when they walk home.

When I cross the street, I see lots of squirrels that have been run over by cars going too fast. When I'm in class, I always hear the brakes from cars screeching. There are too many accidents without a light.

I know building a light costs the city money. But the city paid for a brand new park. Why can't they use a little money to keep schools and streets safe?

Sincerely,

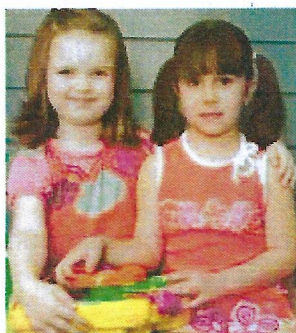
Jessica Darcy

The author thinks that there should be a traffic light by the school. She says it's dangerous. How did the author support her argument? She talked about the accidents she sees. She also knows that people will say that it costs too much money. She points this out and talks about how the city has spent its money. This shows people that the city can put up a light.

## Supporting and Developing Topics

*When you write informative, explanatory, or opinion pieces, you state your topic at the beginning of the passage. The rest of the sentences in the passage should add details that support your topic. It is important to use reasons, facts, and definitions to tell more about your points. Your writing will be easier to understand if you include supporting details.*

Read the opinion piece below and look for the supporting details. Then, answer the question that follows.



Strictland Elementary should allow students to bring toys to school because that would make school more fun. If kids had fun at school, they would not mind going. Also, students should be able to take toys to school because that would help them make friends. When kids share their own toys with each other, they become friends. Strictland Elementary would be a better place if it let kids bring toys to school.

**Which of the following sentences could be added to the passage as a supporting detail?**

- A. Children like to play with a lot of different kinds of toys.
- B. Teachers would have to deal with the kids that lose or break toys.
- C. Parents would not have to beg their children to get out of bed.
- D. Students think that watching movies at school is a lot of fun.

**Explanation:** The topic or main idea of the paragraph is that Strictland Elementary should let students bring their toys to school. The author supports his or her opinion with reasons why Strictland Elementary should allow students to bring toys to school. The first reason that the author states is that school would be more fun if students could bring their toys. The author tells more about why it is important for school to be more fun. In the correct answer **C**, the idea that parents would not have to beg their children to get out of bed supports the reason why school should be more fun.

Read the informative piece below and look for the supporting details. Then, answer the questions that follow.





Dubble Bubble was the first bubble gum ever sold. In 1906, Frank Fler tried to make bubble gum. He called it Blibber–Blubber gum. But it was too sticky to sell. In 1928, Walter Diemer worked for Fler Chewing Gum Company. He tried a new mix for chewing gum. Walter's mix had bubbles in it. Also, his mix was softer than other gum and was not too sticky. The company started selling the bubble gum as Dubble Bubble. It was the first bubble gum that was sold. Walter later became a vice president in the company.

**Which of the following sentences could be added to develop the topic?**

- A. Walter tested his gum out by selling it at a store.
- B. People chewed tree sap before gum was made.
- C. Bazooka gum started selling in the mid-1940s.
- D. Pink is the most common bubble gum color.

**Explanation:** The topic or main idea of the passage is that Dubble Bubble was the first bubble gum ever sold. The author uses supporting details to tell more about how Dubble Bubble was the first gum to be sold. In the correct answer **A**, the idea that Walter tested his gum out tells more about Dubble Bubble.

**Which of the following sentences from the passage least supports the topic?**

- A. In 1906, Frank Fler tried to make bubble gum.
- B. Walter later became a vice president in the company.
- C. The company started selling the bubble gum as Dubble Bubble.
- D. Also, his mix was softer than other gum and was not too sticky.



**Explanation:** The topic or main idea of this passage is that Dubble Bubble was the first bubble gum ever sold. The other sentences in the passage need to tell more about how Dubble Bubble was the first gum to be sold. The correct answer **B** is the sentence that least supports the topic and tells about Walter changing jobs in the company. This information does not add any details about Dubble Bubble.

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## Using Evidence to Support Claims

### Question 1 .

(1) Most countries around the world have places where people can shop. (2) One of these shopping areas is called a bazaar. (3) A bazaar is a marketplace where people can buy or sell things to other people. (4) A bazaar is like a shopping mall. (5) The shops at bazaars are known to offer a great range of goods. (6) One of the oldest and largest bazaars is the Grand Bazaar. (7) It is located in Istanbul, Turkey. (8) The Grand Bazaar was built during the 1400s. (9) It is made up of 60 streets. (10) It also has about 4,000 stores. (11) The great number of stores brings in many people. (12) By some accounts, over 250,000 people visit the market each day.

How does the author develop the topic about bazaars?

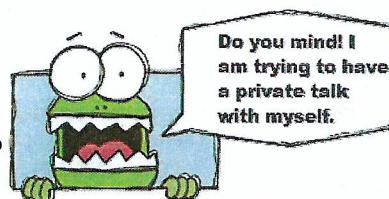
- A. by explaining how to purchase goods at bazaars
- B. by providing the definition of the word bazaar
- C. by telling what kinds of stores are in the bazaar
- D. by showing how many goods are sold in bazaars

### Question 2 .

(1) People who talk to themselves are not necessarily crazy. (2) In fact, it is a natural thing for many people. (3) Even if we do not say things out loud, we all talk to ourselves in our heads.

(4) Scientists believe that talking to one's self is not only normal but also good. (5) It is a good way to calm down after a hard day. (6) Doctors from Toronto University in Canada believe that people who talk to themselves have more self control. (7) In turn, this keeps people from making bad choices. (8) By putting thoughts into words, people can solve problems more clearly. (9) People who talk to themselves are usually more confident, too.

(10) On the other hand, some people talk to themselves in front of others. (11) Most people think this is crazy. (12) There is a better reason to avoid self-talk around others, though. (13) People may say things out loud that are better left in their heads. (14) Saying "Those are really long nose hairs!" to one's self while standing in front of Grandpa may not go over well.



What does the author include to make her argument more effective?

- A. tips on how to keep things in one's head
- B. quotes from people who are truly crazy
- C. an interview with a group of self-talkers
- D. information from doctors and scientists

## Question 3 .



## Office Olympics

(1) Many companies host a few days of office games for their workers every year. (2) Like field day at school, there are quite a few events. (3) One event often included is staple shooting. (4) Workers try to shoot the staples from an open stapler farther than their coworkers. (5) There is also an event called a coffee-mug marathon. (6) This game involves workers carrying hot coffee from point A to point B. (7) Whoever spills the least and gets to point B the fastest wins. (8) Hurdles are a must, too. (9) To play, office workers jump over stacks of paper, boxes, and even chairs. (10) Last but not least is chair racing. (11) It is like car racing but with office chairs.

(12) Chair racing has even become popular outside the office. (13) In April 2008, people of Bad Koenig-Zell, Germany, made it an official sport. (14) Seventy people took part in the first German Championships in Office Chair Racing. (15) They wore helmets, and some even tricked out their chairs.

(16) Even car makers have become a part of chair racing. (17) People can buy speedy office chairs from companies that are better known for making sports cars. (18) There is even a race car company that also make office racing chairs. (19) These chairs can cost as much as a car.

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The author's main argument in the last paragraph is that Office Olympics

- A. is an excellent idea.
- B. is fun and exciting.
- C. displeases office leaders.
- D. wastes too much time.



## Question 4 .

**Directions:** Select the correct text in the passage.

Which sentences from the passage support the claim that humans are wasteful?

### Recycling Works

People should recycle as much of their trash as possible. To recycle means to make something new from something that has been used before. For example, old plastic bags can be used to make pipes. People are in the habit of using items once and then disposing of them. Studies show that each American throws away 3–4 ½ pounds of trash a day. People throw away glass, metal, plastic, and paper that could be recycled. Where does this trash end up? Some of it is burned. Most of it ends up in landfills. In fact, about 230 million tons of trash are sent to landfills every year. The United States is running out of room for all of this trash. Within the next 10 years, many of the country's landfills will be full.

When people recycle, less waste ends up in landfills. Recycling also keeps forests from being cut down. For every 13,600 tons of paper that is recycled, 231,200 trees are saved. Another benefit of recycling is that it saves energy. Recycling plastic takes less energy than making new plastic. Also, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) found that using recycled waste to make new paper results in 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution. Before someone throws something in the trash, he or she should check to see if it can be recycled. If people make an effort to recycle, they can keep tons of trash out of landfills.

## Question 5 .



(1) Turkeys have been walking the Earth for almost 10 million years. (2) Wild turkeys are not like the ones for sale at grocery stores. (3) Wild turkeys can fly around 55 miles per hour. (4) They even spend their evenings in tree branches. (5) Wild turkeys are thinner and have longer legs than farm-raised turkeys. (6) Wild turkeys can run about 25 miles per hour.

(7) Domestic turkeys are bred by farmers to be larger. (8) In fact, a farm-raised turkey weighs twice as much as a wild turkey. (9) Because of the extra weight, farm-raised turkeys cannot fly far if at all. (10) They cannot run as quickly either because they have shorter legs with lots of weight to carry around.

(11) Although not popularly believed, turkeys are smart. (12) Wild turkeys are rarely caught when hunted by people or other animals. (13) They are definitely smart enough to escape. (14) There is a rumor that turkeys often drown when they look up into the rain. (15) Some turkeys do turn their heads toward the rain. (16) However, Tom Savage, a poultry scientist from Oregon State University, has never seen any drown. (17) He discovered that these turkeys have a nervous condition. (18) It is not an act of stupidity. (19) Farm-raised turkeys are thought to be smart as well. (20) Many believe they are dumb because they try to fly and look funny trying. (21) Their nature causes them to try. (22) However, farmers keep them from doing so by feeding them a lot and breeding them to be large.

Who does the author include as a reliable source?

- A. a scientist
- B. a turkey farmer
- C. a hunter
- D. a grocery manager

## Question 6 .

**Office Olympics**

(1) Many companies host a few days of office games for their workers every year. (2) Like field day at school, there are quite a few events. (3) One event often included is staple shooting. (4) Workers try to shoot the staples from an open stapler farther than their coworkers. (5) There is also an event called a coffee-mug marathon. (6) This game involves workers carrying hot coffee from point A to point B. (7) Whoever spills the least and gets to point B the fastest wins. (8) Hurdles are a must, too. (9) To play, office workers jump over stacks of paper, boxes, and even chairs. (10) Last but not least is chair racing. (11) It is like car racing but with office chairs.

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The author's main purpose is to

- A. argue that chair racing is the best office sport.
- B. prove that secret games are not as much fun.
- C. convince readers that Germany is a fun country.
- D. explain the growing popularity of Office Olympics.