

Lesson Tracker

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A Musical Pioneer (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In the world of classical music, most conductors are men. And there are few conductors of color. But South Africa's Ofentse Pitse stands out. She's a young, black, female conductor. What do you think?

People who are willing to stand out help to bring about change.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)

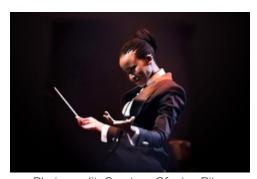


Photo credit: Courtesy Ofentse Pitse

This is a photo of Ofentse Pitse. Pitse is the conductor of Anchored Sound.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Achieve3000, January 14, 2020). Meet Ofentse Pitse. She's 27. She lives in South Africa. She leads Anchored Sound. What's that? An orchestra and choir. They play classical music. She started the group.

Why did Pitse start Anchored Sound? To change young people's lives. First, she picked great singers. This was in 2017. Where did they live? In poor communities.

In 2019, she started the orchestra. She's the conductor.

Pitse is a pioneer. Most conductors are men. And there are few conductors of color. Pitse is a young black woman. So she stands out.

Anchored Sound plays songs by African composers. Why? Pitse hopes to bring African classical music to the world.

Video credit: Mesia Gumede

Dictionary

choir (noun) a group of singers especially in a church

conductor (noun) a person who stands in front of people while they sing or play musical instruments and directs their performance

orchestra (noun) a group of musicians who play usually classical music together and who are led by a conductor

pioneer (noun) a person who helps create or develop new ideas, methods, etc.

Question 1				
What is this Article mainly about?				
Pitse leads an orchestra and choir.				
Pitse is only 27 years old.				
© There are few conductors of color.				
Most conductors are men.				
Question 2				
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that				
Pitse was not born in South Africa				
Pitse lives in a poor community				
© Pitse has written classical music				
D Pitse wants to help other people				
Question 3				
Which means almost the same as <i>conductor</i> ?				
(A) user				
B singer				
© driver				
(D) leader				
Question 4				
Which is not in the Article?				
when Pitse started her choir				
why Pitse loves classical music				
© why Pitse started Anchored Sound				
when Pitse put together an orchestra				

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

People who are willing to stand out help to bring about change.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Imagine you are a reporter who is speaking with Ofentse Pitse. What questions might you ask her? What might her answers be? Include information from the Article, as well as vocabulary terms and describing words, in your answer.

Ancient Lines in the Sand (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In Southern Peru, there are big ground drawings. They're in the desert sand. They were put there more than 1,500 years ago. But scientists aren't sure what they were for. What do you think?

Some things should stay a secret.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Daniel Prudek/Shutterstock

A monkey geoglyph is seen from above. It's one of the many ground drawings known as the Nazca Lines.

NAZCA, **Peru** (Achieve3000, January 3, 2020). You're in an airplane. It's flying over southern Peru. You look out the window. What's below? Ground drawings! They're called geoglyphs. They're in the desert sand. They're of animals, plants, and more.

These geoglyphs are called the Nazca Lines. They've been around for more than 1,500 years. They're *big*! And there are many of them. But people didn't find them until 1927. A scientist saw some. Today, tools such as drones have found more geoglyphs.

Who made the geoglyphs? The Nazca people. How? By taking away some rocks that covered the ground. This showed the lighter sand underneath.

But what were geoglyphs for? Researchers aren't sure. But they think they were used in rituals.

Video credit: Achieve3000 from footage by maxuser/Creatas Video+/Getty Images

Dictionary

drone (noun) a type of small aircraft that flies without a pilot

research (verb) to study (something) carefully

ritual (noun) an act or series of acts done in a particular situation and in the same way each

time

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- The Nazca Lines are drawings in the sand.
- B The Nazca Lines weren't found find until 1927.
- © The geoglyphs have been around for many years.
- The geoglyphs might have been used in rituals.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- It's very interesting to study the Nazca Lines.
- B The Nazca people made the lines long ago.
- © Drones have found some of the geoglyphs.
- D The lines show animals, plants, and more.

Question 3

The Article says:

What's below? Ground Drawings! They're called geoglyphs. They're in the desert sand. They're of animals, plants, and more.

This	helps	the r	eader	to	know	

- A what the Nazca Lines look like
- **B** that finding the lines is not easy
- © why the Nazca Lines were made
- that animals live in the desert.

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) think and see
- B flying and driving
- © desert and ground
- D lighter and darker

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Some things should stay a secret.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Give three reasons why the Nazca Lines are interesting to visit and/or study? What's left to know about them? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Animated Favorites Get Real (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Moviemakers are remaking old cartoon movies. The new movies have real people. *The Jungle Book* and *Beauty and the Beast* are two of these live-action remakes. What do you think?

Live-action remakes are more entertaining than the cartoon classics.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Tinseltown/Shutterstock

Many families love live-action remakes of animated movies. "Aladdin" is one of these movies. It stars Will Smith.

LOS ANGELES, California (Achieve3000, August 20, 2019). Moviemakers are trying something new. They're bringing new life to old animated movies. They've turned them into live-action hits. Real people are in them.

These remakes can do well. They can make lots of money. They have it all: Big stars. Special effects. Stories fans love.

Adults like looking back. They watched these movies growing up. They loved them. So they take their kids to see them.

Moviemakers like these movies. They can add diversity. More kids see characters who look like them. That's not all. They can add girl power. Many remakes have strong girl characters.

Dictionary

animated (adjective) produced by the creation of a series of drawings, pictures, etc., that are shown quickly one after another: produced through the process of animation **diversity** (noun) the state of having people who are different races or who have different cultures in a group or organization

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why do parents take their kids to see the remakes?

- A They know the movies have made money.
- B They loved the movies growing up.
- © They can add diversity to the movies.
- They think girl power is funny.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

- A Kids watch old animated movies.
- B Some remakes bring girl power.
- © People love the live-action remakes.
- D Adults watch movies with their kids.

Question 3

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Which characters people like
- B Why adults love live-action movies
- © Who adults take to the movies
- D Why moviemakers like remakes

Question 4

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- A character and teacher
- old and funny
- © hit and winner
- strong and large

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Live-action remakes are more entertaining than the cartoon classics.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Retell this Article in your own words.

Bubble Tea Is Blowing Up (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write your Answer)

A fairly new drink called "bubble tea" is winning fans across the world. What do you think?

Newer is better.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: jarenwicklund/iStock/Getty Images A bubble tea shop is a sweet spot to hang out.

TAIPEI, Taiwan (Achieve3000, May 7, 2019). Have you heard of bubble tea? It's a drink. But it's like a snack.

Bubble tea starts with milk tea. Then, treats are added. They usually rest at the bottom. Often, they're balls of tapioca. They're sweet. People call them "bubbles." There can be bubbles on top of the drink, too. They form when the drink is shaken.

Bubble tea started out in Taiwan. This was in the 1980s. It was a hit. It spread. Now, many shops sell it. They're opening all over. Many kids go there. They hang out with friends. They play games or study.

Information for this story came from VOA.

Credit: Voice of America

Dictionary

tapioca (noun) a food made from cassava, the root of a tropical plant **treat** (noun) something good that you don't get very often

Question 1

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A There can be bubbles on top of tea.
- B Some shops sell bubble tea.
- © Bubble tea tastes too sweet.
- D Bubble tea started out in Taiwan.

Question 2

Rosa wants to know what tapioca is. How can she find out? She could use a ...

- (A) Calendar
- B Newspaper
- © Map
- Dictionary

Ouestion 3

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Sell and buy
- B Start and begin
- © Add and take
- Dopen and close

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that bubble tea shops can be fun?

- Many kids go there. They hang out with friends.
- Bubble tea started out in Taiwan. This was in the 1980s.
- © Bubble tea starts with milk tea.
- D Have you heard of bubble tea? It's a drink.

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Newer is better.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

What is bubble tea? What can you tell about the people who visit bubble tea shops? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Cooking Up Native Traditions (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Sean Sherman saw a problem in Native American communities. He came up with a plan to fix it. What do you think?

Don't sit back when you see a problem—find ways to fix it yourself.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Amy Forliti
Sean Sherman cooks up Native American recipes.

Minneapolis, Minnesota (Achieve 3000, January 17, 2020). Sean Sherman is Native American. He's part of the Lakota Sioux tribe. He grew up on a reservation. As a kid, he and his family ate certain foods. Like what? Canned beans. Boxed rice. Sherman later wondered: Where were the foods from his culture?

So Sherman learned about his culture. In the past, many Native American food traditions were lost. When did this happen? When Europeans came. Before that? Native Americans grew and hunted different foods. They had their own traditions.

Sherman had an idea: He wanted to bring back those traditions. But how?

Sherman started a cooking business. It's called The Sioux Chef. He makes traditional Native American foods. They're from nature. They're good for people.

Video credit: The Sioux Chef

Dictionary

culture (noun) the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place, or time **reservation** (noun) an area of land in the U.S. that is kept separate as a place for Native Americans to live

tradition (*noun*) a way of thinking, behaving, or doing something that has been used by the people in a particular group, family, society, etc., for a long time

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- A Sherman learned about his culture's past.
- B Sherman makes recipes that are good for people.
- © Sherman ate canned beans and boxed rice as a kid.
- Sherman is bringing back Native American foods.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Sherman started his own business.
- B Native American foods are good for people.
- © Sherman's recipes taste great.
- D Native Americans used to hunt for food.

Question 3

Which two words have opposite meanings?

- asked and saw
- B ate and tasted
- © learned and wrote
- (D) came and left

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

- What foods the Europeans ate
- B What foods Sherman ate as a kid
- © What traditions Native Americans lost
- What kind of business Sherman has

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Don't sit back when you see a problem—find ways to fix it yourself.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe something that Sean Sherman did and explain what that tells about him. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Defying Gravity (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Simone Biles has been called the greatest gymnast ever. However, her rise to the top has not always been easy. What do you think?

With enough hard work, anything is possible.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Marijan Murat/dpa via AP Gymnast Simone Biles shows off some of her gold medals.

STUTTGART, Germany (Achieve3000, October 24, 2019). Simone Biles is a gymnast. Maybe the greatest ever. How did she get to be great? With hard work.

Biles got into gymnastics early. She was 6. But she gave it her all.

In 2011, Biles tried to make the U.S. team. She didn't. This made her sad. But did she give up? No way! And in 2013, she made the team.

Then, in 2016, Biles went to the Olympics. She won five medals. She led Team U.S.A.

And in October 2019, Biles made history. She was at the world championships. And she won her 25th medal: more than any other gymnast in the world!

Credit: Video Credit: Team USA

Dictionary

medal (noun) a piece of metal often in the form of a coin with designs and words in honor of a special event, a person, or an achievement

Question 1
What is this Article mainly about?
Biles is a great gymnast.
Biles won 5 Olympic medals.
© Biles began gymnastics at age 6.
Diles led Team U.S.A.
Question 2
Which two words have almost the same meaning?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
early and late
B hard and easy
© greatest and best
Ded and followed
Question 3
Γhink about the Article. The reader can tell that
Biles started gymnastics in 2011
Biles will not win any more medals
© Biles doesn't like to give up
Diles hurt herself as a child
Question 4
Γhe Article says:
In 2011, Biles tried to make the U.S. team. She didn't. This made her sad. But did she give up No way! And in 2013, she made the team.
Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know that
people think that Biles is sad
Biles has always been the best gymnast
© Biles should've made the 2011 team
D problems make Biles try harder

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. With enough hard work, anything is possible.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who is Simone Biles? And why has she been called the greatest gymnast ever? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Give Me S'more! (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Many people like to make a dessert called s'mores. The gooey treats are made with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. What do you think of this well-known saying?

S'mores always leave you beggin' for s'more!

• Do You agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: kellyvandellen/iStock/Getty Images

This is a s'more. It's made of chocolate, marshmallows, and graham crackers.

SAVANNAH, Georgia (Achieve3000, July 18, 2019). They're gooey. They're chocolatey. They're crispy.

What are they? They're s'mores! Want to make some? Here's how:

- 1. Get a graham cracker. Break it in half. Place chocolate on one half.
- 2. Take a stick. Put a marshmallow on it.
- 3. Hold the marshmallow over a campfire.
- 4. Let it melt. Set it on the chocolate. Use the stick to do this.
- 5. Take the other cracker half. Put it on the marshmallow.
- 6. Smoosh the crackers together. Pull out the stick.
- 7. Eat!

S'mores are yummy. Who made them first? No one's sure. Maybe it was the Girl Scouts. The group put out a manual. It talks about the snack. It came out in 1927.

The question is: Who wants s'more? Information for this story came from AP.

Video credit: Hilah Cooking

Dictionary

manual (noun) a small book that gives instructions or helpful information about something

Question 1
Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is most important to tell
When chocolate was first made
How to make a campfire
© When marshmallows were first made
How to make a s'more
Question 2
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
First and last
Take and use
© Chocolate and cracker
Yummy and crispy
Question 3
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells why some people think the Girl Scouts came up with
the idea for s'mores?
The group put out a manual. It talks about the snack. It came out in 1927.
What are they? They're s'mores!
© They're gooey. They're chocolatey. They're crispy.
S'mores are yummy.
Question 4
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Very few Girl Scouts have made s'mores.
S'mores are easy to make.
© Not many people like crispy food.
Marshmallows are too sweet.

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

S'mores always leave you beggin' for s'more!

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Retell this Article in your own words.

Global Game Fame (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In 2019, several video games were chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame. One game came out in 1976. Two others came out in the 1990s. What do you think?

Older video games are more fun to play.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: The Strong National Museum of Play via AP Each year, games are chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame.

ROCHESTER, New York (Achieve3000, May 10, 2019). There's a World Video Game Hall of Fame. It's in New York. It opened in 2015. Which games get in? Only the best! Some are old. But they're important. Take *Colossal Cave Adventure*. It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming. *Microsoft Solitaire* is a computer card game. It's from 1991. It taught players how to use a mouse.

Super Mario Kart came out in 1992. Mario almost wasn't in the game. But people liked a drawing of the plumber. The rest is history!

Information for this story came from AP.

Dictionary

Hall of Fame (noun) a place to honor well-known people or things **plumber** (noun) someone who works on pipes, bathtubs, sinks, toilets, and other things that carry water

Question 1

What is the main idea of this Article?

- (A) Colossal Cave Adventure is from 1976.
- B The World Video Game Hall of Fame is in New York.
- © The best video games go into a hall of fame.
- D Mario almost wasn't in the game Super Mario Kart.

Question 2

Which word means almost the same as plumber, as it is used in the Article?

- Actor
- B Leader
- © Fixer
- Player

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- © Colossal Cave Adventure helped start computer gaming.
- B The World Video Game Hall of Fame opened in 2015.
- © Super Mario Kart is more fun than Microsoft Solitaire.
- D Mario is a plumber in the Super Mario Kart game.

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells about the World Video Game Hall of Fame?

- A It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming.
- B Some are old. But they're important.
- © It taught players how to use a mouse.
- D It's in New York. It opened in 2015.

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Older video games are more fun to play.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a story about visiting the World Video Game Hall of Fame. Which video game did you most want to see and why? Use describing words from the Article in your answer.

Katherine the Great (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

One woman did math for NASA. She started in the 1950s. Back then, many African American women were told they could not have high-level jobs. What do you think?

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Joseph Rodriguez/AP *Katherine Johnson made headlines*.

HAMPTON, Virginia (Achieve3000, February 25, 2019). Katherine Johnson worked for NASA. She started in the 1950s. She helped people go into space. She's a hero.

Have you seen *Hidden Figures*? The movie tells Johnson's story. She worked with other African American women. They did math. NASA called them "human computers."

John Glenn was an astronaut. In 1962, he was going into space. A programmed computer did the math. But Glenn wasn't sure. He asked Johnson to check it. She did. Glenn's trip went well.

Johnson turned 100. She wrote an autobiography. It's called *Reaching for the Moon*. It comes out in 2019.

Johnson's book is for kids. She says they can do anything.

Information for this story came from AP.

Video credit: NASA

Dictionary

autobiography (noun) the story of someone's life written by that person **NASA** (noun) a group that studies space; it is run by U.S. leaders

Question 1

What is the main idea of this Article?

- A Katherine Johnson wrote an autobiography.
- B Katherine Johnson is a hero for her work at NASA.
- © Katherine Johnson turned 100 years old.
- **(D)** Katherine Johnson worked with other women.

Question 2

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Movie and story
- B Anything and nothing
- © Seen and watched
- Astronaut and person

Question 3

Kay wants to know more about going into space. She should look

- In a math book
- B In a book about NASA trips
- © At a U.S. map
- D At a picture of John Glenn

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Katherine Johnson does more than math?

- A The movie tells Johnson's story.
- B Katherine Johnson worked for NASA.
- © She wrote an autobiography.
- D NASA called them "human computers."

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe Katherine Johnson's work at NASA. How did she help lead the way for women and African Americans to do well in math and other technical fields? Use facts and details from the lesson in your answer.

Otzi the Iceman (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Ötzi the Iceman lived about 5,300 years ago. Scientists have been studying Ötzi since his body was found in 1991. What do you think?

Ötzi should be left alone.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Sergio Monti Photography/Shutterstock *This is what Ötzi the Iceman may have looked like.*

BOLZANO, Italy (Achieve3000, November 21, 2019). It was about 5,300 years ago. A man was on a mountain in Italy. He was hurt. And it was cold. Would he stay alive? He would not. But today, people are learning all about him. Here's why.

Soon after he died, his body froze in ice. It stayed covered until 1991. That's when his body was found. And guess what? It was well-preserved.

The man was given a name: Ötzi the Iceman. And scientists started studying him.

The scientists learned a lot. Like what? Ötzi was about 46 when he died. And he was about 5 feet and 2 inches and 110 pounds (157 centimeters and 50 kilograms). His clothes were made from hides and grass. And he carried a bow and arrows. There's still a lot to learn from Ötzi!

Dictionary

hide (noun) the skin of a usually large animalwell-preserved (adjective) kept in good condition over a long period of time

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- Ötzi wore clothes and carried a bow and arrows.
- B Scientists think Ötzi was about 46 years old when he died.
- © People are learning from Ötzi the Iceman's body.
- D Ötzi's body was well-preserved in ice when it was found.

Question 2

The Article says:

That's when his body was found. And guess what? It was well-preserved.

What does this show?

- A what made Ötzi die long ago
- B what scientists found out about Ötzi
- © where Ötzi's body was found
- why scientists can study Ötzi

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Ötzi died on a mountain in Italy.
- B Ötzi's clothes were made from hides.
- © Ötzi is the best find ever made.
- D Ötzi's body was covered in ice.

Question 4

The Article says:

It was about 5,300 years ago. A man was on a mountain in Italy.... But *today*, people are learning all about him.

Which means almost the **same** as *today*?

- (A) now
- B down
- © here
- (D) away

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Ötzi should be left alone.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who was Ötzi the Iceman? What have scientists learned about Ötzi? And what have they learned about the time when he lived? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Sniffing Out Extinction (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Trained dogs are now being used to help save endangered species. What do you think?

All endangered species are worth saving.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Marina Makouskaya/iStock/Getty Images Plus This dog can sniff out the scent of different animals on land and in water.

MELBOURNE, **Australia** (Achieve3000, December 4, 2019). Dogs sniff things out. They have a super sense of smell. It's much stronger than a person's! It leads them to find things.

Sniffing dogs have helped police find missing people. And that's not all. Now they also help conservationists. To find what? Endangered species.

One species is the Baw Baw frog. It lives in Australia. But most of them died out. How many are left? Fewer than 1,200.

An Australian conservation group is helping. They find the frogs. They breed them in zoos. And they put them back in the wild.

But finding Baw Baw frogs isn't easy. Here's why: They live in forests. And they hide under mud. But two dogs are helping. They learned the frogs' smell. Now they find them.

Information for this story came from VOA.

Video credit: Voice of America

Dictionary

breed (verb) to keep and take care of animals or plants in order to produce more animals or plants of a particular kind

conservationist (noun) someone who works to protect animals, plants, and natural resources or to prevent the loss or waste of natural resources: a person who is involved in conservation **endangered** (adjective) used to describe a type of animal or plant that has become very rare and that could die out completely

species (noun) a group of animals or plants that are similar and can produce young animals or plants



What is this Article mainly about?

- A Dogs look for missing people.
- Baw Baw frogs live in Australia.
- © Dogs can find endangered species.
- D There aren't many Baw Baw frogs left.

Question 2

Think about the Article. Why does an Australian conservation group want to help the Baw Baw frogs?

- A The group wants to send the Baw Baw frogs to zoos.
- Baw Baw frogs hide under mud.
- © Baw Baw frogs live in forests in Australia.
- D Fewer than 1,200 Baw Baw frogs are left.

Question 3

The Article says:

But finding Baw Baw frogs isn't *easy*. Here's why: They live in forests. And they hide under mud.

Which means the **opposite** of *easy*?

- A noisy
- B fun
- © strange
- hard

Question 4

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that Baw Baw frogs

- are much smaller than most other frogs
- B can't live outside of their home in the wild
- © don't want other animals to find them
- are often found and eaten by the dogs

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

All endangered species are worth saving.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Explain how trained dogs help to save endangered species, such as the Baw Baw frog. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Social Media, Pompeii Style (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Today, people write their thoughts on websites like Facebook. Long ago, in the ancient city of Pompeii, people scribbled their thoughts on the walls of homes and buildings. What do you think?

People should always find a way to share their thoughts.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)

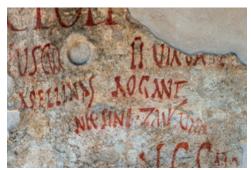


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More than 11,000 graffiti samples like this have been found at Pompeii.

POMPEII, Italy (Achieve3000, January 28, 2020). Today, people write messages on cyber walls. (Just think of Facebook.) But get this: People in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii also wrote on walls. *Real* walls, that is.

This was 2,000 years ago. But guess what? Many of the walls are still there. So are some of the messages. Here's why:

In 79 CE, a volcano hit Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this? Pompeii kept standing!

Then came the mid-1700s. People started digging out Pompeii. And the messages were found. What were they about? People's thoughts and feelings.

Here's one message:

Stronius Stronnius knows nothing!

Now everyone knows. *Video credit: Achieve3000*

Dictionary

ancient (adjective) of, coming from, or belonging to a time that was long ago in the past **ash** (noun) the soft gray powder that remains after something (such as a cigarette or wood) has been completely burned and destroyed by fire

cyber (adjective) computer

volcano (noun) a mountain with a hole in the top or side that sometimes sends out rocks, ash, lava, etc., in a sudden explosion (called an eruption)

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- Some messages were written in ashes.
- **B** A volcano hit Pompeii in 79 CE.
- © There was a message about Stronius Stronnius.
- D People in Pompeii wrote messages on walls.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- In 79 CE, Pompeii was covered in stone and ash.
- B Some of Pompeii's messages were written in paint.
- © It's fun to read the messages on Pompeii's walls.
- Pompeians wrote down their thoughts on walls.

Question 3

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) covered and warmed
- B hit and moved
- © write and take
- found and lost

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Who found out that a city was buried at Pompeii
- B Where people write messages today
- © What messages were written on Pompeii's walls
- D When Pompeii was hit by a volcano

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

People should always find a way to share their thoughts.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Tell what happened to Pompeii in 79 CE and what's been found thousands of years later. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Soldier in the Wild (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A Japanese soldier stayed hidden on Guam 28 years after World War II ended. When he finally returned to Japan, he was given a hero's welcome. What do you think?

All soldiers are heroes.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP Photo
This photo of Shoichi Yokoi was taken shortly after his hiding ended in 1972.

TALOFOFO, Guam (Achieve3000, August 27, 2019). It was 1943. World War II (WWII) was going strong. And Shoichi Yokoi was a soldier in the Imperial Japanese Army. He was stationed on Guam. It had been taken over by Japan.

In 1944, U.S. soldiers came to free Guam. Yokoi was afraid. So he fled to the jungles. And he hid.

In 1945, Japan surrendered. WWII was over. But Yokoi didn't know.

In 1952, Yokoi learned that the war had ended. Did he stop hiding? He didn't! Why didn't he come out? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to never give up.

In 1972, Yokoi was found. He had been hiding for 28 years.

Video Credit: AP Archive

Dictionary

loyalty (noun) a loyal feeling: a feeling of strong support for someone or something **surrender** (verb) to agree to stop fighting, hiding, resisting, etc., because you know that you will not win or succeed

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. What made Yokoi hide in the jungle?

- A He was afraid of U.S. soldiers.
- B He heard Japan had surrendered.
- © He was found in 1972.
- He liked the jungle.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

- A Yokoi didn't know the war ended.
- B Yokoi hid for many years.
- © Yokoi wanted to give up.
- D Yokoi was stationed in Guam.

Question 3

A *soldier* is someone who . .

- A fights in a war
- B lived a long time ago
- © lives on an island
- o goes to Japan

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Mhat Yokoi was afraid of
- B What happened in 1972
- © Why Yokoi was on Guam
- D Why World War II started

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **All soldiers are heroes.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who was Shoichi Yokoi? And why did he remain hidden on Guam until 1972? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Teen Pilot Breaks World Record (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In April 2019, Mason Andrews became the youngest pilot to fly alone around the world. Here's what Mason wants kids to know. What do you think?

"Anything is possible."

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Used with permission from Mason Andrews Mason Andrews flew this plane around the world.

MONROE, Louisiana (Achieve3000, April 12, 2019). Mason Andrews is a student. He's studying flying. But he already holds a flying record.

Mason flew around the world. And he did it alone! He's the youngest pilot to do that. He was 18.

Mason left Louisiana in July 2018. He came back in October. His trip took 76 days.

Mason's trip wasn't easy. He flew 180 hours. And he often flew in very bad weather.

Now, Mason tells kids: "Anything is possible."

Video Credit: Taylor Yakowenko

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Edited for length

Dictionary

pilot (noun) someone who flies a plane

record (noun) something that has never been done before

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Since Mason Andrews flew around the world, then . .

- A He holds a flying record.
- B He learned how to fly.
- © He wants to help kids.
- D He left in July 2018.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say?

- Mason left in July 2018 and returned in October.
- B Mason is the youngest pilot to fly around the world.
- © Mason studies flying.
- Mason is a student.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

- A Pilots can't be afraid of the weather.
- B Pilots give good advice.
- © Mason Andrews was brave to fly alone.
- D Mason Andrews flew 180 hours.

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Weather and rain
- B Pilot and teen
- © Youngest and oldest
- D Easy and slow

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. "Anything is possible."

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe Mason Andrews. What did he do? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

The Early-Late Debate (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Some people want later start times for middle schools and high schools. These people want start times pushed back until 8 a.m. or later. What do you think?

Middle schools and high schools should start later.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Tom Wang/Shutterstock.com

Too tired to learn? Some people think schools should start later.

SACRAMENTO, California (Achieve3000, October 30, 2019). Like to snooze? Here's good news! Some schools are starting later.

California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools will start at 8:30 a.m. Middle schools will start at 8 a.m. Or even later!

How come? Because of research. Scientists studied adolescents. Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. And students need good sleep.

It helps them stay healthy. It helps them learn.

But some people think starting schools later isn't smart. Schools that start later finish later. Students have less free time. For what? Sports, jobs, and homework. Don't forget about fun!

What about you? Wanna start school early? Or snoozzzzzzzzzze?

Dictionary

adolescent (noun) a young person who is developing into an adult : a young person who is going through adolescence

research (noun) careful study that is done to find and report new knowledge about something

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions) Question 1 Think about the Article. Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. That's why _____. A California high schools will start at 8:30 a.m. sleep helps students stay healthy scientists study adolescent sleep people think starting schools later isn't smart Question 2 The Article talks mainly about . A staying healthy, so students learn better B starting school later, so students get enough sleep © doing research about when adolescents sleep best what students do in their free time **Question 3** Which of these is an opinion? An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right. A Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. B Students in California will like going to school later. © Getting enough sleep helps students learn. D California middle schools won't start before 8 a.m. Question 4 The Article says: California passed a law. It sets new rules.

Which means almost the **same** as *passed*?

M madeB foundC metD took

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Middle schools and high schools should start later.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Do you think middle schools and high schools should start later in the day? Explain why or why not. Use facts and details from the Article to back up your answer.

Good, Bad, or Ugly? (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Many fruits and veggies are wasted because they don't look "perfect." Now, some companies are selling "ugly" fruits and veggies. They ship them to people's homes. What do you think?

All "ugly" produce should be given away to people in need.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Joshua McKerrow/The Baltimore Sun Does this carrot have a tail? A company is selling it anyway.

URBANDALE, Iowa (Achieve 3000, May 6, 2019). Would you buy ugly produce? Many people wouldn't.

But now, some companies are selling it. They don't want it to go to waste.

That sounds great. But not everyone is happy.

The Ugly Truth?

Critics say ugly produce isn't wasted. Farmers sell it. They also use it. They feed it to animals. They put it back in the soil.

Not So Bad, After All?

Food waste is a big problem, say the companies. They can help. Farmers can, too.

Dictionary

critic (noun) a person who finds something wrong in something or someone **produce** (noun) fruits and vegetables

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why are some companies selling ugly produce?

- A They do not want it to go to waste.
- B They want to add it to the soil.
- © They hope to feed animals on farms.
- They know farmers will not sell it.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is **most** important to say?

- A Farmers feed ugly produce to animals.
- B Many people will not buy ugly produce.
- © Some companies are selling ugly produce.
- Food waste is a big problem.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Some say food waste is a problem.
- B Farmers feed ugly produce to animals.
- © People should buy more ugly produce.
- D Farmers add ugly produce to soil.

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning, as they're used in the Article?

- Critic and farmer
- B Produce and food
- © Happy and ugly
- D Use and waste

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

All "ugly" produce should be given away to people in need.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Are ugly produce companies a good idea? Write what people on both sides of the argument believe. Which side do you agree with and why? Use facts and details from the Article to back up your answer.

The Last Generation? (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Some people from the Pacific Islands are working to stop climate change. Rising seas could take away their homeland. What do you think?

Everyone should work together to stop climate change.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: maloff/Shutterstock

This is the city of Majuro. It's in the Marshall Islands, a Pacific Island nation.

MAJURO, Marshall Islands (Achieve3000, November 7, 2019). There are 11 countries in the Pacific Islands. One's Fiji. Samoa is another. But these islands share a problem. What is it? Climate change.

Climate change causes seas to rise. That's bad. Here's why: The islands have low elevations. They're harmed by rising seas.

But could they be wiped out? It's possible. And some young islanders wonder: Are *they* the last generation to live there?

But the islands are fighting the problem. They'll start with cargo ships. These bring in goods. But they put out carbon emissions. This makes climate change worse.

So six Pacific Island countries teamed up. This was in 2019. Their plan: Cut carbon emissions from shipping. By how much? About 40 percent by 2030.

Video credit: United Nations

Dictionary

elevation (noun) the height of a place
emission (noun) something sent out or given off
generation (noun) a group of people born and living during the same time
possible (adjective) able to be done

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1
Think about the Article. Why did six Pacific Island countries get together to cut shipping emissions?
They want to stop all shipping.
They know the oceans aren't clean.
© They want to fight climate change.
D They hope sea levels rise more.
Question 2
The Article talks mainly about
why island countries put out so many emissions
why islanders will cut shipping emissions
© why other countries are helping the islanders
why big ships come to islands like Fiji and Samoa
Question 3
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
low and high
B bad and terrible
© harmed and hurt
D fighting and seeing
Question 4
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that .
A Fiji is the biggest of the Pacific Islands
B some Pacific Islands may go underwater
© the water in the ocean has too much trash
D it's easy to cut shipping emissions by 40 percent
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Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Everyone should work together to stop climate change.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

How is climate change harming the Pacific Islands? What are some Pacific Island nations doing about this problem? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

The Truth About Dogs (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A new exhibit teaches about dogs. What do you think of this quote by Josh Billings?

"A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Richard Vogel
People at the exhibition can learn how dogs see.

LOS ANGELES, California (Achieve3000, May 5, 2019). Why do people love dogs? Why do dogs smell things?

One exhibition has answers. It's called "Dogs!" It opened March 2019. Here's what it teaches:

1. They have a pee-culiar interest.

Dogs sniff fire hydrants. Why? They learn from smelling pee. They can tell if a place is safe.

2. They're doggone smart.

Dogs do more than smell. They know when something moves. They can hear soft sounds.

3. They're heroic.

Dogs are heroes. They can save people.

4. Yes, they love us, too.

People and dogs love each other. It's a mutual affection.

5. They go way back with humans.

When did dogs and people meet? Scientists don't know. But it was a long time ago.

Best friends fur-ever, it seems.

Information for this story came from AP.

Dictionary

exhibition (noun) a show
mutual affection (noun) shared feeling of love

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Since dogs learn from smelling, then .

- A Dogs know when something moves.
- B Dogs are able to hear soft sounds.
- © Dogs do more than smell.
- Dogs sniff fire hydrants to tell if a place is safe.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell ______.

- Oppose the end of t
- B There is an exhibition that teaches about dogs.
- © Dogs can save people.
- D Scientists don't know when dogs and people met.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- Open Dogs can tell how safe a place is by sniffing.
- B "Dogs!" opened in March 2019.
- © Smart dogs are the best dogs.
- D People have been saved by dogs.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- A Heroic and brave
- B Soft and loud
- © Answers and facts
- People and humans

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

"A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Think about telling a friend about "Dogs!" What would you say? Use describing words from the Article in your answer.

Welcome to Batuu (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

It's been said that Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places on Earth. Now, the Disney parks in California and Florida have added an attraction from "a galaxy far, far away"—Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. What do you think?

Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places in the galaxy.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo Credit: Disney Parks
This starship can be found at Disney's Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.

ORLANDO, Florida (Achieve3000, September 26, 2019). In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a new land. People who go feel like they're part of a Star Wars story!

Galaxy's Edge is open at Disneyland. That's in California. There's one at Disney's Hollywood Studios, too. That's in Florida.

And guess what? Galaxy's Edge is set up as a planet! It's called Batuu.

What's Batuu like? It's a hot spot for traders and explorers. And it has a story. The workers are part of that story. You can be, too!

Video credit: Courtesy Disney, with music by Valeriano Chiaravalle/proudmusiclibrary.com

Dictionary

explore (verb)	to travel over or through (a place) in order to learn more about it or to find
something	
trader (noun)	a person who buys, sells, or exchanges goods

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- A Galaxy's Edge is set up like a planet called Batuu.
- B Galaxy's Edge is in California and Florida.
- © Disney opened a new land called Galaxy's Edge.
- Disney's Hollywood Studios is in Florida.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A The planet is named Batuu.
- B There are traders on Batuu.
- © Batuu is now open for people.
- The Star Wars story is the best part of Batuu.

Ouestion 3

The Article says:

In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a *new* land. People who go feel like they're part of a Star Wars story!

Which means the **opposite** of *new*?

- A sad
- ® old
- © small
- (D) cold

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that anyone can be part of the story at Galaxy's Edge?

- A The workers are part of that story. You can be, too!
- **B** It's a hot spot for traders and explorers. And it has a story.
- © In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.
- D Galaxy's Edge is set up as a planet! It's called Batuu.

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places in the galaxy.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Imagine that you are telling a friend about Disney's new Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge in California and Florida. What would you say? Use describing words and phrases from the Article in your answer.

Women Adventurers (150L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Centuries ago, women were expected to stay home and raise families. But some brave women chose to take off on amazing adventures around the world. What do you think?

People should live life the way they want to, not how they're expected to.

• Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Left to right: Cristoforo Dall'Acqua, Wellcome Collection, Library of Congress

Left to right: Jeanne Baret, the first woman to sail around the globe. Lady Hester Stanhope, who led an archaeological dig. And Nellie Bly, who traveled around the world in 72 days.

RED BANK, New Jersey (Achieve3000, January 31, 2020). These days, women sail around the world. They go to space. They have many adventures. But not hundreds of years ago. Back then? Women mostly had to stay home. Not these three women.

Jeanne Baret (1740-1807): Baret was a French scientist. And she was the first woman to sail around the world! She wanted to travel on a French navy ship. But women weren't allowed to travel on these ships. So, guess what? Baret disguised herself. She dressed as a man. And she set sail!

Lady Hester Stanhope (1776-1839): Stanhope was from England. She traveled to the Middle East. There, she led an archaeological dig. She was the first woman to do this.

Nellie Bly (1864-1922): Bly was a journalist. In 1887, she set a world record. She traveled around the world. She did it in 72 days!

Dictionary

archaeology (noun) a science that deals with past human life and activities by studying the bones, tools, etc., of ancient people

disguise (verb) to change the usual appearance, sound, taste, etc., of (someone or something) so that people will not recognize that person or thing

journalism (noun) the activity or job of collecting, writing, and editing news stories for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio

navy (noun) the part of a country's military forces that fights at sea using ships, submarines, airplanes, etc.

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)
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Question 1
Think about the Article. Which took place <i>last?</i> This question gales about when quests happened. It does not gale where in the Article the quests show up. I call.
This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.
A woman traveled to the Middle East.
B A woman traveled around the world in 72 days.
© A woman set sail on a French navy ship.
A woman dressed as a man and sailed the world.
Question 2
The author probably wrote this Article in order to
show that women cannot do as much as men
B show that women can dress up as men
© tell readers about the adventures of some women
(D) tell about the problems of all women
Question 3
Which of these is an opinion?
An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.
Lady Stanhope traveled throughout the Middle East.
Jeanne Baret sailed all the way around the world.
© Jeanne Baret should not have dressed herself as a man.
Nellie Bly traveled around the world in 72 days.
Question 4
The Article cave:

Women mostly had to stay home. Not these three women.

Which means the **opposite** of *stay*?

- A stop
- ® sit
- © miss
- D leave

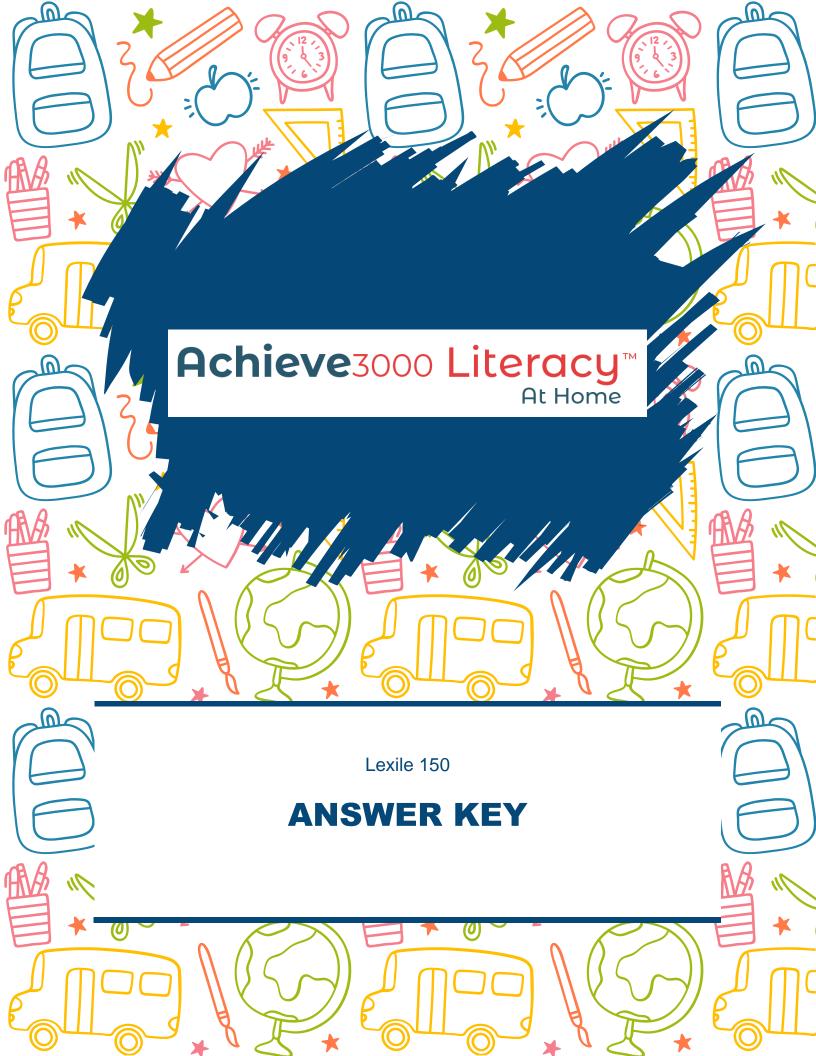
Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

People should live life the way they want to, not how they're expected to.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

What's one word that describes Jeanne Baret, Lady Hester Stanhope, and Nellie Bly? What actions by these women back up your answer? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.



A Musical Pioneer

Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

A Pitse leads an orchestra and choir.

Question 2

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that _____.

D Pitse wants to help other people

Question 3

Which means almost the **same** as *conductor*?

D leader

Question 4

Which is not in the Article?

B why Pitse loves classical music

Ancient Lines in the Sand

Answer key

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What is this Article mainly about?

A The Nazca Lines are drawings in the sand.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

A It's very interesting to study the Nazca Lines.

Question 3

The Article says:

What's below? Ground Drawings! They're called geoglyphs. They're in the desert sand. They're of animals, plants, and more.

This helps the reader to know _____.

A what the Nazca Lines look like

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

D lighter and darker

Animated Favorites Get Real

Answer key

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why do parents take their kids to see the remakes?

B They loved the movies growing up.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

C People love the live-action remakes.

Question 3

Which is **not** in the Article?

A Which characters people like

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

C hit and winner

Bubble Tea Is Blowing Up

Answer key



Which of these is an opinion?

C Bubble tea tastes too sweet.

Question 2

Rosa wants to know what tapioca is. How can she find out? She could use a _____.

D Dictionary

Question 3

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

B Start and begin

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that bubble tea shops can be fun?

A Many kids go there. They hang out with friends.

Cooking Up Native Traditions

Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

D Sherman is bringing back Native American foods.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

C Sherman's recipes taste great.

Question 3

Which two words have opposite meanings?

D came and left

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

A What foods the Europeans ate

Defying Gravity Answer key Question 1 What is this Article mainly about? A Biles is a great gymnast. Question 2 Which two words have almost the same meaning? C greatest and best Question 3 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ______. C Biles doesn't like to give up Question 4

The Article says:

In 2011, Biles tried to make the U.S. team. She didn't. This made her sad. But did she give up? No way! And in 2013, she made the team.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know that ______.

D problems make Biles try harder

Give Me S'more! Answer key Question 1 Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is most important to tell ______. D How to make a s'more Question 2 Which two words have opposite meanings? A First and last Question 3 Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells why some people think the Girl Scouts came up with the idea for s'mores? A The group put out a manual. It talks about the snack. It came out in 1927.

Question 4

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that _

B S'mores are easy to make.

Global Game Fame

Answer key

Question 1

What is the main idea of this Article?

C The best video games go into a hall of fame.

Question 2

Which word means almost the **same** as *plumber*, as it is used in the Article?

C Fixer

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

C Super Mario Kart is more fun than Microsoft Solitaire.

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells about the World Video Game Hall of Fame?

D It's in New York. It opened in 2015.

Katherine the Great

Answer key



What is the main idea of this Article?

B Katherine Johnson is a hero for her work at NASA.

Question 2

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Anything and nothing

Question 3

Kay wants to know more about going into space. She should look _____

B In a book about NASA trips

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Katherine Johnson does more than math?

C She wrote an autobiography.

Otzi the Iceman

Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

C People are learning from Ötzi the Iceman's body.

Question 2

The Article says:

That's when his body was found. And guess what? It was well-preserved.

What does this show?

D why scientists can study Ötzi

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

C Ötzi is the best find ever made.

Question 4

The Article says:

It was about 5,300 years ago. A man was on a mountain in Italy.... But today, people are learning all about him.

Which means almost the **same** as *today*?

A now

Sniffing Out Extinction

Answer key



What is this Article mainly about?

C Dogs can find endangered species.

Question 2

Think about the Article. Why does an Australian conservation group want to help the Baw Baw frogs?

D Fewer than 1,200 Baw Baw frogs are left.

Question 3

The Article says:

But finding Baw Baw frogs isn't easy. Here's why: They live in forests. And they hide under mud.

Which means the **opposite** of *easy*?

D hard

Question 4

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that Baw Baw frogs______

C don't want other animals to find them

Social Media, Pompeii Style

Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

D People in Pompeii wrote messages on walls.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

C It's fun to read the messages on Pompeii's walls.

Question 3

Which two words have opposite meanings?

D found and lost

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

A Who found out that a city was buried at Pompeii

Soldier in the Wild

Answer key

Question 1

Think about the Article. What made Yokoi hide in the jungle?

A He was afraid of U.S. soldiers.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

B Yokoi hid for many years.

Question 3

A *soldier* is someone who _____.

A fights in a war

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

D Why World War II started

Teen Pilot Breaks World Record

Answer key

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Think about the Article. Since Mason Andrews flew around the world, then ______

A He holds a flying record.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say?

B Mason is the youngest pilot to fly around the world.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

D Mason Andrews flew 180 hours.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

C Youngest and oldest

The Early-Late Debate

Answer key

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Think about the Article. Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. That's why

A California high schools will start at 8:30 a.m.

Question 2

The Article talks mainly about _____.

B starting school later, so students get enough sleep

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

B Students in California will like going to school later.

Question 4

The Article says:

California passed a law. It sets new rules.

Which means almost the same as passed?

A made

Good, Bad, or Ugly?

Answer key

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why are some companies selling ugly produce?

A They do not want it to go to waste.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is **most** important to say?

C Some companies are selling ugly produce

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

C People should buy more ugly produce.

Question 4

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning, as they're used in the Article?

B Produce and food

The Last Generation?

Answer key

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why did six Pacific Island countries get together to cut shipping emissions?

C They want to fight climate change.

Question 2

The Article talks mainly about _____

B why islanders will cut shipping emissions

Question 3

Which two words have opposite meanings?

A low and high

Question 4

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ______

B some Pacific Islands may go underwater

The Truth About Dogs

Answer key



Think about the Article. Since dogs learn from smelling, then

D Dogs sniff fire hydrants to tell if a place is safe.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell ______.

B There is an exhibition that teaches about dogs.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

C Smart dogs are the best dogs

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Soft and loud

Welcome to Batuu

Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

C Disney opened a new land called Galaxy's Edge.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

D The Star Wars story is the best part of Batuu.

Question 3

The Article says:

In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a new land. People who go feel like they're part of a Star Wars story!

Which means the **opposite** of *new*?

B old

Question 4

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that anyone can be part of the story at Galaxy's Edge?

A The workers are part of that story. You can be, too!

Women Adventurers

Answer key

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Think about the Article. Which took place last?

B A woman traveled around the world in 72 days.

Question 2

The author probably wrote this Article in order to _____.

C tell readers about the adventures of some women

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

C Jeanne Baret should not have dressed herself as a man.

Question 4

The Article says:

Women mostly had to stay home. Not these three women.

Which means the **opposite** of *stay*?

D leave



Lesson Tracker

Name:	Teacher:				
		Step One Respond to the Before Reading Poll			
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		Step Three Do the Activity Questions			
		Step Four Respond to the After Reading Poll			
	···	Step Five Answer the Thought Question			

Watch me soar! Mark off each lesson step as you finish it. Use the back of this paper if you need more space to add more lessons.

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A Musical Pioneer (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In the world of classical music, most conductors are men. And there are few conductors of color. But South Africa's Ofentse Pitse stands out. She's a young, black, female conductor. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Courtesy Ofentse Pitse

This is a photo of Ofentse Pitse. Pitse is the conductor of Anchored Sound.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Achieve3000, January 14, 2020). Ofentse Pitse is 27. She lives in South Africa. She used to be an architect. But classical music was calling to her. And she listened! Now she leads Anchored Sound. That's an orchestra and choir. She started the group herself.

Why did Pitse start Anchored Sound? To change the lives of young black people. First, she put together a choir. This was in 2017. She picked great singers. Where did they live? In poor communities. Pitse gave them a chance to use their gifts. In 2019, she put together the orchestra. She's the conductor.

In the world of classical music, Pitse is a pioneer. Most conductors are men. And there are few conductors of color. Pitse is a young black woman. So she stands out.

At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago. The pieces are by European composers. Beethoven is one. But Pitse's shows are different. The music is by African composers. Pitse hopes to bring African classical music to the world.

Video credit: Mesia Gumede

Dictionary

architect (noun) a person who designs buildings

choir (noun) a group of singers especially in a church

conductor (noun) a person who stands in front of people while they sing or play musical instruments and directs their performance

orchestra (noun) a group of musicians who play usually classical music together and who are led by a conductor

pioneer (noun) a person who helps create or develop new ideas, methods, etc.

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions) Question 1 What is this Article mainly about? A Beethoven is a European composer. B Pitse used to be an architect. © Most conductors are men. D Pitse leads an orchestra and choir. Question 2 Which of these is an opinion? An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right. A Pitse put together a youth choir in 2017. B The music of African composers sounds good. © Beethoven was a European composer. D Pitse started a group called Anchored Sound. **Question 3** The Article says: But Pitse's shows are different. The music is by African composers. Pitse hopes to bring African classical music to the world. Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know ______. what kind of music Pitse's shows have

Where Pitse usually has her showswhen Pitse became a composer

Question 4

first and last

B poor and strangeC classical and loud

• lives and stays

• why Pitse has written classical music

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Pitse was not born in South Africa
B Pitse doesn't like the music of Beethoven
© Pitse has written some classical works
D Pitse wants to help other people
Question 6
Which is not in the Article?
Why Pitse likes Beethoven
When Pitse put together an orchestra Output Description:
© Why Pitse started Anchored Sound
When Pitse started her choir
Question 7
The Article says:
At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago. The pieces are by European <i>composers</i> . Beethoven is one.
European composers. Beethoven is one.
Which means almost the same as <i>composer</i> ?
(A) teacher
B writer
© leader
D singer
Question 8
Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how Pitse's concerts are different from most concerts?
The music is by African composers. Pitse hopes to bring African classical music to the world.
Now she leads Anchored Sound. That's an orchestra and choir.

© Ofentse Pitse is 27. She lives in South Africa. She used to be an architect.

(D) Why did Pitse start Anchored Sound? To change the lives of young black people.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **People who are willing to stand out help to bring about change.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Imagine you are a reporter who is speaking with Ofentse Pitse. What questions might you ask her? What might her answers be? Include information from the Article, as well as vocabulary terms and describing words, in your answer.

Ancient Lines in the Sand (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In Southern Peru, there are big ground drawings. They're in the desert sand. They were put there more than 1,500 years ago. But scientists aren't sure what they were for. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Daniel Prudek/Shutterstock

A monkey geoglyph is seen from above. It's one of the many ground drawings known as the Nazca Lines.

NAZCA, **Peru** (Achieve3000, January 3, 2020). You're in an airplane. It's flying over southern Peru. You look out the window. What's below? Drawings on the ground! They're called geoglyphs. They're in the desert sands. They're of animals, plants, and more.

These geoglyphs are called the Nazca Lines. They've been around for more than 1,500 years. And there are many of them. Some are as large as the Statue of Liberty! But people didn't notice them until 1927. That's when an archaeologist found some. Today, technology such as drones has found more geoglyphs. The best way to see them is from up above.

Who made the geoglyphs? The Nazca people. They lived before the Incas. How did they make them? By taking away some of the dark rocks that covered the ground. This showed the lighter-colored sand underneath.

Why were the geoglyphs made? Researchers aren't sure. They think they were part of rituals for rain and crops. Or that they led people to where the rituals took place.

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Dictionary

archaeology (noun) a science that deals with past human life and activities by studying the bones, tools, etc., of ancient people

drone (noun) a type of small aircraft that flies without a pilot

research (verb) to study (something) carefully

ritual (noun) an act or series of acts done in a particular situation and in the same way each time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- The geoglyphs might have led people to rituals.
- B The Nazca Lines were found by an archaeologist.
- © The Nazca Lines are drawings in the desert sand.
- The geoglyphs have been around for many years.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A The best way to see the lines is from up above.
- B Drones have found some of the geoglyphs.
- © It's very interesting to study the Nazca Lines.
- D The Nazca people lived before the Incas did.

Question 3

The Article says:

You look out the window. What's below? Drawings on the ground! They're called geoglyphs. They're in the desert sands. They're of animals, plants, and more.

This helps the reader to know

- what the Nazca Lines look like
- B why the Nazca Lines were made
- © that animals live in the desert
- (D) that finding the lines is not easy

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) desert and ground
- B before and after
- © think and see
- (D) technology and computer

Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
most of the Nazca Lines were made after 1927
B some of the lines point to places to grow crops
© it's hard to see the animal shapes from the ground
the Nazca Lines were made by an archaeologist
Question 6
Which is not in the Article?
What researchers think the lines were for
B Who found the Nazca Lines in 1927
© Who lived before the Incas
Why researchers made the lines
Question 7
The Article says:
How did they make them? By taking away some of the dark <i>rocks</i> that covered the ground. This showed the lighter-colored sand underneath.
Which means almost the same as <i>rocks</i> ?
(A) mud
® dirt
© water

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how the Nazca Lines were made?

A By taking away some of the dark rocks that covered the ground. This showed the lighter-colored sand

[®] Why were the geoglyphs made? Researchers aren't sure. They think they were part of rituals for rain and

© You're in an airplane. It's flying over southern Peru. You look out the window. What's below? Drawings on

D These geoglyphs are called the Nazca Lines. They've been around for more than 1,500 years. And there are

(D) stones

Question 8

underneath.

the ground!

many of them.

crops

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Some things should stay a secret.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Give three reasons why the Nazca Lines are interesting to visit and/or study? What's left to know about them? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Animated Favorites Get Real (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Moviemakers are remaking old cartoon movies. The new movies have real people. *The Jungle Book* and *Beauty and the Beast* are two of these live-action remakes. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Tinseltown/Shutterstock

Many families love live-action remakes of animated movies. "Aladdin" is one of these movies. It stars Will Smith.

LOS ANGELES, California (Achieve3000, August 20, 2019). Like the Fairy Godmother waving her wand, moviemakers are bringing new life to old animated movies. Bibbidi-bobbidi-booyah! They're now live-action hits. They have real people.

Live-action remakes can make lots of money. They have a winning formula: Big stars. Special effects. Stories fans love. Characters who seem like old friends. It's box office gold! That's right. Ka-ching!

The power of nostalgia helps. Adults watched these movies growing up. They loved them. So they like taking their kids to see them.

Moviemakers like these movies. They can add diversity. So more kids see characters who look like them. That's not all. They can crank up the girl power! Have you noticed? Many remakes have strong girl characters.

What do *you* think about live-action remakes?

Dictionary

animated (adjective) produced by the creation of a series of drawings, pictures, etc., that are shown quickly one after another: produced through the process of animation

diversity (noun) the state of having people who are different races or who have different cultures in a group or organization

nostalgia (noun) pleasure and sadness that is caused by remembering something from the past and wishing that you could experience it again

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why do parents take their kids to see the remakes?

- A They know the movies have made lots of money.
- B They loved the animated movies growing up.
- © They can crank up the girl power.
- D They can add diversity to the movies.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

- Adults watch movies with their kids.
- B People love the new live-action remakes of animated movies.
- © Kids still watch old animated movies.
- D Some movie characters seem just like old friends.

Question 3

Which is **not** in the Article?

- A What the "winning formula" for movies is
- B Who adults take to the movies
- © Which animated characters people like
- D Why people like live-action films so much

Question 4

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- A character and teacher
- B old and funny
- © hit and winner
- strong and large

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that . .

- A people want more animated movies
- B some kids take their friends to the movies
- © most people don't like the new remakes
- D kids like movies with characters like them

Ouestion 6

The Article says:

Live-action remakes can make lots of money. They have a winning formula: Big stars. Special effects. Stories fans love. Characters who seem like old friends. It's box office gold!

Why	is this	passage	in the	Article?	It helps	the reader	to know	 •
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- why people still watch old animated movies
- B why Hollywood actors can make so much money
- © why fans don't always like live-action remakes
- D why moviemakers remake animated movies

Ouestion 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why a parent might go and see today's live-action movies?

- A Bibbidi-bobbidi-booyah! They're now live-action hits. They have real people.
- B Like the Fairy Godmother waving her wand, moviemakers are bringing new life to old animated movies.
- © Moviemakers like these movies. They can add diversity. So more kids see characters who look like them.
- De The power of nostalgia helps. Adults watched these movies growing up. They loved them. So they like taking their kids to see them.

Question 8

The Article says:

The power of nostalgia helps. Adults watched these movies growing up. They loved them.

Which means almost the **same** as watched?

- (A) bought
- B forgot
- © copied
- ① saw

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Live-action remakes are more entertaining than the cartoon classics.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a summary of the Article. A summary tells what the main idea of a story is. To write a summary you should:

STEP 1: Read the Article.

STEP 2a: Look back at each paragraph. Find the main idea of each paragraph.

STEP 2b: Take out any facts that are not needed.

STEP 2c: Put everything—in your own words—into a few sentences.

STEP 3: Read your summary again.

STEP 4: Check your work. Make any last changes to your summary.

Bubble Tea Is Blowing Up (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A fairly new drink called "bubble tea" is winning fans across the world. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: jarenwicklund/iStock/Getty Images A bubble tea shop is a sweet spot to hang out.

TAIPEI, Taiwan (Achieve3000, May 7, 2019). Have you heard of bubble tea? It's from Taiwan. It's like a drink *and* a snack. Many shops sell it. They're opening all over.

Bubble tea starts with milk tea. Then, treats are added. They usually rest at the bottom. Often, they're balls of tapioca. They're sweet. People call them "bubbles." There can also be bubbles on top of the drink. They form when the drink is shaken.

Bubble tea was invented in Taiwan. This was in the 1980s. It was a hit. Then it spread across Asia. In the 1990s, bubble tea shops opened in the U.S. Now, they're in other places, too.

Some shops sell over a hundred flavors! Want to try mango? How about chocolate pudding? And don't forget the toppings. How about chia seeds? How about red beans?

The shops can be great places to chill. Many kids go there to hang out with friends. They may play games or study.

Information for this story came from VOA.

Credit: Voice of America

Dictionary

invent (verb) to make something that has never been made beforetapioca (noun) a food made from cassava, the root of a tropical plant

treat (noun) something good that you don't get very often

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)



What is the main idea of this Article?

- A Kids can hang out with friends at bubble tea shops.
- B The "bubbles" in bubble tea can be tapioca balls.
- © People all around the world love bubble tea.
- D Some bubble tea shops sell over a hundred flavors.

Question 2

Which word means almost the **same** as *treat*, as it is used in the Article?

- A Hat
- B Box
- © Goody
- Fish

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which took place first?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- A Bubble tea shops opened in the U.S.
- Bubble tea was made in Taiwan.
- © Bubble tea shops opened across the world.
- D Bubble tea spread across Asia.

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Bubble tea was first made in Taiwan.
- B Some kids go to bubble tea shops to hang out.
- © Chocolate pudding is the tastiest flavor.
- D There are over a hundred flavors of bubble tea.

Question 5

Rosa wants to know what tapioca is. How can she find out? She could use a ...

- Dictionary
- B Newspaper
- © Map
- O Calendar

Question 6

The Article says:

It's like a drink and a *snack*. Many shops sell it. They're opening all over. Bubble tea starts with milk tea. Then, treats are added.

Which must mean almost the **same** as *snack*, as it is used above?

step 3. Thought Question (write rour nesponse)
Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)
Newer is better.
Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.
Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)
More and more people like to drink bubble tea.
© The U.S. has more bubble tea shops than any other country.
Bubble tea shops ask people to finish their drinks quickly.
The U.S. is where tapioca was first made.
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Question 8
Many shops sell it.
Many kids go there to hang out with friends.
In the 1990s, bubble tea shops opened in the U.S.
Bubble tea starts with milk tea.
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that bubble tea shops can be fun places to go?
Question 7
① Food
© Plant
B Tool
Surprise Surprise

What is bubble tea? What can you tell about the people who visit bubble tea shops? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Cooking Up Native Traditions (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Sean Sherman saw a problem in Native American communities. He came up with a plan to fix it. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Amy Forliti
Sean Sherman cooks up Native American recipes.

Minneapolis, Minnesota (Achieve3000, January 17, 2020). Sean Sherman is Native American. He's part of the Lakota Sioux tribe. He grew up on a reservation. As a kid, he ate foods given to his family by the U.S. government. Like what? Canned beans. Boxed rice. Sherman later wondered: Where were the foods from his family's culture?

So Sherman learned about his culture. In the past, many Native American food traditions were lost. And Native food sources, like bison, were nearly wiped out. When did this happen? When Europeans came. Before that? Native Americans grew and hunted different foods. They used their own traditional ways.

Sherman had an idea: He wanted to bring back those traditions. But how?

Sherman started a cooking business. It's called The Sioux Chef. His recipes use ingredients from nature. Like what? Mushrooms and wild rice. Sherman skips ingredients brought by Europeans.

Another reason Sherman does this? The foods given to many Native Americans, like those Sherman ate as a kid, aren't healthy. This causes health problems. Diabetes is one. But not Native foods. They are good for people.

Video credit: The Sioux Chef

Dictionary

bison (noun) a large, hairy wild animal that has a big head and short horns

culture (noun) the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place, or time **diabetes** (noun) a serious disease in which the body cannot properly control the amount of sugar in your blood because it does not have enough insulin

recipe (noun) a set of instructions for making something from various ingredients **reservation** (noun) an area of land in the U.S. that is kept separate as a place for Native Americans to live

tradition (noun) a way of thinking, behaving, or doing something that has been used by the people in a particular group, family, society, etc., for a long time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Ouestion 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- The government gives Native Americans boxed rice.
- Bison were nearly wiped out after Europeans came.
- © Sherman's recipes use mushrooms and wild rice.
- D Sherman is bringing back Native American foods.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Native foods have less sugar.
- B The bison were nearly wiped out.
- © Sherman uses ingredients from nature.
- D Sherman's recipes taste great.

Question 3

The Article says:

The foods given to many Native Americans, like those Sherman ate as a kid, aren't healthy. This causes health problems. Diabetes is one. But not Native foods. They are good for people.

- who helps Sherman make Native foods
- B why Sherman has some health problems
- © which Native foods Sherman likes to eat
- D why Sherman is bringing back Native foods

Question 4 Which two words have **opposite** meanings? A asked and saw B food and ingredient C before and after D learned and studied

Question 5

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- A Sherman will put canned beans in his recipes.
- B Sherman will stop using wild rice and mushrooms.
- © More people will learn about Native foods.
- D Native American foods will cause health problems.

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Why it's hard to find wild rice
- B What animal was nearly wiped out
- © What foods Sherman ate as a kid
- D What problem some Native Americans have

Question 7

The Article says:

So Sherman learned about his culture. In the past, many Native American food traditions were *lost*. And Native food sources, like bison, were nearly wiped out.

Which means the **opposite** of *lost*?

- A said
- B found
- © used
- nade

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows what kinds of foods Sherman ate when he was young?

- In the past, many Native American food traditions were lost. And Native food sources, like bison, were
 nearly wiped out.
- [®] When did this happen? When Europeans came. Before that? Native Americans grew and hunted different foods.
- © As a kid, he ate foods given to his family by the U.S. government. Like what? Canned beans. Boxed rice.
- D His recipes use ingredients from nature. Like what? Mushrooms and wild rice.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Don't sit back when you see a problem—find ways to fix it yourself.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe something that Sean Sherman did. Explain what that tells about him. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Defying Gravity (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Simone Biles has been called the greatest gymnast ever. However, her rise to the top has not always been easy. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Marijan Murat/dpa via AP Gymnast Simone Biles shows off some of her gold medals.

STUTTGART, Germany (Achieve3000, October 24, 2019). Simone Biles is a gymnast. She's been called the greatest ever. How did she get to be great? With hard work.

Biles was born on March 14, 1997. Her early life wasn't easy. Her parents couldn't care for her. So she lived in foster care. In 2003, her grandparents stepped in. They adopted her.

Biles got into gymnastics early. She was 6. Even back then, she gave it her all. She never missed a practice. But in 2011, she didn't make the U.S. team. This made her sad. Did she give up? No way! And in 2013, she made the team.

At age 19, Biles went to the 2016 Olympics. She led Team U.S.A. She and swimmer Katie Ledecky were the female athletes with the most medals. Biles won five.

And in October 2019, Biles made history. She was at the world championships. And she won her 25th medal. That's more than any other gymnast in the world!

Credit: Video Credit: Team USA

Dictionary

adopt (verb) to take a child of other parents legally as your own child

foster (adjective) used to describe a situation in which for a period of time a child lives with and is cared for by people who are not the child's parents

medal (noun) a piece of metal often in the form of a coin with designs and words in honor of a special event, a person, or an achievement

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- A Biles was adopted by her grandparents in 2003.
- Biles never gave up and became a great gymnast.
- © Biles got into gymnastics when she was just 6.
- D Biles never missed a gymnastics practice as a child.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Biles wasn't a good gymnast in 2011.
- Biles has won 25 world championship medals.
- © Biles led Team U.S.A. at the 2016 Olympics.
- D Biles spent her early years in foster care.

Question 3

The Article says:

But in 2011, she didn't make the U.S. team. This made her sad. Did she give up? No way! And in 2013, she made the team.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know that . .

- Biles has always been the best gymnast
- B people think that Biles is sad
- © problems make Biles try harder
- D Biles should've made the 2011 team

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Make and help
- B easy and hard
- © early and late

Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Biles missed practice a lot
Biles will not win any more medals
© Biles hurt herself as a child
D Biles doesn't like to give up
Question 6
Which is not in the Article?
Who adopted Biles in 2003
B Where does Biles live
© When Biles got into gymnastics
D When Biles was born
Question 7
The Article says:
But in 2011, she didn't make the U.S. team. This made her sad. Did she give up? No way! And
in 2013, she made the team.
Which means almost the same as <i>sad</i> ?
(A) angry
(B) funny
© unhappy

Question 8

• unfriendly

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Biles' life as a child was sometimes hard?

- And in October 2019, Biles made history. She was at the world championships.
- B Simone Biles is a gymnast. She's been called the greatest ever. How did she get to be great?
- © At age 19, Biles went to the 2016 Olympics. She led Team U.S.A.
- D [Biles'] early life wasn't easy. Her parents couldn't care for her. So she lived in foster care.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. With enough hard work, anything is possible.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who is Simone Biles? And why has she been called the greatest gymnast ever? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Give Me S'more! (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Many people like to make a dessert called s'mores. The gooey treats are made with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. What do you think of this well-known saying?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: kellyvandellen/iStock/Getty Images
This is a s'more. It's made of chocolate, marshmallows, and graham crackers.

SAVANNAH, Georgia (Achieve3000, July 18, 2019). S'mores are yummy. Want to make some? Here's how:

- 1. Get a graham cracker. Break it in half. Place chocolate on one half.
- 2. Put a marshmallow on a stick. Hold it over a campfire.
- 3. Use the stick to set the hot marshmallow on the chocolate.
- 4. Take the other cracker half. Put it on the marshmallow.
- 5. Smoosh the crackers together. Pull out the stick.
- 6. Eat!

S'mores have three parts: the gooey, the chocolatey, and the crispy. The gooey? That's the marshmallow. Marshmallows aren't new. But they used to be a luxury for only the rich. Today, they cost less.

The chocolatey? That's milk chocolate. Milk chocolate has been around since 1875. What's in it? Chocolate, sugar, and milk.

But who first made s'mores? No one's sure. Maybe it was the Girl Scouts. A 1927 Girl Scouts manual talks about the snack.

What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave.

S'more yumminess? Yes, please!

Information for this story came from AP.

Video credit: Hilah Cooking

Dictionary

luxury (noun) something that costs a lot and is nice to have but is not really needed **manual** (noun) a small book that gives instructions or helpful information about something

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why do some people think Girl Scouts made s'mores first?

- A Girl Scouts learn how to make campfires.
- **B** A Girl Scouts manual talked about s'mores.
- © S'mores use milk chocolate.
- D Marshmallows were only for the rich.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell ______.

- When milk chocolate was first made
- B What milk chocolate is made of
- © How to make a s'more
- D How much marshmallows cost

Question 3

Which word means almost the **same** as *manual*, as it is used in the Article?

- (A) Guide
- B Newspaper
- © Rhyme
- Painting

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Milk chocolate has milk, sugar, and chocolate.
- **B** A 1927 Girl Scouts manual talks about s'mores.
- © Graham crackers were first made in the late 1800s.
- D Marshmallows were once eaten only by rich people.

Question 5

The Article says:

This helps the reader to know

What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave.

That microwaves are not very easy to use
B That campfires are not safe
That oven s'mores are best
That there are different ways to make s'mores
That there are different ways to make smores
Question 6
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
Yummy and crispy
B Less and more
© Microwave and oven
Over and beside
Question 7
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells how milk chocolate is made?
(A) What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave. S'more yumminess?
Yes, please!
The chocolatey? That's milk chocolate. Milk chocolate has been around since 1875. What's in it?
Chocolate, sugar, and milk.
© But who first made s'mores? No one's sure. Maybe it was the Girl Scouts. A 1927 Girl Scouts manual talks about the snack.
The gooey? That's the marshmallow. Marshmallows aren't new. But they used to be a luxury for only the
rich. Today, they cost less.
Question 8
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
It costs a lot of money to make s'mores.
Very few Girl Scouts made s'mores after 1927.
© S'mores are easy to make.
Marshmallows used to be too sweet.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

S'mores always leave you beggin' for s'more!

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a summary of the Article. A summary tells what the main idea of a story is. To write a summary you should:

STEP 1: Read the Article.

STEP 2a: Look back at each paragraph. Find the main idea of each paragraph.

STEP 2b: Take out any facts that are not needed.

STEP 2c: Put everything—in your own words—into a few sentences.

STEP 3: Read your summary again.

STEP 4: Check your work. Make any last changes to your summary.

Global Game Fame (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In 2019, several video games were chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame. One game came out in 1976. Two others came out in the 1990s. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: The Strong National Museum of Play via AP Each year, games are chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame.

ROCHESTER, New York (Achieve3000, May 10, 2019). Super Mario Kart. Microsoft Solitaire. Colossal Cave Adventure. What do these games have in common? In 2019, they were chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame.

This is in New York. It opened in 2015. It's for the best and most important video games. Some are from the past. But they stood the test of time.

Take *Colossal Cave Adventure*. It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming. *Microsoft Solitaire* is a computer card game. It's from 1991. It taught players how to use a mouse.

Super Mario Kart came out in 1992. It was the first Mario Kart racing game. Fun fact: Mario wasn't meant to be in the game. But people liked a drawing of the plumber. The rest is history! Information for this story came from AP.

Dictionary

Hall of Fame (*noun*) a place to honor well-known people or things **plumber** (*noun*) someone who works on pipes, bathtubs, sinks, toilets, and other things that carry water

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is the main idea of this Article?

- (A) Colossal Cave Adventure is a video game from 1976.
- **B** *Microsoft Solitaire* taught players how to use a mouse.
- © The World Video Game Hall of Fame is in New York.
- D Important video games go into a hall of fame every year.

Question 2

Which word means almost the **same** as *plumber*, as it is used in the Article?

- (A) Leader
- B Actor
- © Player
- Fixer

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- Colossal Cave Adventure helped start computer gaming.
- B Super Mario Kart is more fun than Microsoft Solitaire.
- © The World Video Game Hall of Fame began in 2015.
- D The hall of fame winners are not always new games.

Question 4

Think about the Article. How is Microsoft Solitaire different from Super Mario Kart?

- A Solitaire is played by many people.
- B Super Mario Kart came out in the 1990s.
- © Super Mario Kart is a video game.
- D Solitaire taught players how to use a mouse.

Ouestion 5

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

- Orawing and picture
- B Teach and study
- © Cave and street
- © Common and hard

Question 6

The Article says:

[The World Video Game Hall of Fame] is in New York. It opened in 2015. It's for the best and most important video games. Some are from the past. But they stood the test of time.

Why is this in the Article? It shows
What the hall of fame is for
Who goes to the hall of fame
© Why people like the hall of fame
How to find the hall of fame
Question 7
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells why a game was chosen for the hall of fame?
Fun fact: Mario wasn't meant to be in the game. But people liked a drawing of the plumber.
Microsoft Solitaire is a computer card game. It's from 1991.
In 2019, they were chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame. This is in New York.
Take Colossal Cave Adventure. It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming.
Question 8
Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?
Mario won't be a plumber in the new Super Mario Kart.
More games will go into the hall of fame next year.
© The hall of fame will open in a new place soon.
Ocolossal Cave Adventure will win next year's hall of fame.
Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Older video games are more fun to play.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a story about visiting the World Video Game Hall of Fame. Which video game did you most want to see and why? Use describing words from the Article in your answer.

Good, Bad, or Ugly? (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Many fruits and veggies are wasted because they don't look "perfect." Now, some companies are selling "ugly" fruits and veggies. They ship them to people's homes. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Joshua McKerrow/The Baltimore Sun Does this carrot have a tail? A company is selling it anyway.

URBANDALE, Iowa (Achieve3000, May 6, 2019). Would you buy ugly produce? Many people wouldn't. So supermarkets don't sell it.

But now, some companies are selling ugly produce. They don't want it to go to waste.

That sounds great. But not everyone is happy.

The Ugly Truth?

Critics say ugly produce isn't wasted. Farmers sell it. They also use it. It's fed to animals. It's added to the soil for nutrients.

Not So Bad, After All?

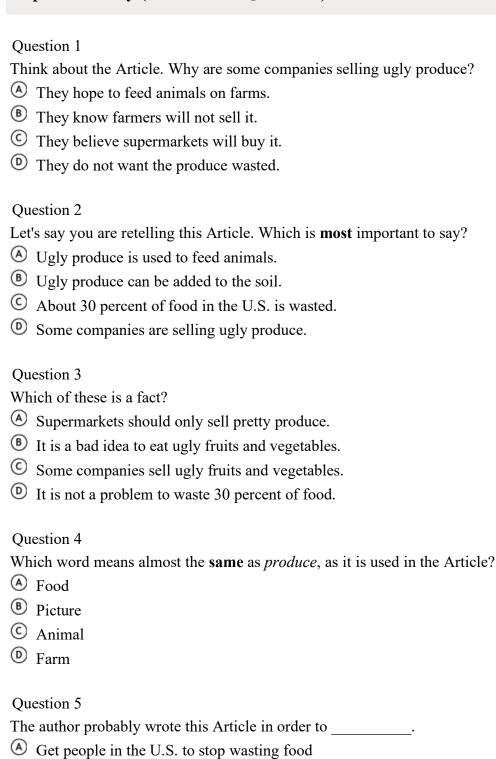
Ugly produce companies are fighting back. Food waste *is* a big problem, they say. About 30 percent of food in the U.S. is wasted.

The companies can help stop waste. Farmers can, too.

Dictionary

critic (noun) a person who finds something wrong in something or someonenutrient (noun) what a living thing needs to live, such as water and mineralsproduce (noun) fruits and vegetables

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)



Explain why some companies sell ugly produceTell readers that ugly produce feeds farm animals

D Tell readers to buy their food from farmers

Question 6

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why some companies sell ugly produce?

- Mould you buy ugly produce? Many people wouldn't. So supermarkets don't sell it.
- B Food waste is a big problem, they say. About 30 percent of food in the U.S. is wasted.
- © They also use it. It's fed to animals. It's added to the soil for nutrients.
- © Critics say ugly produce isn't wasted. Farmers sell it.

Ouestion 7

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning, as they're used in the Article?

- Supermarket and farmer
- [®] Use and waste
- © Produce and food
- Happy and ugly

Question 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- (A) Ugly produce companies will sell to farmers.
- **B** Farmers will give away all their ugly produce.
- © People in the U.S. will keep wasting food.
- D Critics will say all ugly produce is wasted.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

All "ugly" produce should be given away to people in need.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Are ugly produce companies a good idea? Write what people on both sides of the argument believe. Which side do you agree with and why? Use facts and details from the Article to back up your answer.

Katherine the Great (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

One woman did math for NASA. She started in the 1950s. Back then, many African American women were told they could not have high-level jobs. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Joseph Rodriguez/AP *Katherine Johnson made headlines*.

HAMPTON, Virginia (Achieve3000, February 25, 2019). Katherine Johnson worked for NASA. She started in the 1950s. Her math helped people go into space. She's a hero.

Have you seen *Hidden Figures*? The movie tells Johnson's story. She worked with other African American women. NASA called them "human computers." One thing they worked on was trajectories.

John Glenn was an astronaut. He trusted Johnson's math. In 1962, Glenn was going into space. A programmed computer did the math. But Glenn wanted Johnson to check it. She did. The trip went well. Johnson's math helped other space trips go well, too.

Johnson left NASA in 1986. She turned 100 in 2018. She wrote an autobiography. It's called *Reaching for the Moon*. It comes out in 2019.

Johnson's book is for young readers. She wants kids to believe they can do anything.

Information for this story came from AP.

Video credit: NASA

Dictionary

autobiography (noun) the story of someone's life written by that person NASA (noun) a group that studies space; it is run by U.S. leaders trajectory (noun) the path of an object through space

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Why did John Glenn ask Katherine Johnson to check some math?

- (A) Glenn saw the movie *Hidden Figures*.
- B Johnson wrote a book about Glenn.
- © Glenn trusted Johnson's work.
- D Johnson knew how to use a computer.

Question 2

What is the main idea of this Article?

- A Katherine Johnson is a hero for her work at NASA.
- B Katherine Johnson turned 100 years old in 2018.
- © Katherine Johnson worked with other women.
- Matherine Johnson wrote an autobiography.

Question 3

Think about the Article. Which must have taken place first?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- A Katherine Johnson helped John Glenn go into space.
- **B** Katherine Johnson turned 100 years old.
- © Katherine Johnson got a job at NASA.
- **(D)** Katherine Johnson wrote *Reaching for the Moon.*

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Anything and nothing
- B Readers and kids
- © Trips and rides
- Seen and watched

Question 5
Kay wants to know more about going into space. She should look
In a dictionary, under the word "autobiography"
In a book about different NASA trips
© At a list of the actors in <i>Hidden Figures</i>
At a photo of some "human computers"
Question 6
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Reaching for the Moon is too hard for most kids to read. Reaching for the Moon is too hard for most kids to read.
Katherine Johnson only likes numbers, not words.
© Working at NASA was probably simple in the 1950s.
Some important people believed in Katherine Johnson.
Question 7
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Katherine Johnson does more than math?
The movie tells Johnson's story.
B She wrote an autobiography.
© NASA called them "human computers."
© Katherine Johnson worked for NASA.
C Ratherine Johnson Worked for IVASA.
Question 8
The Article says:
Johnson's book is for young readers. She wants kids to believe they can do anything.
Which must mean almost the opposite of <i>young</i> , as it is used above?
(A) Old
B Real
© Past
(D) Wise

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe Katherine Johnson's work at NASA. How did she help lead the way for women and African Americans to do well in math and other technical fields? Use facts and details from the lesson in your answer.

Otzi the Iceman (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Ötzi the Iceman lived about 5,300 years ago. Scientists have been studying Ötzi since his body was found in 1991. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Sergio Monti Photography/Shutterstock *This is what Ötzi the Iceman may have looked like.*

BOLZANO, Italy (Achieve3000, November 21, 2019). It was about 5,300 years ago. A man was climbing up a mountain in Italy. He was hurt. And it was cold. Would he stay alive? He would not. But today, people are learning all about him. Here's why.

Soon after he died, his body froze in ice. It stayed frozen until 1991. That's when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

He was given a name: Ötzi the Iceman. And scientists started studying him. What did they learn? He was about 46 years old when he died. And he was about 5 feet and 2 inches and 110 pounds (157 centimeters and 50 kilograms).

His clothes were made from hides and grass. And he had a copper ax, a bow, and arrows. The materials used to make his tools came from places that were far away. So did people trade goods then? Probably so. There's still a lot to learn from Ötzi!

Dictionary

hide (noun) the skin of a usually large animal

Neolithic (adjective) of or relating to the time during the Stone Age when people used stone tools and began to grow crops, raise animals, and live together in large groups but did not read or write

well-preserved (adjective) kept in good condition over a long period of time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- (A) Ötzi wore clothes and carried a bow and arrows.
- B Ötzi's body was well-preserved in ice when it was found.
- © Scientists think Ötzi was about 46 years old when he died.
- D People are learning from Ötzi the Iceman's body.

Question 2

The Article says:

It stayed frozen until 1991. That's when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

What does this show?

- A what made Ötzi die long ago
- B where Ötzi's body was found
- © why scientists can study Ötzi
- D what scientists found out about Ötzi

Question 3

Which means almost the same as well-preserved?

- (A) new
- ® named
- © known
- saved

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- Otzi is the most interesting find ever because of what he has taught scientists.
- B Ötzi's body is the first body found from late-Neolithic times in Europe.
- © Ötzi's clothes were made from animal hides and grass, and he carried a copper ax.
- D Ötzi died on a mountain in Italy and was found in 1991 by two hikers.

Question 5

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows what Ötzi has taught scientists about late-Neolithic times?

- The materials used to make his tools came from places that were far away. So did people trade goods then? Probably so.
- B He was given a name: Ötzi the Iceman. And scientists started studying him. What did they learn?
- © Soon after he died, his body froze in ice. It stayed frozen until 1991. That's when two hikers found him.
- ① And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

Question 6

The Article says:

And he had a copper ax, a bow, and arrows. The *materials* used to make his tools came from places that were far away.

Which means almost the same as <i>materials</i> ?
A pictures
B flowers
© colors
(D) things
Question 7
Antonio wants to know more about Ötzi the Iceman. He should look
at a newspaper
B in a history book
© at a map of Italy

Question 8

in a math book

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- A People will try to make their own clothes from hides and grass.
- B Scientists will keep studying Ötzi in hopes of learning more.
- © Scientists will stop sharing what they find out about Ötzi.
- D Many more bodies from the late-Neolithic period will be found.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Ötzi should be left alone.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who was Ötzi the Iceman? What have scientists learned about Ötzi? And what have they learned about the time when he lived? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Sniffing Out Extinction (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Trained dogs are now being used to help save endangered species. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Marina Makouskaya/iStock/Getty Images Plus This dog can sniff out the scent of different animals on land and in water.

MELBOURNE, **Australia** (Achieve3000, December 4, 2019). Dogs can sniff things out. They have a super sense of smell. It's 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than a person's!

Sniffing dogs have helped police find missing people. Now some are helping conservationists. To find what? Endangered species!

One species is the Baw Baw frog. It lives in Australia. Most of the frogs have been wiped out. How many are left? Fewer than 1,200.

An Australian conservation group is helping to save them. They find the frogs. They breed them in zoos. And they put them back in the wild with their tadpoles.

But finding Baw Baw frogs isn't easy. Here's why: They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they hide under mud. That's why two border collies are helping. The dogs learned the frogs' smell. And they sniff to find them.

And it's not just Baw Baw frogs. Dogs are helping to find other animals, too. On the list: Silverspot butterfly caterpillars. Snow leopards. And killer whales!

Information for this story came from VOA.

Video credit: Voice of America

Dictionary

breed (verb) to keep and take care of animals or plants in order to produce more animals or plants of a particular kind

conservationist (*noun*) someone who works to protect animals, plants, and natural resources or to prevent the loss or waste of natural resources: a person who is involved in conservation

endangered (adjective) used to describe a type of animal or plant that has become very rare and that could die out completely

species (noun) a group of animals or plants that are similar and can produce young animals or plants

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Ouestion 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- Baw Baw frogs live in forests in Australia.
- B Dogs use their noses to find endangered species.
- © Dogs have a better sense of smell than people do.
- Most Baw Baw frogs have been wiped out.

Question 2

Think about the Article. Why does an Australian conservation group want to help the Baw Baw frogs?

- Baw Baw frogs live in forests in Australia.
- Baw Baw frogs hide under mud.
- © The group wants to send the Baw Baw frogs to zoos.
- D Fewer than 1,200 Baw Baw frogs are left.

Question 3

The Article says:

Baw Baw frog	gs] live in ha	ard-to-get-to fores	sts. And they hid	de under mud
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This helps the reader to know _____.

- why forests aren't good homes for frogs
- **B** how dogs are helping to find animals
- © how many frogs are left in the wild
- why it's not easy to find Baw Baw frogs

Ouestion 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) missing and sad
- B stronger and faster
- © sniff and smell
- find and study

are much smaller than most other frogs
© can't live outside of their home in the wild
(D) don't want other animals to find them
Question 6
Which is not in the Article?
What Baw Baw frogs like to eat
How many Baw Baw frogs are in the wild
© Where the Baw Baw frog hides
D How people are helping Baw Baw frogs
Question 7
The Article says:
They have a <i>super</i> sense of smell. It's 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than a person's!
Which means the opposite of <i>super</i> ?
(A) terrible
B useless
© important
(D) troubling
Uroubling troubling
Question 8
Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Baw Baw frogs are in danger of dying out completely?
A But finding Baw Baw frogs isn't easy. Here's why: They live in hard-to-get-to forests.
B An Australian conservation group is helping to save them. They find the frogs. They breed them in zoos.
© That's why two border collies are helping. The dogs learned the frogs' smell.

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that Baw Baw frogs ______.

① Most of the frogs have been wiped out. How many are left? Fewer than 1,200.

Question 5

A are often eaten by border collies

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. All endangered species are worth saving.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Explain how trained dogs help to save endangered species, such as the Baw Baw frog. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Social Media, Pompeii Style (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Today, people write their thoughts on websites like Facebook. Long ago, in the ancient city of Pompeii, people scribbled their thoughts on the walls of homes and buildings. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)

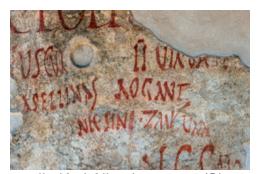


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More than 11,000 graffiti samples like this have been found at Pompeii.

POMPEII, Italy (Achieve3000, January 28, 2020). Today, people post messages on cyber walls. Facebook fans know how *that* works. But get this: People in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii posted messages on walls, too! Real walls, that is.

How were these messages written? Using charcoal or paint. Others were scratched into the walls of homes and buildings.

And guess what? Many of those walls still stand today. Yes, 2,000 years later! Some of the messages are still there, too. Here's why:

In 79 CE, there was a volcano. It destroyed Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this? Pompeii kept standing!

Then came the mid-1700s. People started digging out Pompeii. And the messages were found. So, what did Pompeians write about? Thoughts and feelings. News and tips.

Here are a few messages:

Health to you, Victoria...may you sneeze sweetly. Stronius Stronnius knows nothing! A copper pot went missing from my shop...

Forget sites like Facebook. This was social media, the Pompeii way.

Video credit: Achieve3000

Dictionary

ancient (adjective) of, coming from, or belonging to a time that was long ago in the past **ash** (noun) the soft gray powder that remains after something (such as a cigarette or wood) has been completely burned and destroyed by fire

cyber (adjective) computer

volcano (noun) a mountain with a hole in the top or side that sometimes sends out rocks, ash, lava, etc., in a sudden explosion (called an eruption)

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

- A People in Pompeii wrote messages on walls.
- B There was a message about Stronius Stronnius.
- © A volcano hit Pompeii in 79 CE.
- D Some messages were written in charcoal.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Pompeians wrote down their thoughts on walls.
- B In 79 CE, a volcano destroyed the city of Pompeii.
- © It's fun to read the messages on Pompeii's walls.
- D Some of Pompeii's messages were written in paint.

Question 3

The Article says:

In 79 CE, there was a volcano. It destroyed Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this? Pompeii kept standing!

This helps the reader to know
why Pompeii was saved for so long
B why people wrote on Pompeii's walls
© who first found the city of Pompeii
where Pompeii can be found
Question 4
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
write and take
B post and play
© found and lost

destroyed and moved

Question 5
Camila wants to know more about the people who lived in Pompeii before it was covered in stone and ash. Should look .
on a map showing where ancient cities are
in a book about the person who found Pompeii
© at a TV show called Life in Old Pompeii
at a movie about the world's largest volcano
Question 6
The Article says:
So, what did Pompeians write about? Feelings and thoughts. News and tips.
Here are a few messages:
Health to you, Victoriamay you sneeze sweetly.
Stronius Stronnius knows nothing!
Which means almost the same as <i>thoughts</i> ?
buildings
B cartoons
© games
D ideas
Question 7
Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows why many buildings in Pompeii are still there today?
Today, people post messages on cyber walls. Facebook fans know how that works.
B The city was covered with stone and ash. But <i>under</i> all of this? Pompeii kept standing!
So, what did Pompeians write about? Thoughts and feelings. News and tips.
D People in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii posted messages on walls, too! Real walls, that is.
Question 8
Which is not in the Article?
When Pompeii was hit by a volcano
Where people post messages today
What messages were posted on Pompeii's walls
Who found out that a city was buried at Pompeii

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **People should always find a way to share their thoughts.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Tell what happened to Pompeii in 79 CE and what's been found thousands of years later. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Soldier in the Wild (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A Japanese soldier stayed hidden on Guam 28 years after World War II ended. When he finally returned to Japan, he was given a hero's welcome. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



This photo of Shoichi Yokoi was taken shortly after his hiding ended in 1972.

TALOFOFO, Guam (Achieve3000, August 27, 2019). It was 1943. World War II (WWII) was going strong. And Shoichi Yokoi was a soldier in the Imperial Japanese Army. He was stationed on Guam. It had been taken over by Japan.

In 1944, U.S. soldiers came to free Guam. Yokoi was afraid for his life. So he fled to the jungles. And he hid.

In 1945, Japan surrendered to the Allied Forces. WWII was over. But Yokoi didn't know. He stayed in hiding for the next seven years.

And that's just the half of it.

In 1952, Yokoi learned that the war had ended. But he kept hiding for another 20 years! Why not come out? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to fight to the death. Surrendering was shameful.

In 1972, Yokoi was found by two fishermen. He felt ashamed to return to Japan. But he got a hero's welcome.

Video Credit: AP Archive

Dictionary

loyalty (noun) a loyal feeling: a feeling of strong support for someone or something
 shameful (adjective) very bad: bad enough to make someone ashamed
 surrender (verb) to agree to stop fighting, hiding, resisting, etc., because you know that you will not win or succeed

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. What made Yokoi flee into the jungle?

- A He thought U.S. soldiers would hurt him.
- B He heard that Japan had surrendered.
- © He was spotted by two fishermen.
- D He got a hero's welcome in Japan.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

- A Yokoi was stationed on Guam during WWII.
- B Yokoi didn't know that Japan had surrendered.
- © Yokoi hid in the jungles of Guam for many years.
- D Yokoi felt ashamed to go back to Japan.

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which must have happened *last*?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- A Yokoi fled to the jungles.
- B Yokoi heard the war had ended.
- © Yokoi became a hero in Japan.
- D Yokoi was stationed on Guam.

Question 4

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) end and finish
- B hide and block
- © death and life
- soldier and brother

Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Yokoi tried to go home in 1952.
Yokoi didn't feel good about going back to Japan.
© Yokoi didn't want to become a Japanese soldier.
D Yokoi fought with many American soldiers.
Question 6
The Article says:
Why not come out? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to fight to the death. Surrendering was shameful.
Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know
A that Yokoi didn't want to fight
why Yokoi stayed on Guam
© why Japanese soldiers surrendered
(D) that Yokoi was not happy with his country
Question 7
A soldier is someone who
goes to Japan
B lives on an island
© fights in a war
D lived long ago
Question 8
Which is not in the Article?
Why Yokoi stayed hidden after 1952
B How Yokoi learned the war had ended
© Why Yokoi fled into the jungle
How Yokoi felt about going home

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **All soldiers are heroes.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who was Shoichi Yokoi? And why did he remain hidden on Guam until 1972? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Teen Pilot Breaks World Record (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In April 2019, Mason Andrews became the youngest pilot to fly alone around the world. Here's what Mason wants kids to know. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Used with permission from Mason Andrews *Mason Andrews flew this plane around the world.*

MONROE, Louisiana (Achieve3000, April 12, 2019). Mason Andrews studies flying in college. But he already holds a flying record.

Mason flew around the world. And he did it alone! He's the youngest pilot to do that. He left Louisiana in July 2018. His trip took 76 days. He returned in October. He was 18 years and 163 days old.

Mason's trip wasn't easy. He often flew in bad weather. Mason flew through a sandstorm. It was from Egypt to Dubai. He also hit a monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal. There were bad typhoons, too. They were in the Philippines. So Mason couldn't fly for three weeks.

Mason's trip also raised over \$30,000. It was to help kids with special needs.

Now, Mason has some advice for kids. What is it?

"Anything is possible."

Video Credit: Taylor Yakowenko Published on Oct 6, 2018 Edited for length

Dictionary

monsoon (noun) a wind that carries heavy rains to southern Asia
 record (noun) something that has never been done before
 sandstorm (noun) a desert storm in which strong winds blow clouds of sand
 typhoon (noun) a very strong storm that forms in the western Pacific or Indian Oceans

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions) Question 1 Think about the Article. Since there were bad typhoons in the Philippines, then A Mason flew around the world by himself. B Mason couldn't fly for three weeks. © Mason raised money to help kids. Mason left Louisiana in July 2018. Question 2 Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say? A Mason Andrews is the youngest pilot to fly around the world. B Mason Andrews left Louisiana in July 2018. © Mason Andrews raised money for kids with special needs. Mason Andrews studies flying in college. Question 3 Which of these is a fact? Advice from young people is usually the best advice for kids. **B** A monsoon is the scariest kind of storm to fly through. © Mason flew through a sandstorm between Egypt and Dubai. D Mason was brave to fly around the world when he was 18 years old. Question 4 The Article says: Mason's trip wasn't easy. He often flew in bad weather. Mason flew through a sandstorm. It was from Egypt to Dubai. Which word means almost the **same** as *through*? A Over B Under © On ① In Question 5 The Article says: Mason flew through a sandstorm. It was from Egypt to Dubai. He also hit a monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal. There were bad typhoons, too. Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to understand . A How a sandstorm is different from a monsoon B Why it wasn't easy for Mason to fly around the world

© How long it takes to fly from Egypt to Dubai

D Why people like Mason love flying through storms

Question 6

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that .

- (A) It's probably easier to fly through a typhoon than a sandstorm.
- B Mason Andrews must have a lot of money.
- © It is unlikely that Mason Andrews will stop dreaming big.
- Most flying records are very easy to break.

Ouestion 7

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Alone and fast
- B Easy and hard
- © Help and save
- D Hold and call

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Mason's trip did more than break a flying record?

- Mason flew around the world. And he did it alone! He's the youngest pilot to do that.
- B Mason's trip also raised over \$30,000. It was to help kids with special needs.
- © Mason Andrews studies flying in college. But he already holds a flying record.
- D Mason's trip wasn't easy. He often flew in bad weather.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

"Anything is possible."

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe Mason Andrews. What did he do? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

The Early-Late Debate (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Some people want later start times for middle schools and high schools. These people want start times pushed back until 8 a.m. or later. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



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Too tired to learn? Some people think schools should start later.

SACRAMENTO, California (Achieve3000, October 30, 2019). Like to snooze? Here's good news! Some schools are starting later.

Some examples? High schools in Seattle. They start at 8:45 a.m. Or later!

California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools won't start before 8:30 a.m. Middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.

Why? Because of research. Scientists studied how adolescents sleep. Most sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. If teens get up early, they miss out on some good z's!

Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.

But some people think starting schools later isn't smart. It could be hard to have enough buses. Schools that start later finish later, too. That leaves students with less free time. For what? Sports, jobs, and homework. Don't forget about fun!

What about you? Wanna start school early? Or snoozzzzzzzzzze?

Dictionary

adolescent (noun) a young person who is developing into an adult : a young person who is going through adolescence

research (noun) careful study that is done to find and report new knowledge about something

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1 Think about the Article. Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. That's why
Sleep helps students learn and stay healthy
B people think starting schools later isn't smart
© California high schools won't start before 8:30 a.m.
© scientists study about how adolescents sleep
Question 2
The Article talks mainly about
staying healthy, so students learn better
doing research about when adolescents sleep best
© starting schools later, so students get enough sleep
D what students do in their free time
Question 3
Which of these is an opinion?
An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.
Getting enough sleep helps students learn.
Students in California will like going to school later.
California middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.
Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.
Question 4
Which means almost the same as <i>adolescent</i> ?
grandfather
® woman
© baby
(D) teen
Question 5
The Article does not say
what times adolescents get their best sleep
Where later school start times are happening Output Description:
why people think starting schools later isn't smart
(D) what students think about schools starting later

Question 6

The Article says:

Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.

This passage helps the reader to know _____.

- A how important sleep is for students
- B what problems all students have
- © why it's hard for students to get enough sleep
- how sleep research is done on students

Question 7

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

- law and rule
- **B** good and smart
- © trouble and problem
- start and finish

Ouestion 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that some schools believe the research about how adolescents sleep best?

- A Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.
- [®] California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools won't start before 8:30 a.m. Middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.
- © But some people think starting schools later isn't smart. It could be hard to have enough buses. Schools that start later finish later, too. That leaves students with less free time.
- © Scientists studied how adolescents sleep. Most sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Middle schools and high schools should start later.**

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Do you think middle schools and high schools should start later in the day? Why or why not?

Use facts and details from the Article to back up your answer.

The Last Generation? (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Some people from the Pacific Islands are working to stop climate change. Rising seas could take away their homeland. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: maloff/Shutterstock

This is the city of Majuro. It's in the Marshall Islands, a Pacific Island nation.

MAJURO, **Marshall Islands** (Achieve 3000, November 7, 2019). There are 11 countries in the Pacific Islands. But they all have one big problem. What is it? Climate change.

Climate change causes seas to rise. That's bad news for the islands. Here's why: They have low elevations. They're harmed by rising seas.

But could the Pacific Islands be wiped out? Islands like Fiji and Samoa? It's possible. And some young islanders wonder: Are *they* the last generation to live on those islands?

But the islanders are fighting the problem. Change can start with cargo ships. They bring the islands' goods. But they add to the world's carbon emissions. This makes climate change worse.

So six Pacific Island countries teamed up. This was in 2019. They made plans. They'll cut carbon emissions from shipping. By how much? About 40 percent by 2030. Then zero-carbon shipping by 2050. How will they do it? By using carbon-free technology.

Sea levels are rising. But hopes aren't sinking in the Pacific Islands.

Video credit: United Nations

Dictionary

elevation (noun) the height of a place

emission (noun) something sent out or given off

generation (noun) a group of people born and living during the same time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

(D) how dangerous climate change is

Question 1 Think about the Article. Why did six Pacific Island countries get together to cut shipping emissions? A They think that sea levels will fall more. B They want to fight climate change. C They want to stop all shipping. D They know the oceans are not clean.
Question 2
The Article talks mainly about
A how the islands are making carbon-free technologies
B how islanders will cut shipping emissions
© why other countries are helping the islanders
(D) why island countries put out so many emissions
Question 3
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
fighting and seeing
B low and high
© harmed and hurt
bad and terrible
Question 4
Which is not in the Article?
What some of the names are of the Pacific Islands
B Why climate change is a threat to the islands
© Which shipping emissions are causing problems
Why only some of the countries are working together
Question 5
The Article says:
[Six Pacific Island countries will] cut carbon emissions from shipping. By how much? About 40
percent by 2030. Then zero-carbon shipping by 2050.
This helps the reader to know
A that shipping to the islands will be stopped
B how islanders plan to fight climate change
© that zero emissions is not possible

Question 6

The Article says:

Climate change causes seas to *rise*. That's bad news for the islands. Here's why: They have low elevations. They're harmed by rising seas.

V	Which means the opposite of <i>rise</i> ?
lack	fall
$^{\circ}$	splash
©	darken
(D)	change
Qu	estion 7
Thi	nk about the Article. The reader can tell that
lack	the water in the ocean has too much trash
B	there can never be zero shipping emissions
©	some Pacific Islands may go underwater
(D)	Fiji is the biggest island in the Pacific Ocean

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells what might happen to some Pacific Islands?

- A There are 11 countries in the Pacific Islands. But they all have one big problem.
- B So six Pacific Island countries teamed up. This was in 2019. They made plans.
- © Change can start with cargo ships. They bring the islands' goods.
- D But could the Pacific Islands be wiped out? Islands like Fiji and Samoa? It's possible.

Step 4: Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Everyone should work together to stop climate change.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

How is climate change harming the Pacific Islands? What are some Pacific Island nations doing about this problem? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

The Truth About Dogs (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A new exhibit teaches about dogs. What do you think of this quote by Josh Billings?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Richard Vogel
People at the exhibition can learn how dogs see.

LOS ANGELES, California (Achieve3000, May 5, 2019). Why do dogs smell things? Why do people and dogs get along so well?

One exhibition has these answers and more. It's called "Dogs!" It opened in March 2019. Here's what it teaches:

1. They have a pee-culiar interest.

Dogs sniff fire hydrants. Why? Dogs learn from smelling pee. They can tell if a place is safe.

2. They're doggone smart.

Dogs do more than smell to find things out. They know when something moves. They hear soft sounds, too.

3. They're heroic.

Dogs aren't just smart. They're heroes. There's a movie at the exhibition. It shows dogs saving people.

4. Yes, they love us, too.

People and dogs love each other. It's a mutual affection.

5. They go way back with humans.

Scientists don't know when dogs and people first met. But it was a long time ago.

Best friends fur-ever, it seems.

Information for this story came from AP.

Dictionary

exhibition (noun) a show
mutual affection (noun) shared feeling of love

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Think about the Article. Since dogs learn from smelling, then .

- Oppose Dogs sniff fire hydrants to tell if a place is safe.
- B Dogs do more than smell to find things out.
- © Dogs know when something moves.
- Dogs are able to hear soft sounds.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell .

- A Dogs can save people.
- B There is an exhibition that teaches about dogs.
- © Dogs can hear soft sounds.
- D Scientists don't know when dogs and people met.

Ouestion 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A movie shows dogs saving people.
- B Dogs can tell how safe an area is by sniffing.
- © Smart dogs are the best pets to have.
- D "Dogs!" opened in March 2019.

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- People and humans
- B Soft and loud
- © Heroic and brave
- Answers and facts

Question 5 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that People were closer with dogs thousands of years ago. B As dogs spend more time with people, they will stop sniffing fire hydrants. People like dogs partly because dogs are helpful. Most people notice things in an area before their dogs do. Question 6
The Article says: Why do dogs smell things? Why do people and dogs get along so well? One exhibition has these
answers and more. It's called "Dogs!" It opened in March 2019.
What does this show? A When the dog exhibition comes to an end B Who set up the exhibition about dogs C What people might learn at an exhibition about dogs D Where the dog exhibition will be after March 2019
Question 7
The Article says: Dogs do more than smell to find things out. They know when something moves. They hear soft sounds, too.
Which must mean almost the same as <i>know</i> , as it is used above?
 Sleep Run Cry See
Question 8 Which passage from the Article best supports the idea that dogs have good senses other than a great sense of smell? Dogs sniff fire hydrants. They hear soft sounds, too. People and dogs love each other. Dogs learn from smelling pee.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

"A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Think about telling a friend about the "Dogs!" exhibition. What would you share? Use descriptive words from the Article in your answer.

Welcome to Batuu (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

It's been said that Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places on Earth. Now, the Disney parks in California and Florida have added an attraction from "a galaxy far, far away"—Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo Credit: Disney Parks

This starship can be found at Disney's Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.

ORLANDO, Florida (Achieve3000, September 26, 2019). It's a Star Wars fan's dream! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a new land. People who go feel like they're in a Star Wars story.

Galaxy's Edge is open at Disneyland. That's in California. There's one at Disney's Hollywood Studios, too. That's in Florida.

Galaxy's Edge sits on 14 acres of land. And guess what? It's set up as a new planet! The planet is called Batuu. It was built from the ground up. Some parts even look like real places. Take Batuu's forest. It's like Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park.

What's Batuu like? It's a hot spot for traders and explorers. And it has a story. The workers are part of that story. You can be, too. It's like being on an alien planet.

Video credit: Courtesy Disney, with music by Valeriano Chiaravalle/proudmusiclibrary.com

Dictionary

alien (adjective) from somewhere other than the planet Earth

explore (verb) to travel over or through (a place) in order to learn more about it or to find something

trader (noun) a person who buys, sells, or exchanges goods

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question	n 1
What is	this Article mainly about?
Gala	axy's Edge is in California and Florida.
B Disn	ney opened a new land called Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.
© The	workers are part of the story at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.
① The	planet at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge is called Batuu.
Question	n 2
	of these is an opinion?
_	ion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.
	axy's Edge is open for people to see now.
	Star Wars story is the best part of Galaxy's Edge.
	re are traders and explorers on Batuu.
① The	planet in Galaxy's Edge is named Batuu.
Question	n 3
The Arti	cle says:
	It's a Star Wars fan's dream! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a new land. People who go feel like they're in a Star Wars story.
This p	assage helps the reader to know that
A Gala	axy's Edge will not be open for long
B peop	ble have seen the land before
© Star	Wars fans will like Galaxy's Edge
Disn	ney did not build the new land
Question	n 4
Which n	neans almost the same as <i>explore</i> ?
A help	
B do	
© look	
1 run	
Question	n 5
Think at	bout the Article. The reader can tell that
O Disn	ney thinks many people will go to Galaxy's Edge
Batu	uu is in Petrified Forest National Park
© mos	t people will go to Galaxy's Edge in California
(D) the r	next Star Wars movie will be in Batuu

Anna Maria wants to know what an acre is. She could find this out by using a
(A) globe
(B) dictionary
© calendar
D newspaper
Question 7
The Article says:
The planet is called Batuu. It was built from the ground up. Some parts even look like real
places.
Which means almost the same as <i>built</i> ?
(A) heard
B found
© made
① tried
Question 8
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Batuu is not like any place you've been to
before?
In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.
B Some parts even look like real places.
© Galaxy's Edge is open at Disneyland.
D It's like being on an alien planet.
Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Question 6

Imagine that you are telling a friend about Disney's new Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge in California and Florida. What would you say? Use describing words and phrases from the Article in your answer.

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places in the galaxy.

Women Adventurers (250L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Centuries ago, women were expected to stay home and raise families. But some brave women chose to take off on amazing adventures around the world. What do you think?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Left to right: Cristoforo Dall'Acqua, Wellcome Collection, Library of Congress

Left to right: Jeanne Baret, the first woman to sail around the globe. Lady Hester Stanhope, who led an archaeological dig. And Nellie

Bly, who traveled around the world in 72 days.

RED BANK, New Jersey (Achieve3000, January 31, 2020). These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. They have many adventures. But not hundreds of years ago. Back then, women were expected to stay home. Well these three women had different ideas.

Jeanne Baret (1740-1807): Baret was a French scientist. And she was the first woman to sail around the world! In 1766, she wanted to set sail with other scientists. But they were all men. Women weren't allowed to travel on French navy ships. So, guess what? Baret disguised herself as a man. And she sailed away. **Lady Hester Stanhope (1776-1839):** Stanhope was from England. She traveled throughout the Middle

East by herself. And that's not all. She led an archaeological dig there. She was the first woman to do this. **Nellie Bly (1864-1922):** Bly was a journalist. In 1887, she wrote a big story. About what? Hidden problems at a mental hospital. The story made Bly well-known. It also led the way for other women journalists. And guess what? Two years later, Bly set a world record. She traveled around the world in 72 days!

Dictionary

archaeology (noun) a science that deals with past human life and activities by studying the bones, tools, etc., of ancient people

disguise (*verb*) to change the usual appearance, sound, taste, etc., of (someone or something) so that people will not recognize that person or thing

journalism (noun) the activity or job of collecting, writing, and editing news stories for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio

mental (adjective) of or relating to the mind

navy (noun) the part of a country's military forces that fights at sea using ships, submarines, airplanes, etc.

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

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Think about the Article. Which took place *last*?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- A woman dressed as a man and sailed around the world.
- **B** A woman set sail on a French navy ship in 1766.
- © A woman traveled through the Middle East by herself.
- **D** A woman traveled around the world in 72 days.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell .

- A that women today go into space and sail around the world
- B that Nellie Bly's story about a hospital made her well-known
- © that some women in history went on unexpected adventures
- that French scientists traveled all around the world in 1766

Question 3

The Article says:

Bly was a journalist. In 1887, she wrote a big story. About what? Hidden problems at a mental hospital. The story made Bly well-known. It also led the way for other women journalists.

This helps the reader to know .

- A that Nellie Bly worked at a hospital
- **B** that journalists are all women
- © that all hospitals have problems
- (D) that Nellie Bly helped other women

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Jeanne Baret was a scientist who sailed around the world.
- B Nellie Bly set a record by traveling around the world in 72 days.
- © It was not a good idea for Jeanne Baret to disguise herself as a man.
- D Lady Stanhope traveled throughout the Middle East by herself.

Question 5
Which two words have almost the same meaning?
Which two words have almost the same meaning?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
(A) many and few
B guess and know
© world and Earth
(D) dig and fill
Question 6
Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how women live today?
These days, women go to space. They sail around the world.
B Women weren't allowed to travel on French navy ships.
© In 1887, she wrote a big story. About what? Hidden problems at a mental hospital.
Delta But not hundreds of years ago. Back then, women were expected to stay home.
Question 7
The Article says:
These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. They have many adventures. But
not hundreds of years ago. Back then, women were expected to stay home.
In this passage, the word <i>adventure</i> means
a quiet or sleepy experience
B a sad experience
© a fun or exciting experience
(D) a boring experience
Question 8
The Article does not say
Why Jeanne Baret disguised herself as a man
how long it took Nellie Bly to set a world record
© how long it took Baret to sail around the world
what Nellie Bly wrote her six-part report about

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

People should live life the way they want to, not how they're expected to.

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

What's one word that describes Jeanne Baret, Lady Hester Stanhope, and Nellie Bly? What actions by these women back up your answer? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.



A Musical Pioneer

Answer key

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What is this Article mainly about?

D Pitse leads an orchestra and choir.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

B The music of African composers sounds good.

Question 3

The Article says:

But Pitse's shows are different. The music is by African composers. Pitse hopes to bring African classical music to the world.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know ______

A what kind of music Pitse's shows have.

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

A first and last

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

D Pitse wants to help other people

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

A Why Pitse likes Beethoven

Question 7

The Article says:

At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago. The pieces are by European composers. Beethoven is one.

Which means almost the **same** as *composer*?

B writer

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how Pitse's concerts are different from most concerts?

A The music is by African composers. Pitse hopes to bring African classical music to the world.

Ancient Lines in the Sand

Answer key

Question 1	
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What is this Article mainly about?

C The Nazca Lines are drawings in the desert sand.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

C It's very interesting to study the Nazca Lines.

Question 3

The Article says:

You look out the window. What's below? Drawings on the ground! They're called geoglyphs. They're in the desert sands. They're of animals, plants, and more.

This helps the reader to know _____

A what the Nazca Lines look like

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B before and after

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

C it's hard to see the animal shapes from the ground

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

D Why researchers made the lines

Question 7

The Article says:

How did they make them? By taking away some of the dark *rocks* that covered the ground. This showed the lighter-colored sand underneath.

Which means almost the same as rocks?

D stones

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how the Nazca Lines were made?

A By taking away some of the dark rocks that covered the ground. This showed the lighter-colored sand underneath.

Animated Favorites Get Real

Answer key

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Think about the Article. Why do parents take their kids to see the remakes?

B They loved the animated movies growing up.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

B People love the new live-action remakes of animated movies.

Question 3

Which is not in the Article?

C Which animated characters people like

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

C hit and winner

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that _____

D kids like movies with characters like them

Question 6

The Article says:

Live-action remakes can make lots of money. They have a winning formula: Big stars. Special effects. Stories fans love. Characters who seem like old friends. It's box office gold!

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know _____

D why moviemakers remake animated movies

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why a parent might go and see today's live-action movies?

D The power of nostalgia helps. Adults watched these movies growing up. They loved them. So they like taking their kids to see them.

Question 8

The Article says:

The power of nostalgia helps. Adults watched these movies growing up. They loved them.

Which means almost the same as watched?

D saw

Bubble Tea Is Blowing Up

Answer key



What is the main idea of this Article?

C. People all around the world love bubble tea.

Question 2

Which word means almost the **same** as *treat*, as it is used in the Article?

C. Goody

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which took place first?

B. Bubble tea was made in Taiwan.

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

C. Chocolate pudding is the tastiest flavor.

Question 5

Rosa wants to know what tapioca is. How can she find out? She could use a ______.

A. Dictionary

Question 6

The Article says:

It's like a drink and a *snack*. Many shops sell it. They're opening all over. Bubble tea starts with milk tea. Then, treats are added.

Which must mean almost the same as snack, as it is used above?

D. Food

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that bubble tea shops can be fun places to go?

C. Many kids go there to hang out with friends.

Question 8

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

D. More and more people like to drink bubble tea.

Cooking Up Native Traditions

Answer key



What is this Article mainly about?

D Sherman is bringing back Native American foods.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

D Sherman's recipes taste great.

Question 3

The Article says:

The foods given to many Native Americans, like those Sherman ate as a kid, aren't healthy. This causes health problems. Diabetes is one. But not Native foods. They are good for people.

This helps the reader to know

D why Sherman is bringing back Native foods

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

C before and after

Question 5

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

C More people will learn about Native foods.

Question 6

Which is not in the Article?

A Why it's hard to find wild rice

Question 7

The Article says:

So Sherman learned about his culture. In the past, many Native American food traditions were *lost*. And Native food sources, like bison, were nearly wiped out.

Which means the **opposite** of *lost*?

B found

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows what kinds of foods Sherman ate when he was young?

C As a kid, he ate foods given to his family by the U.S. government. Like what? Canned beans. Boxed rice.

Defying Gravity

Answer key



What is this Article mainly about?

B Biles never gave up and became a great gymnast.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

A Biles wasn't a good gymnast in 2011.

Question 3

The Article says:

But in 2011, she didn't make the U.S. team. This made her sad. Did she give up? No way! And in 2013, she made the team.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know that _____

C problems make Biles try harder

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

D greatest and best

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ______

D Biles doesn't like to give up

Question 6

Which is not in the Article?

B Where does Biles live

Question 7

The Article says:

But in 2011, she didn't make the U.S. team. This made her sad. Did she give up? No way! And in 2013, she made the team.

Which means almost the same as sad?

C unhappy

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Biles' life as a child was sometimes hard?

D [Biles'] early life wasn't easy. Her parents couldn't care for her. So she lived in foster care.

Give Me S'more! Answer key **Question 1** Think about the Article. Why do some people think Girl Scouts made s'mores first? Press enter to interact with the item, and press tab button or down arrow until reaching the Submit button once the item is selected B A Girl Scouts manual talked about s'mores. Question 2 Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell ______. C How to make a s'more Question 3 Which word means almost the same as manual, as it is used in the Article? A Guide Question 4 Which is not in the Article? C Graham crackers were first made in the late 1800s. Question 5 The Article says: What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave. This helps the reader to know _____. D That there are different ways to make s'mores **Question 6**

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Less and more

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells how milk chocolate is made?

B The chocolatey? That's milk chocolate. Milk chocolate has been around since 1875. What's in it? Chocolate, sugar, and milk.

Question 8

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ______

C S'mores are easy to make.

Global Game Fame

Answer key

Question 1

What is the main idea of this Article?

D Important video games go into a hall of fame every year.

Question 2

Which word means almost the same as plumber, as it is used in the Article?

D Fixer

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

B *Super Mario Kart* is more fun than *Microsoft Solitaire*.

Question 4

Think about the Article. How is Microsoft Solitaire different from Super Mario Kart?

D *Solitaire* taught players how to use a mouse.

Question 5

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

A Drawing and picture

Question 6

The Article says:

[The World Video Game Hall of Fame] is in New York. It opened in 2015. It's for the best and most important video games. Some are from the past. But they stood the test of time.

Why is this in the Article? It shows _____.

A What the hall of fame is for

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells why a game was chosen for the hall of fame?

D Take Colossal Cave Adventure. It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming.

Question 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

B More games will go into the hall of fame next year.

Good, Bad, or Ugly?

Answer key



Think about the Article. Why are some companies selling ugly produce?

D They do not want the produce wasted.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say?

D Some companies are selling ugly produce.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

C Some companies sell ugly fruits and vegetables.

Question 4

Which word means almost the same as produce, as it is used in the Article?

A Food

Question 5

The author probably wrote this Article in order to

B Explain why some companies sell ugly produce

Question 6

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why some companies sell ugly produce?

B Food waste *i*s a big problem, they say. About 30 percent of food in the U.S. is wasted.

Question 7

Which two words have almost the same meaning, as they're used in the Article?

C Produce and food

Question 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

C People in the U.S. will keep wasting food.

Katherine the Great

Answer key



Think about the Article. Why did John Glenn ask Katherine Johnson to check some math?

C Glenn trusted Johnson's work.

Question 2

What is the main idea of this Article?

A Katherine Johnson is a hero for her work at NASA.

Question 3

Think about the Article. Which must have taken place first?

C Katherine Johnson got a job at NASA.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

A Anything and nothing

Question 5

Kay wants to know more about going into space. She should look _____.

B In a book about different NASA trips

Question 6

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that _____

D Some important people believed in Katherine Johnson.

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Katherine Johnson does more than math?

B She wrote an autobiography.

Question 8

The Article says:

Johnson's book is for *young* readers. She wants kids to believe they can do anything. Which must mean almost the **opposite** of *young*, as it is used above?

A Old

Otzi the Iceman

Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

D People are learning from Ötzi the Iceman's body.

Question 2

The Article says:

It stayed frozen until 1991. That's when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

What does this show?

C why scientists can study Ötzi

Question 3

Which means almost the **same** as well-preserved?

D saved

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

A Ötzi is the most interesting find ever because of what he has taught scientists.

Question 5

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows what Ötzi has taught scientists about late-Neolithic times?

A The materials used to make his tools came from places that were far away. So did people trade goods then? Probably so.

Question 6

The Article says:

And he had a copper ax, a bow, and arrows. The *materials* used to make his tools came from places that were far away.

Which means almost the same as materials?

D things

Question 7

Antonio wants to know more about Ötzi the Iceman. He should look _____

B in a history book

Question 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

B Scientists will keep studying Ötzi in hopes of learning more.

Sniffing Out Extinction

Answer key

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What is this Article mainly about?

B Dogs use their noses to find endangered species.

Question 2

Think about the Article. Why does an Australian conservation group want to help the Baw Baw frogs?

D Fewer than 1,200 Baw Baw frogs are left.

Question 3

The Article says:

[Baw Baw frogs] live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they hide under mud.

This helps the reader to know .

D why it's not easy to find Baw Baw frogs

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

C sniff and smell

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that Baw Baw frogs _____

D don't want other animals to find them

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

A What Baw Baw frogs like to eat

Question 7

The Article says:

They have a super sense of smell. It's 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than a person's!

Which means the **opposite** of *super*?

A terrible

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Baw Baw frogs are in danger of dying out completely?

D Most of the frogs have been wiped out. How many are left? Fewer than 1,200.

Social Media, Pompeii Style Answer key

Question 1

What is this Article mainly about?

A People in Pompeii wrote messages on walls.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

C It's fun to read the messages on Pompeii's walls.

Question 3

The Article says:

In 79 CE, there was a volcano. It destroyed Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this? Pompeii kept standing!

This helps the reader to know _____.

Awhy Pompeii was saved for so long

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

C found and lost

Question 5

Camila wants to know more about the people who lived in Pompeii before it was covered in stone and ash. She should look

C at a TV show called *Life in Old Pompeii*

Question 6

The Article says:

So, what did Pompeians write about? Feelings and thoughts. News and tips.

Here are a few messages:

Health to you, Victoria...may you sneeze sweetly.

Stronius Stronnius knows nothing!

Which means almost the same as thoughts?

D ideas

Question 7

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows why many buildings in Pompeii are still there today?

B The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this? Pompeii kept standing!

Question 8

Which is **not** in the Article?

D Who found out that a city was buried at Pompei

Soldier in the Wild Answer key **Question 1**



Think about the Article. What made Yokoi flee into the jungle?

A He thought U.S. soldiers would hurt him.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

C Yokoi hid in the jungles of Guam for many years.

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which must have happened last?

C Yokoi became a hero in Japan.

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

A end and finish

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

B Yokoi didn't feel good about going back to Japan.

Question 6

The Article says:

Why not come out? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to fight to the death. Surrendering was

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know ___

B why Yokoi stayed on Guam

Question 7

A *soldier* is someone who

C fights in a war

Question 8

Which is not in the Article?

B How Yokoi learned the war had ended

Teen Pilot Breaks World Record

Answer key

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Think about the Article. Since there were bad typhoons in the Philippines, then

B Mason couldn't fly for three weeks.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say?

A Mason Andrews is the youngest pilot to fly around the world.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

C Mason flew through a sandstorm between Egypt and Dubai.

Question 4

The Article says:

Mason's trip wasn't easy. He often flew in bad weather. Mason flew through a sandstorm. It was from Egypt to Dubai.

Which word means almost the **same** as *through*?

D In

Question 5

The Article says:

Mason flew through a sandstorm. It was from Egypt to Dubai. He also hit a monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal. There were bad typhoons, too.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to understand

B Why it wasn't easy for Mason to fly around the world

Question 6

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ...

C It is unlikely that Mason Andrews will stop dreaming big.

Question 7

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Easy and hard

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Mason's trip did more than break a flying record?

B Mason's trip also raised over \$30,000. It was to help kids with special needs.

The Early-Late Debate

Answer key

Question 1
Think about the Article. Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. That's why
C California high schools won't start before 8:30 a.m.
Question 2
The Article talks mainly about
C starting schools later, so students get enough sleep
Question 3
Which of these is an opinion?
B Students in California will like going to school later.
Question 4
Which means almost the same as <i>adolescent</i> ?
D teen
Question 5
The Article does not say
D what students think about schools starting later
Question 6
The Article says: Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.
This passage helps the reader to know
A how important sleep is for students
Question 7
Which two words have opposite meanings?

D start and finish Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that some schools believe the research about how adolescents sleep best?

B California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools won't start before 8:30 a.m. Middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.

The Last Generation?

Answer key

Question 1
Think about the Article. Why did six Pacific Island countries get together to cut shipping emissions?
B They want to fight climate change.
Question 2
The Article talks mainly about
B how islanders will cut shipping emissions Question 3
Which two words have opposite meanings?
willian two words have opposite meanings:
B low and high
Question 4
Which is not in the Article?
D Why only some of the countries are working together
Question 5
The Article says: [Six Pacific Island countries will] cut carbon emissions from shipping. By how much? About 40 percent by 2030. Then zero-carbon shipping by 2050.
This helps the reader to know
B how islanders plan to fight climate change
Question 6
The Article says: Climate change causes seas to <i>rise</i> . That's bad news for the islands. Here's why: They have low elevations. They're harmed by rising seas.
Which means the opposite of <i>rise</i> ?
A fall
Question 7
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
C some Pacific Islands may go underwater

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells what might happen to some Pacific Islands?

D But could the Pacific Islands be wiped out? Islands like Fiji and Samoa? It's possible.

The Truth About Dogs

Answer key

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Think about the Article. Since dogs learn from smelling, then

A Dogs sniff fire hydrants to tell if a place is safe.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell

B There is an exhibition that teaches about dogs.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

C Smart dogs are the best pets to have.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Soft and loud

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

C People like dogs partly because dogs are helpful.

Question 6

The Article says:

Why do dogs smell things? Why do people and dogs get along so well? One exhibition has these answers and more. It's called "Dogs!" It opened in March 2019.

What does this show?

C What people might learn at an exhibition about dogs

Question 7

The Article says:

Dogs do more than smell to find things out. They know when something moves. They hear soft sounds, too.

Which must mean almost the **same** as know, as it is used above?

D See

Question 8

Which passage from the Article best supports the idea that dogs have good senses other than a great sense of smell?

B They hear soft sounds, too.

Welcome to Batuu Answer key **Question 1** What is this Article mainly about? B Disney opened a new land called Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. Question 2 Which of these is an opinion? B The Star Wars story is the best part of Galaxy's Edge. Question 3 The Article says: It's a Star Wars fan's dream! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a new land. People who go feel like they're in a Star Wars story. This passage helps the reader to know that C Star Wars fans will like Galaxy's Edge Question 4 Which means almost the same as explore? C look **Question 5** Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ____ A Disney thinks many people will go to Galaxy's Edge Question 6 Anna Maria wants to know what an acre is. She could find this out by using a

B dictionary

Question 7

The Article says:

The planet is called Batuu. It was built from the ground up. Some parts even look like real places.

Which means almost the same as built?

C made

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Batuu is not like any place you've been to before?

D It's like being on an alien planet.

Women Adventurers Answer key
Question 1
Think about the Article. Which took place <i>last</i> ?
D A woman traveled around the world in 72 days. Question 2
Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is most important to tell
C that some women in history went on unexpected adventures Question 3
The Article says: Bly was a journalist. In 1887, she wrote a big story. About what? Hidden problems at a mental hospital. The story made Bly well-known. It also led the way for other women journalists.
This helps the reader to know
D that Nellie Bly helped other women
Question 4
Which of these is an opinion?
C It was not a good idea for Jeanne Baret to disguise herself as a man. Question 5
Which two words have almost the same meaning?
C world and Earth Question 6
Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how women live today?
A These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. Question 7
The Article says: These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. They have many adventures. But not hundreds of

C a fun or exciting experience

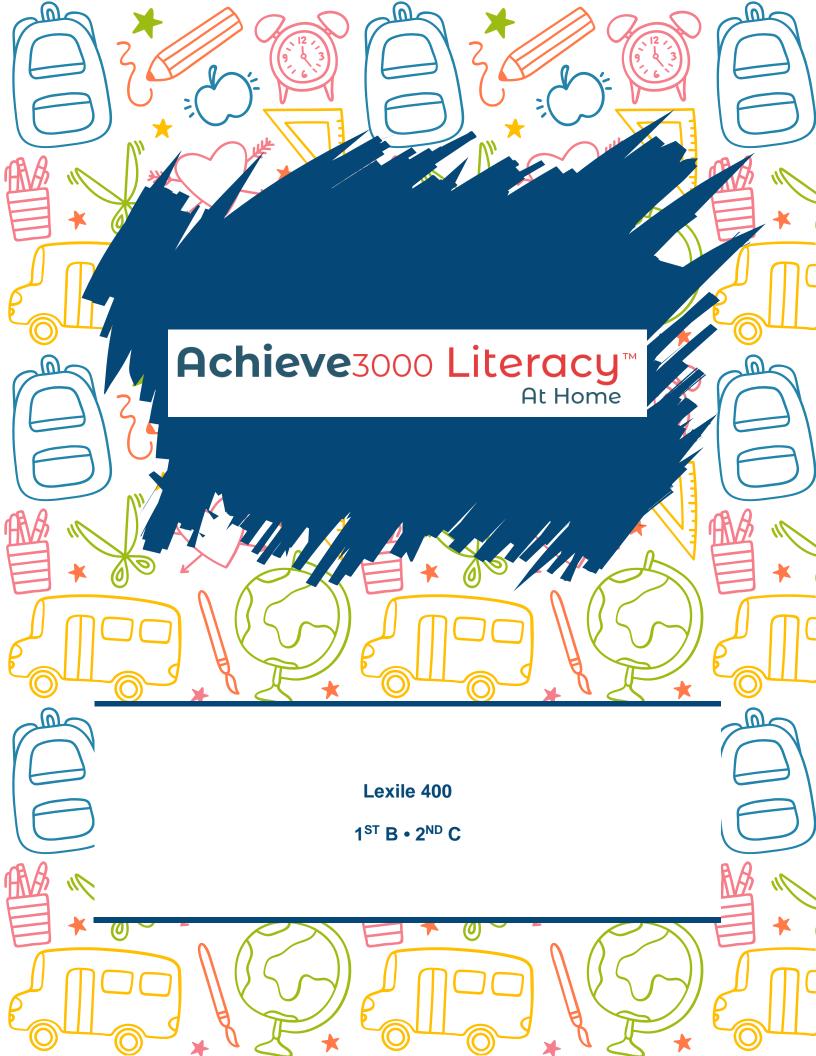
Question 8

The Article does **not** say _____.

C how long it took Baret to sail around the world

In this passage, the word adventure means _____.

years ago. Back then, women were expected to stay home.



Lesson Tracker

Name:		Teacher:			
		Step One Respond to the Before Reading Poll			
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Watch me soar! Mark off each lesson step as you finish it. Use the back of this paper if you need more space to add more lessons.

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A Musical Pioneer (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In the world of classical music, most conductors are men. And there are few conductors of color. But South Africa's Ofentse Pitse stands out. She's a young, black, female conductor. What do you think?

People who are willing to stand out help to bring about change.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Courtesy Ofentse Pitse

This is a photo of Ofentse Pitse. Pitse is the conductor of Anchored Sound.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Achieve3000, January 14, 2020). Ofentse Pitse used to be an architect. But classical music was calling to her. And she listened! Now she's the 27-year-old leader of Anchored Sound. That's an orchestra and choir. She started the group in her home country of South Africa.

Why did Pitse start Anchored Sound? To change the lives of young black people. Pitse, who loved music as a child, put together a choir in 2017. She picked great young singers. They lived in poor communities. Pitse gave them a chance to use their gifts. And she kept going. In 2019, she put together the orchestra. It has 40 players. She's the conductor.

In the world of classical music, Pitse is a pioneer. In 2017, a study was done. It found that only 5 of the world's top 100 conductors were women. And there are few conductors of color. Pitse is a young black woman. So she stands out.

Pitse wants to bring African classical music to the world. At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago by European composers. Beethoven is one example. But Pitse's group plays pieces by African composers. This lets listeners know: Classical music is alive in Africa.

Video credit: Mesia Gumede

Dictionary

architect (noun) a person who designs buildings

choir (noun) a group of singers especially in a church

conductor (noun) a person who stands in front of people while they sing or play musical instruments and directs their performance

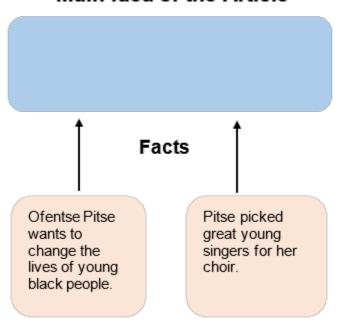
orchestra (noun) a group of musicians who play usually classical music together and who are led by a conductor

pioneer (noun) a person who helps create or develop new ideas, methods, etc.

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- A People often hear music written by European composers.
- B Pitse wants people to enjoy the music of African composers.
- © Only 5 out of the world's top 100 conductors are women.
- Pitse gives young black singers a chance to use their gifts.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- The music of African composers sounds really good.
- B Only 5 out of the top 100 conductors are women.
- © Ofentse Pitse put together a youth choir in 2017.
- Deethoven is one example of a European composer.

The Article says:

At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago by European composers. Beethoven is one example. But Pitse's group plays pieces by African composers. This lets listeners know: Classical music is alive in Africa.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to kn	ow
why Pitse has written several classical works of music	
B how Pitse is bringing African classical music to the world	l
© which European composer Pitse wants her orchestra to pl	ay
D how classical music has changed since the days of Beetho	oven
Question 4	
Which two words have almost the same meaning?	
Only some of these words are used in the Article.	
classical and beautiful	
B picked and found	
© start and begin	
D leader and believer	
Question 5	
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that	
Pitse doesn't like the works of Beethoven	
B Pitse has written some classical works	
© Pitse was not born in South Africa	
D Pitse wants to help other people	
Question 6	
Which is not in the Article?	
What job Pitse used to have	
B Why Pitse started Anchored Sound	
© Why Pitse likes Beethoven	
When Pitse put together an orchestra	

The Article says:

Pitse, who loved music as a child, put together a choir in 2017. She picked great young singers. They lived in *poor* communities. Pitse gave them a chance to use their gifts.

Which means the **opposite** of *poor*?

- (A) rich
- ® old
- © small
- happy

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that most classical conductors are men?

- Ofentse Pitse used to be an architect. But classical music was calling to her. And she listened! Now she's the 27-year-old leader of Anchored Sound.
- But Pitse's group plays pieces by African composers. This lets listeners know: Classical music is alive in Africa.
- © In the world of classical music, Pitse is a pioneer. In 2017, a study was done. It found that only 5 of the world's top 100 conductors were women.
- D At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago by European composers. Beethoven is one example.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

People who are willing to stand out help to bring about change.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Imagine you are a reporter who is speaking with Ofentse Pitse. What questions might you ask her? What might her answers be? Include information from the Article, as well as vocabulary terms and describing words, in your answer.

Ancient Lines in the Sand (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In Southern Peru, there are big ground drawings. They're in the desert sand. They were put there more than 1,500 years ago. But scientists aren't sure what they were for. What do you think?

Some things should stay a secret.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Daniel Prudek/Shutterstock

A monkey geoglyph is seen from above. It's one of the many ground drawings known as the Nazca Lines.

NAZCA, Peru (Achieve3000, January 3, 2020). You're in an airplane that's flying over southern Peru. You look out the window. What do you see below? Big drawings on the ground! They're called geoglyphs. They're seen in the desert sands. They're of animals, plants, and more.

These geoglyphs are known as the Nazca Lines. They've been around for more than 1,500 years. And there are many of them. Some are as large as the Statue of Liberty! But people didn't notice them until 1927. That's when a Peruvian archaeologist first found some. Today, technology such as drones has found more geoglyphs. The best way to see them is from up above.

Who made the geoglyphs? The Nazca people. They lived before the Incas. How did they make them? By taking away some of the dark rocks that covered the ground to show the lighter-colored desert sand underneath.

But why were the geoglyphs made? Researchers aren't sure. They think they were part of rituals for rain and crops. Or they may have led people to where the rituals happened.

But these are all guesses. Only one thing is clear: The Nazcas drew lasting lines in the sands of time.

Video credit: Achieve3000 from footage by maxuser/Creatas Video+/Getty Images

Dictionary

archaeology (noun) a science that deals with past human life and activities by studying the bones, tools, etc., of ancient people

drone (noun) a type of small aircraft that flies without a pilot

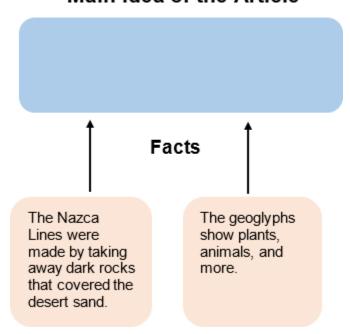
research (verb) to study (something) carefully

ritual (noun) an act or series of acts done in a particular situation and in the same way each time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- The Nazca Lines are pictures made in the sands of Peru.
- The geoglyphs have been around for many years.
- © The geoglyphs might have led people to rituals.
- The Nazca Lines were found by an archaeologist in 1927.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- The best way to see the Nazca Lines is from up above.
- B It's a waste of time to figure out what the lines mean.
- © The Nazca people of Peru lived before the Incas did.
- D Some of the lines are as large as the Statue of Liberty.

The Article says:

What do you see below? Big drawings on the ground! They're called geoglyphs. They're seen in the desert sands. They're of animals, plants, and more.

T	his helps the reader to know
A	what the Nazca Lines look like
$^{\circ}$	why the Nazca Lines were made
©	that animals live in the desert
(D)	that finding the lines is not easy
Qu	estion 4
Wh	ich two words have opposite meanings?
Onl	ly some of these words are used in the Article.
A	covered and filled
$^{\circ}$	desert and sand
©	more and less
O	technology and stories
Qu	estion 5
Thi	nk about the Article. The reader can tell that
lack	the lines were made by moving sand around
-	the Nazca Lines were created by an archaeologist
	some of the lines point to good places to grow crops
\sim	it's hard to see the animal shapes from the ground
Qu	estion 6
Wh	ich is not in the Article?
lack	Who lived before the Incas
$^{\circ}$	What researchers think the lines were for
-	Why researchers made the lines
	Who found the Nazca Lines in 1927

The Article says:

Some are as large as the Statue of Liberty! But people didn't *notice* them until 1927. That's when a Peruvian archaeologist first found some.

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Whi	ch means almost the same as <i>notice</i> '	?	
Whi	ch means almost the same as <i>notice</i>	?	

- (A) study
- B build
- © lose
- D see

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how the Nazca Lines were made?

- By taking away some of the dark rocks that covered the ground to show the lighter-colored desert sand underneath.
- Big drawings on the ground! You're in an airplane that's flying over southern Peru. You look out the window. What do you see below?
- © But why were the geoglyphs made? Researchers aren't sure. They think they were part of rituals for rain and crops.
- Deliver These geoglyphs are known as the Nazca Lines. They've been around for more than 1,500 years. And there are many of them.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Some things should stay a secret.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Give three reasons why the Nazca Lines are interesting to visit and/or study? What's left to know about them? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Animated Favorites Get Real (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Moviemakers are remaking old cartoon movies. The new movies have real people. *The Jungle Book* and *Beauty and the Beast* are two of these live-action remakes. What do you think?

Live-action remakes are more entertaining than the cartoon classics.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Tinseltown/Shutterstock

Many families love live-action remakes of animated movies. "Aladdin" is one of these movies. It stars Will Smith.

LOS ANGELES, California (Achieve3000, August 20, 2019). Like the Fairy Godmother waving her magic wand over a pumpkin, moviemakers have been bringing new life to old animated movies. Bibbidi-bobbidi-booyah! The movies are now live-action hits. They're made with real people. Live-action remakes can make lots of money. They have a winning formula. It starts with stories fans love. Add characters who seem like old friends. Throw in big stars. Mix in special effects. And ka-ching! It's box

The power of nostalgia helps. Adults loved these movies growing up. So they like taking their kids to see them.

Moviemakers like these movies. They can add more diversity. So more kids see characters who look like them. That's not all: They can crank up the girl power! Many remakes have strong girl characters.

What do *you* think about live-action remakes? Whatever your take, these movies are a whole new world for fans.

Dictionary

office gold.

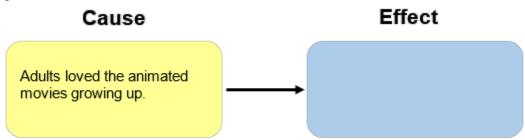
animated (adjective) produced by the creation of a series of drawings, pictures, etc., that are shown quickly one after another: produced through the process of animation

diversity (noun) the state of having people who are different races or who have different cultures in a group or organization

nostalgia (noun) pleasure and sadness that is caused by remembering something from the past and wishing that you could experience it again

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a box on the left that is labeled "Cause". The box says "Adults loved the animated movies growing up." There is an arrow pointing to a box on the right. It is labeled "Effect."

- A The remakes have more diversity.
- B Moviemakers crank up the girl power.
- © Kids see characters who look like them.
- D They take their kids to see the remakes.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

- A People love the new live-action remakes of animated movies.
- B Kids still watch old animated movies.
- © Adults love seeing movies with their kids.
- D Some movie characters seem just like old friends.

Question 3

Which is **not** in the Article?

- What the "winning formula" for movies is
- B Who adults take to the movies
- © Which animated characters people like
- D Why people like live-action films so much

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- strong and large
- B hit and winner
- © character and teacher
- old and funny

Question 5 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that A kids like movies with characters like them B people want more animated movies C some kids take their friends to the movies D most people don't like the new remakes
Question 6
The Article says: Live-action remakes can make lots of money. They have a winning formula. It starts with stories fans love. Add characters who seem like old friends. Throw in big stars. Mix in special effects. And ka-ching! It's box office gold.
Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know
why moviemakers remake animated movies
why Hollywood actors can make so much money
why fans don't always like live-action remakes
why people still watch old animated movies
Question 7
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why a parent might go and see today's live-action movies?
What do <i>you</i> think about live-action remakes? Whatever your take, these movies are a whole new world for
fans.
B The power of nostalgia helps. Adults loved these movies growing up. So they like taking their kids to see
them.
Bibbidi-bobbidi-booyah! The movies are now live-action hits. They're made with real people.
D Like the Fairy Godmother waving her magic wand over a pumpkin, moviemakers have been bringing new
life to old animated movies.
Question 8
The Article says:
What do <i>you</i> think about live-action remakes? Whatever your <u>take</u> , these movies are a whole new world for fans.
new world for fails.
Which means almost the same as <i>take</i> ?
(A) history
B view C need
D difference
o unicioned

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Live-action remakes are more entertaining than the cartoon classics.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a summary of the Article. A summary tells what the main idea of a story is. To write a summary you should:

STEP 1: Read the Article.

STEP 2a: Look back at each paragraph. Find the main idea of each paragraph.

STEP 2b: Take out any facts that are not needed.

STEP 2c: Put everything—in your own words—into a few sentences.

STEP 3: Read your summary again.

STEP 4: Check your work. Make any last changes to your summary.

Bubble Tea Is Blowing Up (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A fairly new drink called "bubble tea" is winning fans across the world. What do you think?

Newer is better.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: jarenwicklund/iStock/Getty Images A bubble tea shop is a sweet spot to hang out.

TAIPEI, **Taiwan** (Achieve3000, May 7, 2019). Have you heard of bubble tea? It's from Taiwan. It's like a drink and a snack in one. Shops that sell it are opening all over.

Bubble tea starts with milk tea. Then, treats are added. They usually rest at the bottom. Often, they're balls of tapioca. They're sweet. People call them "bubbles." Many times, there are also bubbles on top of the drink. They form when the drink is shaken.

Bubble tea was invented in Taiwan in the 1980s. It was a hit. Then it spread across Asia. In the 1990s, bubble tea shops started opening in the U.S. Now, they're found in other places, too.

Some bubble tea shops sell over a hundred flavors! Would you like mango? How about chocolate pudding? And don't forget the toppings. How about chia seeds or red beans?

Bubble tea shops can be great places to chill. In some places, kids go there to hang out with friends. They may play games or study.

Information for this story came from VOA.

Credit: Voice of America

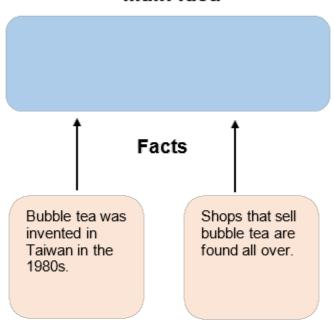
Dictionary

invent (verb) to make something that has never been made before **tapioca** (noun) a food made from cassava, the root of a tropical plant **treat** (noun) something good that you don't get very often

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Main Idea



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a large, empty rectangle. Above the rectangle, it says "Main Idea of the Article." Under the rectangle, there are two smaller boxes with arrows pointing up to the rectangle. Each small box includes a fact from the Article. The box on the left says "Bubble tea was invented in Taiwan in the 1980s." The box on the right says "Shops that sell bubble tea are found all over."

- Bubble tea gets its name from the tapioca balls in the drink.
- B Some bubble tea shops have over a hundred different flavors.
- © Bubble tea shops are great places to hang out with friends.
- Deople now love bubble tea in Asia, the U.S., and beyond.

Question 2

Which word means almost the **same** as *invent*, as it is used in the Article?

- (A) Create
- B Need
- © Drink
- O Sell

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which must have happened first?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- People began adding treats to milk tea.
- Bubble tea shops opened in the U.S.
- © Milk tea was made.
- D Bubble tea spread across Asia.

Question 4 Which of these is an opinion? An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right. A There are over a hundred flavors of bubble tea. B Chocolate pudding is the tastiest flavor. C In the 1980s, bubble tea was made in Taiwan. D Some kids go to bubble tea shops to see friends.
Question 5 Rosa wants to know more about bubble tea flavors. She should look on a website about A The history of Taiwan B How tapioca is made C Making your own bubble tea D Traveling in the U.S.
Question 6 The Article says: Bubble tea shops can be great places to chill. In some places, kids go there to hang out with friends. They may play games or study.
Which word means almost the same as <i>chill</i> , as it is used above? A Rest Cook Fight Work
Question 7 Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that bubble tea shops can be fun places to go? A In the 1990s, bubble tea shops started opening in the U.S. B Have you heard of bubble tea? It's from Taiwan. It's like a drink and a snack in one. Bubble tea starts with milk tea. B Bubble tea shops can be great places to chill. In some places, kids go there to hang out with friends.
Question 8 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that A There are more bubble tea shops in the U.S. than anywhere else. B Bubble tea shops ask people to finish their drinks quickly. C More and more people like to drink bubble tea. D The U.S. is where tapioca was first made.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Newer is better.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

What is bubble tea? What can you tell about the people who visit bubble tea shops? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Cooking Up Native Traditions (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Sean Sherman saw a problem in Native American communities. He came up with a plan to fix it. What do you think?

Don't sit back when you see a problem—find ways to fix it yourself.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Amy Forliti
Sean Sherman cooks up Native American recipes.

Minneapolis, Minnesota (Achieve 3000, January 17, 2020). Sean Sherman is Native American. He's part of the Lakota Sioux tribe. He grew up on a reservation in South Dakota. As a kid, he ate foods given to his family by the U.S. government. Like what? Canned beans and boxed rice. Their cupboards were packed with these foods. But later in life, Sherman wondered: Where were the foods from his Native culture?

So Sherman learned more about his culture. In the past, Native Americans grew and hunted different kinds of food. They had their own food traditions. Then the Europeans came. And many Native American food traditions were lost. Their food sources, like bison, were nearly wiped out.

Sherman had an idea: He wanted to bring back these traditions. So he started a cooking business. It's called The Sioux Chef. His recipes use plants and ingredients from nature. Like what? Mushrooms and wild rice. He skips ingredients brought by Europeans.

What's another reason Sherman is bringing Native foods back? The foods given to many Native Americans, like those in his cupboard growing up, aren't healthy. This causes health problems. Diabetes is one. But Native foods are good for people. They have less salt, sugar, and fats. Sherman hopes more people will eat these foods.

Video credit: The Sioux Chef

Dictionary

bison (noun) a large, hairy wild animal that has a big head and short horns

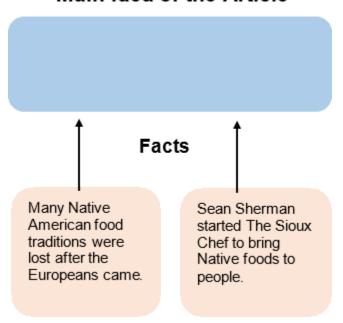
culture (noun) the beliefs, customs, arts, etc., of a particular society, group, place, or time **diabetes** (noun) a serious disease in which the body cannot properly control the amount of sugar in your blood because it does not have enough insulin

recipe (noun) a set of instructions for making something from various ingredients **reservation** (noun) an area of land in the U.S. that is kept separate as a place for Native Americans to live

tradition (noun) a way of thinking, behaving, or doing something that has been used by the people in a particular group, family, society, etc., for a long time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1 Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- The U.S. government gives Native Americans canned beans and boxed rice.
- B Native food sources, such as the bison, were nearly wiped out.
- © Sherman is bringing back healthy Native American food traditions.
- D Sherman's recipes use ingredients such as mushrooms and wild rice.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Sherman is bringing back Native foods.
- B Native foods have less sugar, fat, and salt.
- Sherman's recipes really taste great.
- D The bison were nearly wiped out.

The Article says:

The foods given to many Native Americans, like those in [Sherman's] cupboard growing up, aren't healthy. This causes health problems. Diabetes is one. But Native foods are good for people. They have less salt, sugar, and fats. Sherman hopes more people will eat these foods.

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THIS HOL	os tire read	ci to know	•

- why Sherman is bringing back Native foods
- **B** who helps Sherman make Native foods
- © why Sherman has some health problems
- (D) which Native foods Sherman likes to eat

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) later and earlier
- asked and said
- © different and good
- packed and made

Question 5

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- Native American foods will cause health problems.
- B Sherman will add more canned beans to his recipes.
- © More people will learn about Native American foods.
- D Sherman will stop using wild rice and mushrooms.

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

- What foods were in Sherman's family cupboard
- B Why it's hard to find ingredients like wild rice
- © What problem some Native Americans have
- D Why Native American foods are healthy

Question 7

The Article says:

Sherman had an *idea*: He wanted to bring back these traditions. So he started a cooking business. It's called The Sioux Chef.

Which means almost the **same** as *idea*?

- (A) thought
- B question
- © problem
- Odifference

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Sherman's recipes can help people with health problems?

- A Sherman had an idea: He wanted to bring back these traditions. So he started a cooking business. It's called The Sioux Chef.
- But Native foods are good for people. They have less salt, sugar, and fats. Sherman hopes more people will eat these foods.
- © So Sherman learned more about his culture. In the past, Native Americans grew and hunted different kinds of food.
- © Sean Sherman is Native American. He's part of the Lakota Sioux tribe. He grew up on a reservation in South Dakota. As a kid, he ate foods given to his family by the U.S. government.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Don't sit back when you see a problem—find ways to fix it yourself.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe something that Sean Sherman did. Explain what that tells about him. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Defying Gravity (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Simone Biles has been called the greatest gymnast ever. However, her rise to the top has not always been easy. What do you think?

With enough hard work, anything is possible.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Marijan Murat/dpa via AP Gymnast Simone Biles shows off some of her gold medals.

STUTTGART, Germany (Achieve3000, October 24, 2019). Simone Biles is a gymnast. She's been called the greatest ever. How did she get to be so great? With lots of hard work.

Biles was born on March 14, 1997. Her early life wasn't easy. Her mom and dad couldn't care for her. So she lived in foster care. In 2003, she was adopted by her grandparents.

Biles got into gymnastics at age 6. Even back then, she gave it her all. She never missed a practice. But in 2011, Biles didn't make the U.S. women's team. This made her sad. But she didn't give up. And in 2013, she made the team!

At age 19, Biles led Team U.S.A. at the 2016 Olympic Games. She and swimmer Katie Ledecky were the female athletes with the most medals. Biles won five. And in October 2019, Biles made history: She won her 25th world championship medal. That's more than any other gymnast in the world!

Credit: Video Credit: Team USA

Dictionary

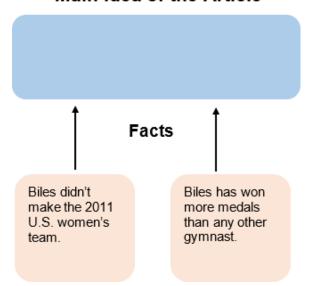
adopt (verb) to take a child of other parents legally as your own child

foster (adjective) used to describe a situation in which for a period of time a child lives with and is cared for by people who are not the child's parents

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

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- Biles was adopted by her grandparents in 2003.
- Biles got into gymnastics when she was just 6.
- © Biles never gave up and became a great gymnast.
- D Biles never missed a gymnastics practice as a child.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A Biles won her 25th world championship medal in 2019.
- Biles spent her early years in foster care.
- © Biles led Team U.S.A. at the 2016 Olympic Games.
- D Biles didn't try hard enough to make the 2011 team.

Question 3

The Article says:

But in 2011, Biles didn't make the U.S. women's team. This made her sad. But she didn't give up. And in 2013, she made the team!

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know that ...

- Biles has always been the best gymnast
- Biles should've made the 2011 team
- © problems make Biles try harder
- D people think that Biles is sad

Question 4
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
(A) easy and hard
B make and like
© missed and watched
(D) greatest and best
Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that .
Biles never won a medal until age 19
Biles hurt herself as a child
© Biles worked very hard to win
D Biles missed practice a lot
Question 6
Which is not in the Article?
When Biles first got into the sport of gymnastics
B How many world championship medals Biles has won
Who helped Biles train for the world championships
D How Biles felt when she didn't make the 2011 team
Question 7
The Article says:
At age 19, Biles led Team U.S.A. at the 2016 Olympic Games. She and swimmer Katie Ledecky were the female athletes with the most <i>medals</i> .
Which means almost the same as <i>medal</i> ?
prize
B game
© dollar
(D) point

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Biles' life as a child was sometimes hard?

- At age 19, Biles led Team U.S.A. at the 2016 Olympic Games. She and swimmer Katie Ledecky were the female athletes with the most medals. Biles won five.
- [®] Biles was born on March 14, 1997. Her early life wasn't easy. Her mom and dad couldn't care for her. So she lived in foster care.
- © And in October 2019, Biles made history: She won her 25th world championship medal. That's more than any other gymnast in the world!
- D Simone Biles is a gymnast. She's been called the greatest ever. How did she get to be so great?

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. With enough hard work, anything is possible.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who is Simone Biles? And why has she been called the greatest gymnast ever? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Give Me S'more! (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Many people like to make a dessert called s'mores. The gooey treats are made with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. What do you think of this well-known saying?

S'mores always leave you beggin' for s'more!

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: kellyvandellen/iStock/Getty Images
This is a s'more. It's made of chocolate, marshmallows, and graham crackers.

SAVANNAH, Georgia (Achieve3000, July 18, 2019). S'mores are yummy. Want to make some? Here's how:

- 1. Get a graham cracker. Break it in half. Place chocolate on one half.
- 2. Put a marshmallow on a stick. Hold it over a campfire.
- 3. Use the stick to set the hot marshmallow on the chocolate.
- 4. Take the other cracker half. Put it on the marshmallow.
- 5. Smoosh the crackers together. Pull out the stick.
- 6. Eat!

S'mores have three parts: the gooey, the chocolatey, and the crispy. The gooey? That's the marshmallow. Marshmallows used to be a luxury only for the rich. Today, they cost much less.

The chocolatey? That's a milk chocolate bar. Milk chocolate has been around since 1875. It's made with chocolate, sugar, and milk.

No one's really sure who first thought of putting marshmallows and chocolate between graham crackers. It might have been the Girl Scouts. A 1927 Girl Scouts manual talks about the snack.

What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave.

S'more yumminess? Yes, please!

Information for this story came from AP. Video credit: Hilah Cooking

Dictionary

luxury (noun) something that costs a lot and is nice to have but is not really neededmanual (noun) a small book that gives instructions or helpful information about something

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Since...

Some people think Girl Scouts might have made s'mores first.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a box on the left that is labeled "Since". There is an arrow pointing to a box on the right. It is labeled "Then." The box says "Some people think Girl Scouts might have made s'mores first."

- A Girl Scouts manual talked about s'mores.
- B S'mores are made with milk chocolate.
- © Marshmallows were only for the rich.
- D Girl Scouts learn how to make campfires.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell .

- A How to make a s'more
- B When milk chocolate was first made
- © What milk chocolate is made of
- D How much marshmallows cost.

Question 3

Which word means almost the **same** as *manual*, as it is used in the Article?

- A Rhyme
- B Guide
- © Painting
- Newspaper

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Marshmallows were once eaten only by rich people.
- B Milk chocolate has milk, sugar, and chocolate.
- © A 1927 Girl Scouts manual talks about s'mores.
- D Graham crackers were first made in the late 1800s.

The Article says:

What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave.

This helps the reader to know
That oven s'mores are best
B That there are different ways to make s'mores
© That campfires are not safe
① That microwaves are not very easy to use
Question 6
Which two words have opposite meanings?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
Microwave and oven
Hold and keep
© Less and more
Between and with
Question 7
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells how milk chocolate is made?
The chocolatey? That's a milk chocolate bar. Milk chocolate has been around since 1875. It's made with
chocolate, sugar, and milk.
B The gooey? That's the marshmallow. Marshmallows used to be a luxury only for the rich. Today, they cost
much less.
© What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave. S'more yumminess?
Yes, please!
No one's really sure who first thought of putting marshmallows and chocolate between graham crackers. It
might have been the Girl Scouts.
Question 8
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Marshmallows used to be too sweet.
B S'mores are easy to make.
© Very few Girl Scouts made s'mores after 1927.
① It costs a lot of money to make s'mores.
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Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

S'mores always leave you beggin' for s'more!

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a summary of the Article. A summary tells what the main idea of a story is. To write a summary you should:

STEP 1: Read the Article.

STEP 2a: Look back at each paragraph. Find the main idea of each paragraph.

STEP 2b: Take out any facts that are not needed.

STEP 2c: Put everything—in your own words—into a few sentences.

STEP 3: Read your summary again.

STEP 4: Check your work. Make any last changes to your summary.

Global Game Fame (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In 2019, several video games were chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame. One game came out in 1976. Two others came out in the 1990s. What do you think?

Older video games are more fun to play.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: The Strong National Museum of Play via AP Each year, games are chosen for the World Video Game Hall of Fame.

ROCHESTER, New York (Achieve3000, May 10, 2019). Super Mario Kart. Microsoft Solitaire. Colossal Cave Adventure. What do these video games have in common? In 2019, they were chosen to be in the World Video Game Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame opened in New York in 2015. It's for the best and most important video games. Some of the games are from the past. But they have withstood the test of time.

Take *Colossal Cave Adventure*. It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming. *Microsoft Solitaire* is a computer card game from 1991. It taught players how to use a computer mouse. *Super Mario Kart* came out in 1992. It was the first *Mario Kart* racing game. Fun fact: Mario wasn't meant to be in the game, but a drawing of the plumber turned out to be a hit. The rest is history! *Information for this story came from AP*.

Dictionary

Hall of Fame (*noun*) a place to honor well-known people or things **plumber** (*noun*) someone who works on pipes, bathtubs, sinks, toilets, and other things that carry water

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

The World Video Game Hall of Fame is in New York. The World the hall of fame are important to the gaming world.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a large, empty rectangle. Above the rectangle, it says "Main Idea of the Article." Under the rectangle, there are two smaller boxes with arrows pointing up to the rectangle. Each small box includes a fact from the Article. The box on the left says "The World Video Game Hall of Fame is in New York." The box on the right says "The games in the hall of fame are important to the gaming world."

- Each year, the world's best video games enter the hall of fame.
- Colossal Cave Adventure is a video game that came out in 1976.
- © *Microsoft Solitaire* is a game that taught players how to use a mouse.
- Mario wasn't meant to be in a racing game, but a drawing of him was a hit.

Question 2

Which word means almost the same as plumber, as it is used in the Article?

- A Finder
- B Fixer
- © Farmer
- Fighter

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- (a) Colossal Cave Adventure helped start computer gaming.
- B The winners of the hall of fame are not always new games.
- © The World Video Game Hall of Fame began in 2015.
- D Super Mario Kart is more fun than Microsoft Solitaire.

Think about the Article. How is Microsoft Solitaire different from Super Mario Kart?

- Microsoft Solitaire taught players to use a mouse.
- B *Microsoft Solitaire* is played by many people.
- © Super Mario Kart came out in the 1990s.
- D Super Mario Kart is a video game.

Question 5

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

- Cave and mountain
- B Drawing and picture
- © Teach and study
- © Common and different

Ouestion 6

The Article says:

The hall of fame opened in New York in 2015. It's for the best and most important video games. Some of the games are from the past. But they have withstood the test of time.

Why is this in the Article? It shows _____.

- A Why people like the hall of fame
- B How to find the hall of fame
- © What the hall of fame is for
- Who goes to the hall of fame

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells why a game went into the hall of fame?

- Microsoft Solitaire is a computer card game from 1991.
- B Take Colossal Cave Adventure. It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming.
- © Fun fact: Mario wasn't meant to be in the game, but a drawing of the plumber turned out to be a hit.
- © Super Mario Kart. Microsoft Solitaire. Colossal Cave Adventure. What do these video games have in common?

Question 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- More games will go into the hall of fame next year.
- B Mario won't be a plumber in the new Super Mario Kart.
- © The hall of fame will open in a new place soon.
- © Colossal Cave Adventure will win next year's hall of fame.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Older video games are more fun to play.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Write a story about visiting the World Video Game Hall of Fame. Which video game did you most want to see and why? Use describing words from the Article in your answer.

Good, Bad, or Ugly? (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Many fruits and veggies are wasted because they don't look "perfect." Now, some companies are selling "ugly" fruits and veggies. They ship them to people's homes. What do you think?

All "ugly" produce should be given away to people in need.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Joshua McKerrow/The Baltimore Sun Does this carrot have a tail? A company is selling it anyway.

URBANDALE, Iowa (Achieve3000, May 6, 2019). You know those ugly fruits and vegetables? Would you buy them? Many people say they wouldn't. And that's why supermarkets sell only the prettiest produce.

Now, some companies are selling the ugly produce. They don't want it to go to waste. They offer it at a low price.

That sounds great. But not everyone is happy.

The Ugly Truth?

Critics say ugly produce isn't really wasted. Farmers sell it. It's used in the food service industry, where it gets cut up. Ugly produce is also used on farms. It's fed to animals. It can be added back to the soil for nutrients.

Not So Bad, After All?

Ugly produce companies are defending themselves. Food waste *is* a big problem, they say. About 30 to 40 percent of the U.S. food supply is wasted.

The companies can help stop this waste. Farmers can, too.

Dictionary

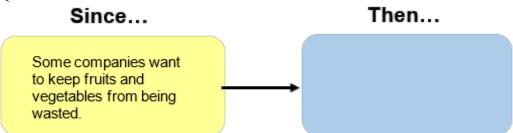
critic (noun) a person who finds something wrong in something or someonedefend (verb) to argue or fight for somethingindustry (noun) a type of trade or business

nutrient (noun) what a living thing needs to live, such as water and minerals

produce (noun) fruits and vegetables

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a box on the left that is labeled "Since". The box says "Some companies want to keep fruits and vegetables from being waster." There is an arrow pointing to a box on the right. It is labeled "Then."

- They sell the fruits and vegetables that supermarkets will not sell.
- B They sell fruits and vegetables that farmers cannot add to the soil.
- © They sell the fruits and vegetables that the food service industry cannot use.
- They sell fruits and vegetables that farm animals will not eat.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is **most** important to say?

- A The food service industry cuts up ugly produce.
- B Some companies are selling ugly produce so that it doesn't go to waste.
- © Supermarkets sell only the prettiest produce.
- D Ugly produce is used on farms to feed animals and add nutrients to the soil.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

- Supermarkets should only sell the prettiest produce.
- B Wasting 30 to 40 percent of food is not a big problem.
- © It is a terrible idea to buy and eat ugly fruits and vegetables.
- D Some companies sell ugly fruits and vegetables at low prices.

Question 4

Which word means almost the **same** as *defend*, as it is used in the Article?

- Guard
- B Ask
- © Hurt
- O Stop

Ouestion 5

The author probably wrote this Article in order to . .

- Explain why some companies sell ugly produce
- B Get people in the U.S. to stop wasting food
- © Tell readers to buy ugly fruits and vegetables
- D Tell readers that ugly produce feeds farm animals

Ouestion 6

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why some companies sell ugly produce?

- A You know those ugly fruits and vegetables? Would you buy them?
- B Many people say they wouldn't. And that's why supermarkets sell only the prettiest produce.
- © Ugly produce is also used on farms. It's fed to animals. It can be added back to the soil for nutrients.
- Def Food waste is a big problem, they say. About 30 to 40 percent of the U.S. food supply is wasted.

Ouestion 7

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) Think and visit
- Waste and save
- © Empty and clean
- Sell and join

Ouestion 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- (A) Farmers will give away all their ugly produce.
- ^(B) Ugly produce companies will say it is OK to waste food.
- © Ugly produce companies will sell food to farmers.
- Deople in the U.S. may continue to waste some food.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

All "ugly" produce should be given away to people in need.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Are ugly produce companies a good idea? Write what people on both sides of the argument believe. Which side do you agree with and why? Use facts and details from the Article to back up your answer.

Katherine the Great (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

One woman did math for NASA. She started in the 1950s. Back then, many African American women were told they could not have high-level jobs. What do you think?

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Joseph Rodriguez/AP Katherine Johnson made headlines.

HAMPTON, Virginia (Achieve3000, February 25, 2019). Katherine Johnson started working for NASA in the 1950s. She did math that helped people go into space. She's a hero.

The movie *Hidden Figures* is about Johnson and two other African American women. They worked at NASA as "human computers." One thing they worked on was trajectories.

Johnson's math was always right. In 1962, astronaut John Glenn was going into space. A programmed computer did the math. Glenn asked for Johnson to also do the math, just to be sure.

"If she says [it's] good, then I'm ready," Glenn said. The trip went well. Johnson's math helped other space trips go well, too.

Johnson left NASA in 1986. She turned 100 in 2018. She also wrote an autobiography. It's called *Reaching for the Moon*. It comes out in 2019.

Johnson's book is for young readers. She wants kids to believe they can do anything.

Information for this story came from AP.

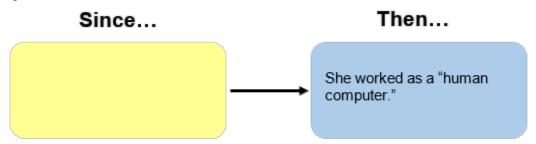
Video credit: NASA

Dictionary

autobiography (noun) the story of someone's life written by that person **NASA** (noun) a group that studies space; it is run by U.S. leaders **trajectory** (noun) the path of an object through space

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- A Katherine Johnson talked to John Glenn.
- B Katherine Johnson left NASA in 1986.
- © Katherine Johnson was great at math.
- Katherine Johnson wants kids to do well.

Question 2

What is the main idea of this Article?

- A Katherine Johnson turned 100 years old in 2018.
- B Katherine Johnson is a hero for her work at NASA.
- © Katherine Johnson wrote an autobiography.
- Katherine Johnson worked with other women.

Question 3

Think about the Article. Which must have taken place first?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- A Katherine Johnson helped John Glenn go into space.
- B Katherine Johnson wrote *Reaching for the Moon*.
- © Katherine Johnson got a job at NASA.
- D Katherine Johnson turned 100 years old.

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- Correct and wrong
- B Trips and rides
- © Also and too
- O Sure and certain

Question 5 Kay wants to know more about going into space. She should look A In a dictionary, under the word "autobiography" B In a book about different NASA trips At a photo of some "human computers" At a list of the actors in <i>Hidden Figures</i>
Question 6 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that Matherine Johnson only likes numbers, not words. Be Reaching for the Moon is too hard for most kids to read. Working at NASA was probably simple in the 1950s. Description:
Question 7 Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why Katherine Johnson is a math hero? A In 1962, astronaut John Glenn was going into space. A programmed computer did the math. B Johnson left NASA in 1986. C Johnson's math helped other space trips go well, too. D She turned 100 in 2018.
Question 8 The Article says: Johnson's math was always right. In 1962, astronaut John Glenn was going into space. A programmed computer did the math. Glenn asked for Johnson to also do the math, just to be sure.
Which must mean almost the opposite of <i>always</i> , as it is used above? Openly Secretly Often Never
Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe Katherine Johnson's work at NASA. How did she help lead the way for women and African Americans to do well in math and other technical fields? Use facts and details from the lesson in your answer.

Otzi the Iceman (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Ötzi the Iceman lived about 5,300 years ago. Scientists have been studying Ötzi since his body was found in 1991. What do you think?

Ötzi should be left alone.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Sergio Monti Photography/Shutterstock This is what Ötzi the Iceman may have looked like.

BOLZANO, Italy (Achieve3000, November 21, 2019). It was about 5,300 years ago. A man was climbing up a mountain in Italy. He was hurt, and it was cold. Would he stay alive? He would not. But today, people are learning all about him. Here's why.

Soon after he died, his body was covered and frozen in ice. It stayed frozen until 1991, when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

He was given the name Ötzi the Iceman, and scientists started studying him. What did they learn? He was about 46 years old when he died. And he was about 5 feet and 2 inches and 110 pounds (157 centimeters and 50 kilograms).

His clothes were made from hides and grass. And he had a copper ax, a bow, and arrows. Also, the materials used to make his tools came from other places that were far away. So did people trade goods back then? Probably so. There's still a lot to learn from Ötzi!

Dictionary

hide (noun) the skin of a usually large animal

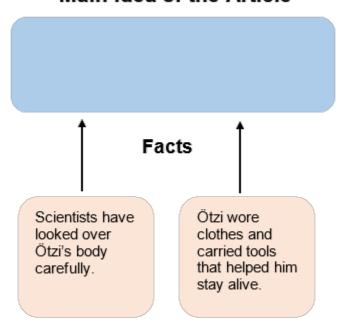
Neolithic (adjective) of or relating to the time during the Stone Age when people used stone tools and began to grow crops, raise animals, and live together in large groups but did not read or write

well-preserved (adjective) kept in good condition over a long period of time

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a large, empty rectangle. Above the rectangle, it says "Main Idea of the Article." Under the rectangle, there are two smaller boxes with arrows pointing up to the rectangle. Each small box includes a fact from the Article. The box on the left says "Scientists have looked over Otzi's body carefully." The box on the right says "Otzi wore clothes and carried tools that helped him stay alive."

- A Scientists think Ötzi was about 5 feet and 2 inches tall and 110 pounds (157 centimeters and 50 kilograms).
- B Clothes from the late-Neolithic period were made from grass and hides.
- © The tools Ötzi carried came from other places that were far away.
- Deliver The world is learning about the past from a man frozen in ice for more than 5,000 years.

Question 2

The Article says:

Soon after he died, his body was covered and frozen in ice. It stayed frozen until 1991, when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

What does this show?

- A why scientists can study Ötzi
- B what scientists found out about Ötzi
- © what made Ötzi die long ago
- D where Ötzi's body was found

Question 3 Which means almost the same as well-preserved? A large borrowed forgotten saved
Question 4 Which of these is an opinion? An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right. (A) Ötzi is the most interesting find ever because of what he has taught scientists. (B) Ötzi died on a mountain in Italy and was found in 1991 by two hikers. (C) Ötzi's clothes were made from animal hides and grass, and he carried a copper ax. (D) Ötzi's body is the first well-preserved body from the late-Neolithic period found in Europe.
Question 5 Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows what Ötzi has taught scientists about late-Neolithic times? Also, the materials used to make his tools came from other places that were far away. So did people trade goods back then? Probably so. By He was given the name Ötzi the Iceman, and scientists started studying him. What did they learn? Soon after he died, his body was covered and frozen in ice. It stayed frozen until 1991, when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.
Question 6 The Article says: His clothes were made from hides and grass. And he had a copper ax, a bow, and arrows. Also, the materials used to make his tools came from other places that were far away. Which means almost the same as materials? A parts B leaves C wheels
Question 7 Antonio wants to know more about Ötzi the Iceman. He should look Antonio wants to know more about Ötzi the Iceman. He should look and on a map of Italy during late-Neolithic times in an article about how people made their clothing long ago in a book about bows and arrows at a video on important findings of the late-Neolithic period

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

- Scientists will stop sharing information about Ötzi.
- B Scientists will keep studying Ötzi in hopes of learning more.
- © People will try to make their own clothes from hides and grass.
- D Many more bodies from the late-Neolithic period will be found.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Ötzi should be left alone.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who was Ötzi the Iceman? What have scientists learned about Ötzi? And what have they learned about the time when he lived? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Sniffing Out Extinction (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Trained dogs are now being used to help save endangered species. What do you think?

All endangered species are worth saving.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Marina Makouskaya/iStock/Getty Images Plus This dog can sniff out the scent of different animals on land and in water.

MELBOURNE, **Australia** (Achieve3000, December 4, 2019). Dogs can sniff out lots of things. They have a super sense of smell. It's 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than a person's! And that makes dogs pretty helpful. Dogs help police find everything: from missing persons to fake money.

Now dogs are using their sense of smell to help conservationists, too. What are they trying to sniff out now? Endangered species!

One of these species is the Baw Baw frog. It lives in southeastern Australia. Since 1980, 98 percent of the frogs have been wiped out. Fewer than 1,200 of them are left in the wild.

An Australian conservation group wants to help them. How? By breeding the frogs in zoos. Then, the frogs and their tadpoles will be put back in the wild.

The first step is to find the frogs. That's not easy. They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they burrow deep under mud. That's why two border collies are helping. The dogs have learned the Baw Baw frogs' smell. They sniff around to find them. And they lead conservationists right to the animals.

The frogs aren't the only animals being sniffed out. Dogs are helping to track down other animals, too. On the list: Silverspot butterfly caterpillars. Snow leopards. Koalas. And killer whales! All the dogs have to do is smell the animals' droppings. Then, the search begins.

Information for this story came from VOA. Video credit: Voice of America

Dictionary

breed (verb) to keep and take care of animals or plants in order to produce more animals or plants of a particular kind

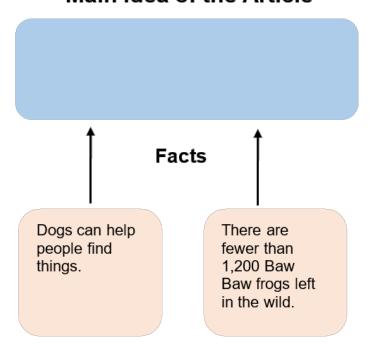
conservationist (noun) someone who works to protect animals, plants, and natural resources or to prevent the loss or waste of natural resources: a person who is involved in conservation **endangered** (adjective) used to describe a type of animal or plant that has become very rare and that could die out completely

species (noun) a group of animals or plants that are similar and can produce young animals or plants

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Ouestion 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- Many of the Baw Baw frogs in Australia have been wiped out.
- B Dogs have been used to find fake money and missing persons.
- © Dogs find endangered species so scientists can help them.
- D Baw Baw frogs live in hard-to-get-to forests of Australia.

Question 2

Think about the Article. Why do conservationists want to help the Baw Baw frogs?

- Onservationists want to send the Baw Baw frogs to zoos.
- Baw Baw frogs live in southeastern Australia.
- © Fewer than 1,200 Baw Baw frogs are left in the wild.
- D Baw Baw frogs burrow deep under mud in hard-to-get-to forests.

The Article says:

The first step is to find the frogs. That's not easy. They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they burrow deep under mud.

This helps the reader to know
how many frogs are left in the wild
why forests aren't good homes for frogs
© why it's hard to find Baw Baw frogs
how dogs are helping to find animals
Question 4
Which two words have almost the same meaning?
Only some of these words are used in the Article.
burrow and dig
B super and terrible
© smell and taste
help and hurt
Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
the dogs sniffed frog droppings before finding them
snow leopards are harder to find than koalas
onot all kinds of dogs have a good sense of smell
D Baw Baw frogs can't live outside of the forest
Question 6
Which is not in the Article?
Where the Baw Baw frog makes its home
How conservationists are trying to help Baw Baw frogs
How many Baw Baw frogs are left in the wild
Which type of dog is best at finding missing persons
Question 7
The Article says:
The first step is to <i>find</i> the frogs. That's not easy. They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And the burrow deep under mud.
Which means the opposite of <i>find</i> ?
6 feed
® carry
© train
(D) lose

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Baw Baw frogs are in danger of dying out completely?

- The first step is to find the frogs. That's not easy. They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they burrow deep under mud.
- (B) [The Baw Baw frog] lives in southeastern Australia. Since 1980, 98 percent of the frogs have been wiped out. Fewer than 1,200 of them are left in the wild.
- © The dogs have learned the Baw Baw frogs' smell. They sniff around to find them. And they lead conservationists right to the animals.
- D An Australian conservation group wants to help them. How? By breeding the frogs in zoos. Then, the frogs and their tadpoles will be put back in the wild.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. All endangered species are worth saving.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Explain how trained dogs help to save endangered species, such as the Baw Baw frog. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Social Media, Pompeii Style (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Today, people write their thoughts on websites like Facebook. Long ago, in the ancient city of Pompeii, people scribbled their thoughts on the walls of homes and buildings. What do you think?

People should always find a way to share their thoughts.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



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More than 11,000 graffiti samples like this have been found at Pompeii.

POMPEII, Italy (Achieve3000, January 28, 2020). Today, people post messages on cyber walls. Facebook fans know how *that* works. But did you know that people who lived in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii also posted messages on walls? Real walls, that is.

Some of the messages were written using charcoal and paint. Others were scratched into the walls of buildings and homes.

And believe it or not, many of those walls still stand today. Yes, 2,000 years later! Some of the messages are still there, too. But how could this be?

In 79 CE, the volcano Mount Vesuvius hit. It destroyed Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this, Pompeii kept standing. It's as if it were frozen in time. Then came the mid-1700s. People started digging out the city. And the messages were found.

So, what did Pompeians write about? They shared their feelings and thoughts. They also shared news and helpful tips.

Here are some of their messages:

Health to you, Victoria. And wherever you are, may you sneeze sweetly.

Stronius Stronnius knows nothing!

A copper pot went missing from my shop...

The man I am having dinner with is a barbarian.

Forget sites like Facebook. This was social media, the Pompeii way.

Video credit: Achieve3000

Dictionary

ancient (adjective) of, coming from, or belonging to a time that was long ago in the past **ash** (noun) the soft gray powder that remains after something (such as a cigarette or wood) has been completely burned and destroyed by fire

barbarian (noun) a person who does not behave in a proper way: a rude or uneducated person

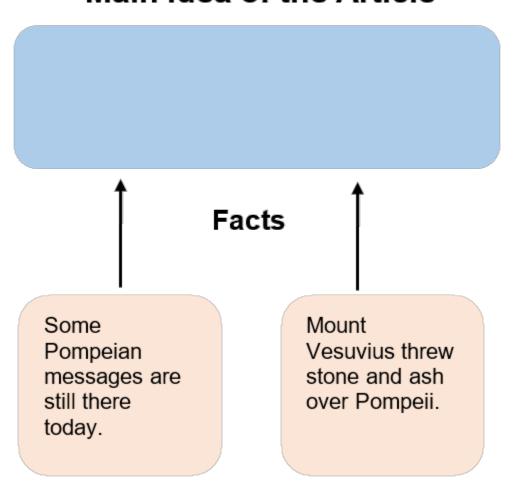
cyber (adjective) computer

volcano (noun) a mountain with a hole in the top or side that sometimes sends out rocks, ash, lava, etc., in a sudden explosion (called an eruption)

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- A The people of Pompeii wrote messages on walls.
- B Pompeians shared news and helpful tips.
- © Mount Vesuvius hit Pompeii in 79 CE.
- Deople began digging out Pompeii in the mid-1700s.

Question 2
Which of these is an opinion?
An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right. Some of Pompeii's messages were written in paint.
B Pompeians wrote down their thoughts on walls.
© It's fun to read the messages on Pompeii's walls.
In 79 CE, Mount Vesuvius hit and covered Pompeii.
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Question 3
The Article says:
In 79 CE, the volcano Mount Vesuvius hit. It destroyed Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But <i>under</i> all of this, Pompeii kept standing. It's as if it were frozen in time.
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This helps the reader to know
why Pompeii was saved for so long
® where Pompeii can be found
who first found the city of Pompeii
why people wrote on Pompeii's walls
Question 4
Which means the opposite of <i>ancient</i> ?
(A) wrong
® fun
© new
© strange
Question 5
Camila wants to know more about the people who lived in Pompeii before the volcano hit. She should look
at a TV show called <i>Life in Old Pompeii</i> at a movie about the world's largest volcano
at a movie about the world's largest volcano in a book about the person who found Pompeii
on a map showing where Mount Vesuvius is
on a map showing where would vesuvius is
Question 6
The Article says:
Today, people <u>post</u> messages on cyber walls. Facebook fans know how that works.
Which means almost the same as <i>post</i> ?
(A) lose
® write
© find
(b) read

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows why many buildings in Pompeii are still there today?

- (A) So, what did Pompeians write about? They shared their feelings and thoughts.
- B Today, people post messages on cyber walls. Facebook fans know how that works.
- © The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this, Pompeii kept standing. It's as if it were frozen in time.
- D But did you know that people who lived in the ancient Roman city of Pompeii also posted messages on walls? Real walls, that is.

Question 8

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Mho found out that a city was buried at Pompeii
- B When Pompeii was hit by Mount Vesuvius
- © Why Pompeii is like a city frozen in time
- (D) What messages were posted on Pompeii's walls

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **People should always find a way to share their thoughts.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Tell what happened to Pompeii in 79 CE and what's been found thousands of years later. Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Soldier in the Wild (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A Japanese soldier stayed hidden on Guam 28 years after World War II ended. When he finally returned to Japan, he was given a hero's welcome. What do you think?

All soldiers are heroes.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP Photo
This photo of Shoichi Yokoi was taken shortly after his hiding ended in 1972.

TALOFOFO, Guam (Achieve3000, August 27, 2019). It was 1943. World War II (WWII) was going strong. And 27-year-old Shoichi Yokoi was a soldier in the Imperial Japanese Army. He was stationed on Guam, which had been taken over by Japan.

In 1944, U.S. soldiers came to free Guam. Afraid for his life, Yokoi fled to the jungles to hide.

In 1945, Japan surrendered to the Allied Forces. WWII was over. But Yokoi didn't know. He stayed in hiding for the next seven years.

And that's just the half of it.

In 1952, Yokoi learned that the war had ended. But he kept hiding for another 20 years! Why not surrender and go home? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to fight to the death. They believed surrendering was shameful.

In 1972, Yokoi was found by two fishermen. He felt ashamed to return home to Japan. But he got a hero's welcome.

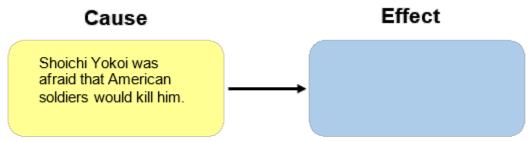
Video Credit: AP Archive

Dictionary

loyalty (noun) a loyal feeling: a feeling of strong support for someone or something **shameful** (adjective) very bad: bad enough to make someone ashamed **surrender** (verb) to agree to stop fighting, hiding, resisting, etc., because you know that you will not win or succeed

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a box on the left that is labeled "Cause". The box says "Shoichi Yokoi was afraid that American soldiers would kill him." There is an arrow pointing to a box on the right. It is labeled "Effect."

- A Yokoi fled to the jungles of Guam.
- B Yokoi fought the American soldiers.
- © Yokoi was ashamed to go back to Japan.
- D Yokoi got a hero's welcome in Japan.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

- (A) Yokoi hid in the jungles of Guam for many years.
- B Yokoi felt ashamed to go back to Japan.
- © Yokoi didn't know, in 1945, that Japan surrendered.
- (D) Yokoi was stationed on the island of Guam.

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which must have happened *last*?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- A Yokoi fled to the jungles of Guam.
- B Yokoi heard the war had ended.
- © Yokoi was stationed on Guam.
- D Yokoi became a hero in Japan.

Question 4

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- (A) end and finish
- B soldier and brother
- © death and life
- b hide and block

Question 5 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that A Yokoi fought with many American soldiers. B Yokoi didn't feel good about going back to Japan. C Yokoi didn't want to become a Japanese soldier. D Yokoi tried to go home sometime in 1952.
Question 6 The Article says: Why not surrender and go home? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to fight to the death. They believed surrendering was shameful.
Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know A that Yokoi really didn't want to fight B that Yokoi wasn't happy with his country C the reason why Yokoi stayed on Guam D the reason why Japanese soldiers surrendered
Question 7 A soldier is someone who A goes to Japan B fights in a war C lives on an island D lived long ago
Question 8 Which is not in the Article? A How Yokoi felt about going home B Why Yokoi stayed hidden after 1952 C How Yokoi learned the war had ended D Why Yokoi fled into the jungle

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

All soldiers are heroes.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Who was Shoichi Yokoi? And why did he remain hidden on Guam until 1972? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

Teen Pilot Breaks World Record (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

In April 2019, Mason Andrews became the youngest pilot to fly alone around the world. Here's what Mason wants kids to know. What do you think?

"Anything is possible."

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Used with permission from Mason Andrews Mason Andrews flew this plane around the world.

MONROE, Louisiana (Achieve3000, April 12, 2019). Mason Andrews studies aviation in college. But he already holds a flying record.

Mason flew alone around the world. In April 2019, Guinness World Records named him the youngest pilot to do that.

Mason left Louisiana in July 2018. His trip took 76 days. He landed back home in October 2018. He was 18 years and 163 days old.

Mason flew 180 hours during his trip. It wasn't easy. There was a sandstorm. It was during a flight from Egypt to Dubai. He also flew through a scary monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal. And in the Philippines, there were bad typhoons. They kept Mason grounded for nearly three weeks.

Mason asked sponsors to pay for the trip. He also raised over \$30,000 for MedCamps of Louisiana. The group helps kids with special needs.

Now, Mason has some advice for kids. What is it?

"Anything is possible."

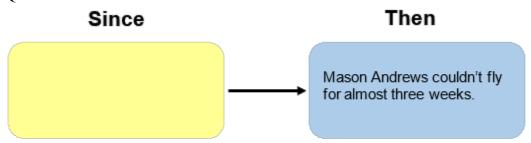
Video Credit: Taylor Yakowenko Published on Oct 6, 2018 Edited for length

Dictionary

aviation (noun) the flying, designing, or making of aircraft
 monsoon (noun) a wind that carries heavy rains to southern Asia
 sandstorm (noun) a desert storm in which strong winds blow clouds of sand
 sponsor (noun) a person or group that gives money to support an event or a person
 typhoon (noun) a very strong storm that forms in the western Pacific or Indian Oceans

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1



Based on the Article, which fits best in the empty box above?

- (A) Mason asked sponsors to pay for his trip.
- B There was a monsoon over the Bay of Bengal.
- © There were bad typhoons in the Philippines.
- D Mason was studying aviation in college.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say?

- Mason Andrews landed in Louisiana in October 2018.
- B Mason Andrews became the youngest pilot to fly around the world.
- © Mason Andrews raised money for MedCamps of Louisiana.
- D Mason Andrews studies aviation in college.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

- Mason was brave to fly around the world when he was 18 years old.
- Mason flew through a sandstorm between Egypt and Dubai.
- © A monsoon is the scariest kind of storm to fly through.
- Advice from young people is usually the best advice for kids.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- A Easy and slow
- B Pilot and teen
- © Youngest and oldest
- D Sponsors and companies

The Article says:

There was a sandstorm. It was during a flight from Egypt to Dubai. He also flew through a scary monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal. And in the Philippines, there were bad typhoons. They kept Mason grounded for nearly three weeks.

Wh	y is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to understand
W (A)	hy it wasn't easy for Mason to fly around the world
	ow a sandstorm is different from a monsoon
	ow long it takes to fly from Egypt to Dubai
	hy people like Mason love flying through storms
Quest	
_	about the Article. The reader can tell that
	's unlikely that Mason Andrews will stop dreaming big.
	's probably easier to fly through a typhoon than a sandstorm.
_	lost flying records are very easy to break.
(D) M	Iason Andrews must have a lot of money.
Quest	tion 7
The A	Article says:
	[Mason] also flew through a scary monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal.
-	ich must mean almost the same as <i>over</i> ?
	etween
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© Ir	
① A	bove
Quest	
Look record	at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Mason's trip did more than break a flying
	lason flew alone around the world. In April 2019, Guinness World Records named him the youngest pilot
to do	
_	e also raised over \$30,000 for MedCamps of Louisiana. The group helps kids with special needs.
© H	is trip took 76 days. He landed back home in October 2018.
	Iason flew 180 hours during his trip. It wasn't easy.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. "Anything is possible."

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Describe Mason Andrews. What did he do? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

The Early-Late Debate (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Some people want later start times for middle schools and high schools. These people want start times pushed back until 8 a.m. or later. What do you think?

Middle schools and high schools should start later.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Tom Wang/Shutterstock.com

Too tired to learn? Some people think schools should start later.

SACRAMENTO, California (Achieve3000, October 30, 2019). Good news for students who like to snooze! Some schools are starting later.

High schools in Seattle start at 8:45 a.m. Or even later! And California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools won't start before 8:30 a.m. Middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.

Why? Because of research about how adolescents sleep. Most teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. If they get up at 6 a.m., they miss out on some good z's!

Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.

But some people think starting schools later isn't so smart. It could be hard to have enough buses and drivers. Schools that start later finish later, too. That leaves students with less free time. For what? Sports, jobs, and homework. And of course...fun!

Would you rather start school early? Or snoozzzzzzzzzze?

Dictionary

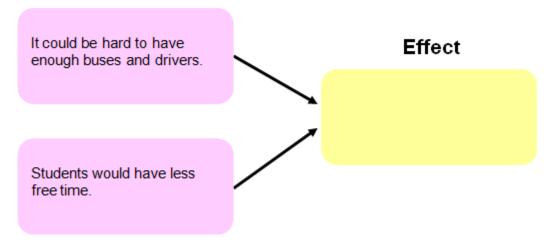
adolescent (noun) a young person who is developing into an adult : a young person who is going through adolescence

research (noun) careful study that is done to find and report new knowledge about something

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

Causes



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There two boxes on the left. They are labeled "Causes." The top box says "It could be hard to have enough buses and drivers." The bottom box says "Students would have less free time." Two arrows are pointing from these boxes to a box on the right. This box is labeled "Effect."

- Not getting enough sleep can cause health problems.
- B High schools in Seattle start at 8:45 a.m.
- © Students who don't sleep enough can have trouble learning.
- D Some people think it's not smart to start school later.

Question 2

What is the Article mainly about?

- Students who don't get the sleep they need can have health and learning problems.
- B Starting school later leaves less time for sports, jobs, chores, homework, and fun.
- © Scientists are studying how much adolescents should sleep and when they sleep best.
- Some people are talking about starting schools later and if it's smart to do so.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A California middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.
- B Teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m.
- © Getting enough sleep helps students learn.
- D Students in California will like going to school later.

Question 4

Which means almost the **same** as *adolescent*?

- (A) woman
- [®] man
- © twin
- ① teen

Question 5 The Article does not say What students think about schools starting later why people think starting schools later isn't smart
 where later school start times are happening what times adolescents get their best sleep
Question 6
The Article states:
Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too
This passage helps the reader to know
why it's hard for students to get enough sleep
how important sleep is for students
© how sleep research is being done on students
what problems all students have
Question 7
Which two words have opposite meanings?
trouble and problem
B law and rule
© good and smart

start and finish

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that some schools believe the research about how adolescents sleep best?

- A But some people think starting schools later isn't so smart. It could be hard to have enough buses and drivers. Schools that start later finish later, too. That leaves students with less free time.
- B Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.
- © High schools in Seattle start at 8:45 a.m. Or even later! And California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools won't start before 8:30 a.m. Middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.
- Why? Because of research about how adolescents sleep. Most teens sleep best between 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. If they get up at 6 a.m., they miss out on some good z's!

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Middle schools and high schools should start later.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Do you think middle schools and high schools should start later in the day? Why or why not? Use facts and details from the Article to back up your answer.

The Last Generation? (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Some people from the Pacific Islands are working to stop climate change. Rising seas could take away their homeland. What do you think?

Everyone should work together to stop climate change.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: maloff/Shutterstock

This is the city of Majuro. It's in the Marshall Islands, a Pacific Island nation.

MAJURO, **Marshall Islands** (Achieve3000, November 7, 2019). There are 11 countries in the Pacific Islands. But they all have one big problem. That problem is climate change.

Climate change causes seas to rise. That's bad news for the islands. Here's why: They have low elevations. They'd be among the first harmed by rising seas.

But could the Pacific Islands ever be wiped out? Islands like Fiji and Samoa? It's possible. Some young islanders wonder: Could *they* be the last generation to live on those islands?

But the islanders are fighting the problem. Change can start with cargo ships. Most of the islands' goods are brought in on these ships. But they put out almost 3 percent of the world's carbon emissions. This makes climate change worse.

So six Pacific Island countries joined forces. This was in 2019. Together, they pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping by 40 percent by 2030. By 2050, they want zero-carbon shipping.

How will they do it? By using carbon-free technologies. These could be powered by the wind and sun.

Sea levels are rising. But hopes aren't sinking in the Pacific Islands.

Video credit: United Nations

Dictionary

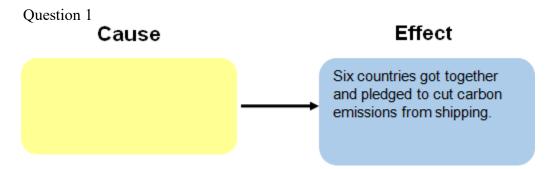
elevation (noun) the height of a place

emission (noun) something sent out or given off

generation (noun) a group of people born and living during the same time

pledge (verb) to formally promise to give or do (something)

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There are two boxes. The box on the left is labeled "Cause." There is an arrow pointing to a box on the right. The box on the right is labeled "Effect," and it says "Six countries got together and pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping."

- The Pacific Islands are made up of 11 different countries.
- B Pacific Islanders know that the oceans are not clean.
- © Sea levels are falling around the Pacific Islands.
- D Pacific Island countries want to fight climate change.

Question 2

The Article talks mainly about .

- My Pacific Island countries put out so many emissions
- B how Pacific Islanders will cut shipping emissions
- © how the Pacific Islands are making carbon-free technologies
- why other countries are helping the Pacific Islanders

Question 3

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

Only some of these words are used in the Article.

- A harmed and hurt
- B problem and secret
- worse and better
- D possible and wonderful

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

- Which emissions from shipping are causing problems
- B What some of the names are of the Pacific Island countries
- © Why climate change is a threat to the Pacific Islands
- Why only some of the countries are working together

Question 5 The Article says: So six Pacific Island countries joined forces. This was in 2019. Together, they pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping by 40 percent by 2030. By 2050, they want zero-carbon shipping.
This helps the reader to know
A that zero shipping emissions is not possible
B how dangerous climate change is
© that shipping to the islands will be stopped
(D) how islanders plan to fight climate change
Question 6
The Article says: There are 11 countries in the Pacific Islands. But they all have one big <i>problem</i> . That problem is climate change. Climate change causes seas to rise. That's bad news for the islands.
Which means almost the same as <i>problem</i> ?
(A) trouble
B beginning
© wonder
(D) difference
Question 7
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
most of Fiji and Samoa are already underwater
(B) too much trash is in the Pacific Ocean
© there can never be zero emissions from shipping

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells who is working to fight climate change?

wind energy doesn't make climate change worse

- A So six Pacific Island countries joined forces. This was in 2019. Together, they pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping by 40 percent by 2030. By 2050, they want zero-carbon shipping.
- B Climate change causes seas to rise. That's bad news for the islands. Here's why: They have low elevations. They'd be among the first harmed by rising seas.
- E How will they do it? By using carbon-free technologies. These could be powered by the wind and sun.
- D But could the Pacific Islands ever be wiped out? Islands like Fiji and Samoa? It's possible. Some young islanders wonder: Could *they* be the last generation to live on those islands?

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

Everyone should work together to stop climate change.

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

How is climate change harming the Pacific Islands? What are some Pacific Island nations doing about this problem? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.

The Truth About Dogs (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

A new exhibit teaches about dogs. What do you think of this quote by Josh Billings?

"A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: AP/Richard Vogel
People at the exhibition can learn how dogs see.

LOS ANGELES, California (Achieve3000, May 5, 2019). Why do dogs smell things? Why do people and dogs get along so well?

The California Science Center answers these questions and more in an exhibition called "Dogs! A Science Tail." The exhibition opened in March 2019. It will go to museums around the U.S. in 2020. Here's what it teaches us about dogs:

1. They have a pee-culiar interest.

Dogs sniff around fire hydrants. Visitors to the exhibition can find out why. But here's the answer: Dogs learn from smelling pee. They can tell how safe the area is.

2. They're doggone smart.

Dogs use their other senses, too. They notice movement better than people do. And they can hear very soft sounds.

3. They're heroic.

Dogs aren't just smart. They can be heroes. A movie at the exhibition shows dogs saving people.

4. Yes, they love us, too.

People love dogs. But do dogs love people?

"It's a mutual affection," says Diane Perlov. She helped with the exhibition.

5. They go way back with humans.

Scientists don't know when people and dogs first connected. But dogs are related to wolves. And humans and wolves crossed paths thousands of years ago, says Perlov.

It seems we've been best friends fur-ever.

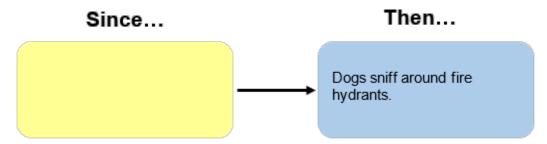
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Dictionary

connect (verb) to link with someone or something
exhibition (noun) a show
movement (noun) the act of moving
mutual affection (noun) shared feeling of love
related (adjective) to be part of the same family

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

- Oppose notice movement better than people do.
- B It's one of the ways dogs act like wolves.
- © It's one of the ways dogs can tell how safe an area is.
- Dogs are able to hear very soft sounds.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell ______.

- The California Science Center has an exhibition about dogs.
- B Dogs are able to see movement better than people.
- © Scientists do not know when dogs and people first became friends.
- D Humans and wolves crossed paths thousands of years ago.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A movie shows dogs saving people.
- B Smart dogs are the best pets to have.
- © Scientists know that dogs are related to wolves.
- Dogs can tell how safe an area is by sniffing.

Question 4 Which two words have opposite meanings? Only some of these words are used in the Article. A Heroic and brave B Questions and answers C Connected and related D People and humans
Question 5 Think about the Article. The reader can tell that As dogs spend more time with people, they will stop sniffing fire hydrants. B Most people notice things in an area before their dogs do. C People were closer to their dogs thousands of years ago. D People like dogs partly because dogs are helpful.
Question 6 The Article says: Scientists don't know when people and dogs first connected. But dogs are related to wolves. And humans and wolves crossed paths thousands of years ago, says Perlov.
What does this show?
 A People and dogs have likely been together for a very long time. B Dogs connect with wolves better than they do with people. C Perlov doesn't know very much about dogs. D Scientists think dogs were around before wolves.
Question 7 The Article says: Dogs sniff around fire hydrants. Visitors to the exhibition can find out why. But here's the
answer: Dogs learn from smelling pee. They can tell how safe the area is.
Which must mean almost the same as <i>tell</i> , as it is used above?
 Wonder Know Remember Forget
Ornestian 9
Question 8 Which passage from the Article best supports the idea that dogs have good senses other than a great sense of smell? And they can hear very soft sounds.
B Dogs learn from smelling pee.
© Dogs sniff around fire hydrants.
Degree that the hydranis. They go way back with humans.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

"A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Think about telling a friend about the "Dogs!" exhibition. What would you share? Use descriptive words from the Article in your answer.

Welcome to Batuu (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

It's been said that Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places on Earth. Now, the Disney parks in California and Florida have added an attraction from "a galaxy far, far away"—Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. What do you think?

Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places in the galaxy.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo Credit: Disney Parks
This starship can be found at Disney's Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge.

ORLANDO, Florida (Achieve3000, September 26, 2019). It's a dream come true for Star Wars fans! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a fun new land where people can feel like they're part of a Star Wars story.

Galaxy's Edge is open at Disneyland in California. There's one at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Florida, too.

Galaxy's Edge sits on 14 acres of land. And guess what? It's set up as a new planet! The planet is called Batuu. And it was built from the ground up. Some parts even look like real places. Take Batuu's forest. It's like Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park.

What else is cool about Batuu? It's a hot spot for traders and explorers. And it has a story. The workers, food, and goods are all part of that story. You can be, too. You might even be questioned by a stormtrooper. It's like being on an alien planet.

Video credit: Courtesy Disney, with music by Valeriano Chiaravalle/proudmusiclibrary.com

Dictionary

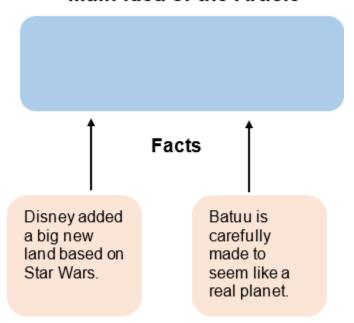
alien (adjective) from somewhere other than the planet Earth

explore (verb) to travel over or through (a place) in order to learn more about it or to find something

trader (noun) a person who buys, sells, or exchanges goods

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a large, empty rectangle. Above the rectangle, it says "Main Idea of the Article." Under the rectangle, there are two smaller boxes with arrows pointing up to the rectangle. Each small box includes a fact from the Article. The box on the left says "Disney added a big new land based on Star Wars." The box on the right says "Batuu is carefully made to seem like a real planet."

- @ Galaxy's Edge is at Disneyland in California and Disney's Hollywood Studios in Florida.
- At Disney's Galaxy's Edge, the planet of Batuu is a hot spot for traders and explorers.
- © Galaxy's Edge is built to look like such real places as Petrified Forest National Park.
- Disney opened Galaxy's Edge where visitors feel like they're part of a Star Wars story.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right.

- A The planet in Galaxy's Edge is named Batuu.
- B There are traders and explorers on Batuu.
- © The Star Wars story is the best part of Galaxy's Edge.
- D Galaxy's Edge is open for people to see now.

Question 3

The Article says:

It's a dream come true for Star Wars fans! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a fun new land where people can feel like they're part of a Star Wars story.

This passage helps the reader to know that . .

- A Star Wars fans will really want to go to Galaxy's Edge
- B Galaxy's Edge will not stay open for very long
- © Disney built the new land for people to spend the night there
- D people who go to Galaxy's Edge must act out a story

Question 4
Which means almost the same as <i>explore</i> ?
(A) climb
(B) throw
© race
(D) hunt
Question 5
Think about the Article. The reader can tell that
Disney believes many people will want to go to Galaxy's Edge
the next Star Wars movie will take place on the planet of Batuu
the Batuu forest is based on a place from the Star Wars movies
nore people will go to Galaxy's Edge in California than in Florida
Question 6
Anna Maria wants to know what an <i>acre</i> is. She could find this out by using a
globe
(B) dictionary
© calendar
D newspaper
Question 7
The Article says:
The workers, food, and goods are all part of that story. You can be, too. You might even be <i>questioned</i> by a stormtrooper.
Which means the opposite of <i>questioned</i> ?
(A) whispered
B believed
© answered
(D) joked
Question 8
Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that acting is part of the job for people who work Galaxy's Edge?
A It's a drawn same two for Star Wars fond In 2010 Disney annual Star Wars. Colovyla Edge It's a fun r

- (b) It's a dream come true for Star Wars fans! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a fun new land where people can feel like they're part of a Star Wars story.
- [®] The workers, food, and goods are all part of that story. You can be, too. You might even be questioned by a stormtrooper.
- © Galaxy's Edge sits on 14 acres of land. And guess what? It's set up as a new planet! The planet is called Batuu. And it was built from the ground up.
- D Take Batuu's forest. It's like Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park. What else is cool about Batuu? It's a hot spot for traders and explorers.

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **Disney parks are "the happiest" and "most magical" places in the galaxy.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

Imagine that you are telling a friend about Disney's new Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge in California and Florida. What would you say? Use describing words and phrases from the Article in your answer.

Women Adventurers (400L)

Step 1: Before Reading Poll (Write Your Answer)

Centuries ago, women were expected to stay home and raise families. But some brave women chose to take off on amazing adventures around the world. What do you think?

People should live life the way they want to, not how they're expected to.

Do you agree or disagree?

Step 2: Article (Read the Article)



Photo credit: Left to right: Cristoforo Dall'Acqua, Wellcome Collection, Library of Congress

Left to right: Jeanne Baret, the first woman to sail around the globe. Lady Hester Stanhope, who led an archaeological dig. And Nellie

Bly, who traveled around the world in 72 days.

RED BANK, New Jersey (Achieve3000, January 31, 2020). These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. They have all kinds of adventures. This wasn't true hundreds of years ago. Back then, women were expected to stay home. But that didn't stop these three women from taking off and doing big things.

Jeanne Baret (1740-1807): Baret was a French scientist. She studied plants. *And*, she was the first woman to sail around the world. In 1766, Baret wanted to set sail with a group of scientists. But they were all men. Women weren't allowed to travel on French navy ships. So, Baret disguised herself as a man. And she sailed away!

Lady Hester Stanhope (1776-1839): Stanhope was from England. But she wanted to travel. She traveled throughout the Middle East by herself. And she led an archaeological dig there. She was the first woman to do this.

Nellie Bly (1864-1922): Bly was a journalist. In 1887, she wrote a story about hidden problems at a mental hospital. She disguised herself as a patient at the hospital. Then she wrote an alarming six-part report. The story made Bly well-known. It also led the way for other women journalists. Two years later, Bly set a world record. She traveled around the globe in 72 days!

Dictionary

archaeology (noun) a science that deals with past human life and activities by studying the bones, tools, etc., of ancient people

disguise (verb) to change the usual appearance, sound, taste, etc., of (someone or something) so that people will not recognize that person or thing

journalism (noun) the activity or job of collecting, writing, and editing news stories for newspapers, magazines, television, or radio

mental (adjective) of or relating to the mind

navy (noun) the part of a country's military forces that fights at sea using ships, submarines, airplanes, etc.

Step 3: Activity (Answer the Questions)

Question 1

What Happened Next?

A scientist was the first woman to sail around the world.

A journalist wrote a story about the problems at a hospital.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

This question asks about when events happened. It does not ask where in the Article the events show up. Look back at the Article for clues, like dates.

- (A) A woman disguised herself as a man and sailed around the world.
- **B** A woman traveled through the Middle East and dug for treasures.
- © A woman was asked to study plants on a French navy ship.
- D A woman set a record traveling around the world in 72 days.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell .

- hat Nellie Bly's six-part report about life inside a hospital made her a well-known reporter
- [®] that people thought women should stay at home years ago, but some took off on their own
- © that French scientists traveled all around the world in 1766 to learn more about plants
- **(D)** that women today go into space, sail around the world, and have all kinds of adventures

Question 3

The Article says:

In 1766, Baret wanted to set sail with a group of scientists. But they were all men. Women weren't allowed to travel on French navy ships. So, Baret disguised herself as a man. And she sailed away!

The author uses this passage mostly to _____.

- A point out that the best scientists in France were men
- B explain that dressing like a man made Baret a scientist
- © describe the danger of sneaking onto a navy ship
- b show that a scientist can be a man or a woman

Question 4 Which of these is an opinion? An opinion tells what a person thinks or feels. Others may not think this is right. A Lady Stanhope traveled throughout the Middle East by herself. B It wasn't a good idea for Jeanne Baret to disguise herself as a man. C Jeanne Baret studied plants and sailed around the world with scientists. D Nellie Bly set a world record traveling around the world in 72 days.
Question 5 Which means the opposite of navy? A pond B rock C army D office
Question 6 Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how some women live today? A Bly was a journalist. In 1887, she wrote a story about hidden problems at a mental hospital. B Women weren't allowed to travel on French navy ships. So, Baret disguised herself as a man. C These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. They have all kinds of adventures. D Two years later, Bly set a world record. She traveled around the globe in 72 days!
Question 7 Which two words have opposite meanings? Only some of these words are used in the Article. A woman and lady sail and travel ship and boat true and false
Question 8 The Article does not say A how long it took Baret to sail around the world where Nellie Bly wrote her six-part report how long it took Nellie Bly to set a world record why Jeanne Baret disguised herself as a man

Step 4: After Reading Poll (Did you change your mind?)

Now that you have read the article, indicate whether you agree or disagree with this statement. **People should live life the way they want to, not how they're expected to.**

- Agree
- Disagree

Step 5: Thought Question (Write Your Response)

What's one word that describes Jeanne Baret, Lady Hester Stanhope, and Nellie Bly? What actions by these women back up your answer? Use facts and details from the Article in your answer.



A Musical Pioneer

Answer key

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

D Pitse gives young black singers a chance to use their gifts.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

A The music of African composers sounds really good.

Question 3

The Article says:

At classical music concerts, you often hear music written long ago by European composers. Beethoven is one example. But Pitse's group plays pieces by African composers. This lets listeners know: Classical music is alive in Africa.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know .

B how Pitse is bringing African classical music to the world

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

C start and begin

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

D Pitse wants to help other people

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

C Why Pitse likes Beethoven

Question 7

The Article says:

Pitse, who loved music as a child, put together a choir in 2017. She picked great young singers. They lived in *poor* communities. Pitse gave them a chance to use their gifts.

Which means the **opposite** of *poor*?

A rich

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that most classical conductors are men?

C In the world of classical music, Pitse is a pioneer. In 2017, a study was done. It found that only 5 of the world's top 100 conductors were women.

Ancient Lines in the Sand

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article

Facts

The Nazca
Lines were
made by taking
away dark rocks
annusls, and
more.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

A The Nazca Lines are pictures made in the sands of Peru.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

B It's a waste of time to figure out what the lines mean.

Question 3

The Article says:

What do you see below? Big drawings on the ground! They're called geoglyphs. They're seen in the desert sands. They're of animals, plants, and more.

This helps the reader to know .

A what the Nazca Lines look like

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

C more and less

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ...

D it's hard to see the animal shapes from the ground

Question 6

Which is not in the Article?

C Why researchers made the lines

Question 7

The Article says:

Some are as large as the Statue of Liberty! But people didn't *notice* them until 1927. That's when a Peruvian archaeologist first found some.

Which means almost the same as notice?

D see

Question 8

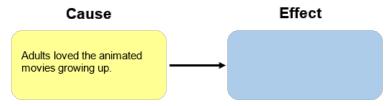
Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how the Nazca Lines were made?

A By taking away some of the dark rocks that covered the ground to show the lighter-colored desert sand underneath.

Animated Favorites Get Real

Answer key

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a box on the left that is labeled "Cause". The box says "Adults loved the animated movies growing up." There is an arrow pointing to a box on the right. It is labeled "Effect."

D They take their kids to see the remakes.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

A People love the new live-action remakes of animated movies.

Question 3

Which is not in the Article?

C Which animated characters people like

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

B hit and winner

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ...

A kids like movies with characters like them

Question 6

The Article says:

Live-action remakes can make lots of money. They have a winning formula. It starts with stories fans love. Add characters who seem like old friends. Throw in big stars. Mix in special effects. And ka-ching! It's box office gold.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know _____

A why moviemakers remake animated movies

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why a parent might go and see today's live-action movies?

B The power of nostalgia helps. Adults loved these movies growing up. So they like taking their kids to see them.

Question 8

The Article says:

What do you think about live-action remakes? Whatever your take, these movies are a whole new world for fans.

Which means almost the same as take?

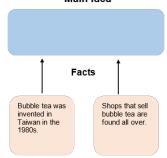
B view

Bubble Tea Is Blowing Up

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

DPeople now love bubble tea in Asia, the U.S., and beyond.

Question 2

Which word means almost the same as invent, as it is used in the Article?

ACreate

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which must have happened first?

CMilk tea was made.

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

BChocolate pudding is the tastiest flavor.

Question 5

Rosa wants to know more about bubble tea flavors. She should look on a website about

CMaking your own bubble tea

Question 6

The Article says:

Bubble tea shops can be great places to chill. In some places, kids go there to hang out with friends. They may play games or study.

Which word means almost the **same** as *chill*, as it is used above?

ARest

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that bubble tea shops can be fun places to go?

DBubble tea shops can be great places to chill. In some places, kids go there to hang out with friends.

Question 8

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

CMore and more people like to drink bubble tea.

Cooking Up Native Traditions

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

C Sherman is bringing back healthy Native American food traditions.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

C Sherman's recipes really taste great.

Question 3

The Article says:

The foods given to many Native Americans, like those in [Sherman's] cupboard growing up, aren't healthy. This causes health problems. Diabetes is one. But Native foods are good for people. They have less salt, sugar, and fats. Sherman hopes more people will eat these foods.

This helps the reader to know .

A why Sherman is bringing back Native foods

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

A later and earlier

Question 5

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

C More people will learn about Native American foods.

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

B Why it's hard to find ingredients like wild rice

Question 7

The Article says:

Sherman had an idea: He wanted to bring back these traditions. So he started a cooking business. It's called The Sioux Chef.

Which means almost the **same** as *idea*?

A thought

Question 8

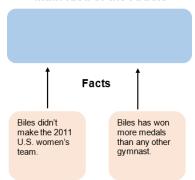
Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Sherman's recipes can help people with health problems?

B But Native foods are good for people. They have less salt, sugar, and fats. Sherman hopes more people will eat these foods.

Defying Gravity

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

C Biles never gave up and became a great gymnast.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

D Biles didn't try hard enough to make the 2011 team.

Question 3

The Article says:

But in 2011, Biles didn't make the U.S. women's team. This made her sad. But she didn't give up. And in 2013, she made the team!

C problems make Biles try harder

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

A easy and hard

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

C Biles worked very hard to win

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

C Who helped Biles train for the world championships

Question 7

The Article says:

At age 19, Biles led Team U.S.A. at the 2016 Olympic Games. She and swimmer Katie Ledecky were the female athletes with the most *medals*.

Which means almost the same as medal?

A prize

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Biles' life as a child was sometimes hard?

B Biles was born on March 14, 1997. Her early life wasn't easy. Her mom and dad couldn't care for her. So she lived in foster care.

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that _____

B S'mores are easy to make.

Question 1

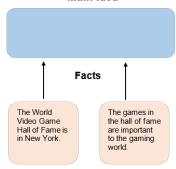
Since... Then... Some people think Girl Scouts might have made s'mores first. Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above? A A Girl Scouts manual talked about s'mores. Question 2 Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell A How to make a s'more Question 3 Which word means almost the **same** as *manual*, as it is used in the Article? B Guide Question 4 Which is **not** in the Article? D Graham crackers were first made in the late 1800s. Question 5 The Article says: What if you don't have a campfire? You can make a s'more in the oven or microwave. This helps the reader to know _____. B That there are different ways to make s'mores Question 6 Which two words have opposite meanings? C Less and more Question 7 Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells how milk chocolate is made? A The chocolatey? That's a milk chocolate bar. Milk chocolate has been around since 1875. It's made with chocolate, sugar, and milk. **Question 8**

Global Game Fame

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

A Each year, the world's best video games enter the hall of fame.

Question 2

Which word means almost the **same** as *plumber*, as it is used in the Article?

B Fixer

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

D Super Mario Kart is more fun than Microsoft Solitaire.

Question 4

Think about the Article. How is Microsoft Solitaire different from Super Mario Kart?

A *Microsoft Solitaire* taught players to use a mouse.

Question 5

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

B Drawing and picture

Question 6

The Article says:

The hall of fame opened in New York in 2015. It's for the best and most important video games. Some of the games are from the past. But they have withstood the test of time.

Why is this in the Article? It shows _____.

C What the hall of fame is for

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one tells why a game went into the hall of fame?

B Take *Colossal Cave Adventure.* It's from 1976. It helped start computer gaming.

Question 8

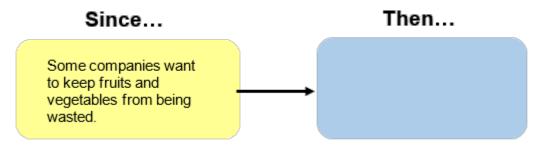
Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

A More games will go into the hall of fame next year.

Good, Bad, or Ugly?

Answer key

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

A They sell the fruits and vegetables that supermarkets will not sell.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is **most** important to say?

B Some companies are selling ugly produce so that it doesn't go to waste.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

D Some companies sell ugly fruits and vegetables at low prices.

Question 4

Which word means almost the same as defend, as it is used in the Article?

A Guard

Question 5

The author probably wrote this Article in order to

A Explain why some companies sell ugly produce

Question 6

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why some companies sell ugly produce?

D Food waste is a big problem, they say. About 30 to 40 percent of the U.S. food supply is wasted.

Question 7

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Waste and save

Question 8

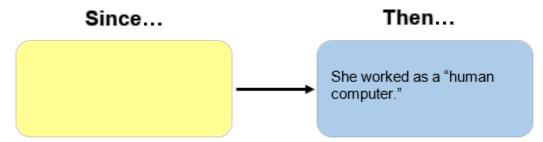
Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

D People in the U.S. may continue to waste some food.

Katherine the Great

Answer key

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

C Katherine Johnson was great at math.

Question 2

What is the main idea of this Article?

B Katherine Johnson is a hero for her work at NASA.

Question 3

Think about the Article. Which must have taken place first?

C Katherine Johnson got a job at NASA.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

A Correct and wrong

Question 5

Kay wants to know more about going into space. She should look ______.

B In a book about different NASA trips

Question 6

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ...

D Some important people believed in Katherine Johnson.

Question 7

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows why Katherine Johnson is a math hero?

C Johnson's math helped other space trips go well, too.

Question 8

The Article says:

Johnson's math was *always* right. In 1962, astronaut John Glenn was going into space. A programmed computer did the math. Glenn asked for Johnson to also do the math, just to be sure.

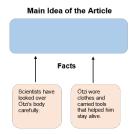
Which must mean almost the **opposite** of *always*, as it is used above?

D Never

Otzi the Iceman

Answer key

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

D The world is learning about the past from a man frozen in ice for more than 5,000 years.

Question 2

The Article says:

Soon after he died, his body was covered and frozen in ice. It stayed frozen until 1991, when two hikers found him. And, surprise. His body was in good shape! It was the first well-preserved body found in Europe from late-Neolithic times.

What does this show?

A why scientists can study Ötzi

Question 3

Which means almost the same as well-preserved?

D saved

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

A Ötzi is the most interesting find ever because of what he has taught scientists.

Question 5

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows what Ötzi has taught scientists about late-Neolithic times

A Also, the materials used to make his tools came from other places that were far away. So did people trade goods back then?

Probably so.

Question 6

The Article says:

His clothes were made from hides and grass. And he had a copper ax, a bow, and arrows. Also, the *materials* used to make his tools came from other places that were far away.

Which means almost the **same** as *materials*?

A parts

Question 7

Antonio wants to know more about Ötzi the Iceman. He should look

D at a video on important findings of the late-Neolithic period

Question 8

Think about the Article. Which is most likely to happen?

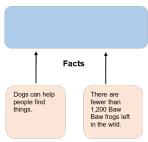
B Scientists will keep studying Ötzi in hopes of learning more.

Sniffing Out Extinction

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

C Dogs find endangered species so scientists can help them.

Question 2

Think about the Article. Why do conservationists want to help the Baw Baw frogs?

C Fewer than 1,200 Baw Baw frogs are left in the wild.

Question 3

The Article says:

The first step is to find the frogs. That's not easy. They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they burrow deep under mud.

This helps the reader to know _____.

C why it's hard to find Baw Baw frogs

Question 4

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

A burrow and dig

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ______.

A the dogs sniffed frog droppings before finding them

Question 6

Which is **not** in the Article?

D Which type of dog is best at finding missing persons

Question 7

The Article says:

The first step is to find the frogs. That's not easy. They live in hard-to-get-to forests. And they burrow deep under mud.

Which means the **opposite** of *find*?

D lose

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Baw Baw frogs are in danger of dying out completely?

B [The Baw Baw frog] lives in southeastern Australia. Since 1980, 98 percent of the frogs have been wiped out. Fewer than 1,200 of

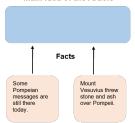
them are left in the wild.

Social Media, Pompeii Style

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

A The people of Pompeii wrote messages on walls.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

C It's fun to read the messages on Pompeii's walls.

Question 3

The Article says:

In 79 CE, the volcano Mount Vesuvius hit. It destroyed Pompeii. The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this, Pompeii kept standing. It's as if it were frozen in time.

This helps the reader to know .

A why Pompeii was saved for so long

Question 4

Which means the **opposite** of *ancient*?

C new

Question 5

Camila wants to know more about the people who lived in Pompeii before the volcano hit. She should look

A at a TV show called *Life in Old Pompeii*

Question 6

The Article says:

Today, people post messages on cyber walls. Facebook fans know how that works.

Which means almost the **same** as *post*?

B write

Question 7

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows why many buildings in Pompeii are still there today?

C The city was covered with stone and ash. But *under* all of this, Pompeii kept standing. It's as if it were frozen in time.

Question 8

Which is **not** in the Article?

A Who found out that a city was buried at Pompeii

Soldier in the Wild

Answer key

Question 1

Cause Effect

Shoichi Yokoi was afraid that American soldiers would kill him.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

A Yokoi fled to the jungles of Guam.

Question 2

What is this Article mainly about?

A Yokoi hid in the jungles of Guam for many years.

Question 3

Look at the events below. Think about the Article. Which must have happened last?

D Yokoi became a hero in Japan.

Question 4

Which two words have almost the same meaning?

A end and finish

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that

B Yokoi didn't feel good about going back to Japan.

Question 6

The Article says:

Why not surrender and go home? It was about loyalty. Japanese soldiers were taught to fight to the death. They believed surrendering was shameful.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to know ______

C the reason why Yokoi stayed on Guam

Question 7

A *soldier* is someone who .

B fights in a war

Question 8

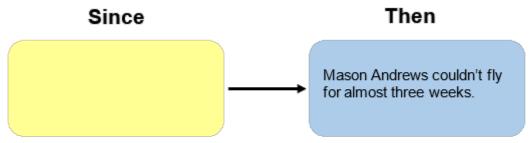
Which is **not** in the Article?

C How Yokoi learned the war had ended

Teen Pilot Breaks World Record

Answer key

Question 1



Based on the Article, which fits best in the empty box above?

C There were bad typhoons in the Philippines.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. Which is most important to say?

B Mason Andrews became the youngest pilot to fly around the world.

Question 3

Which of these is a fact?

B Mason flew through a sandstorm between Egypt and Dubai.

Question 4

Which two words have **opposite** meanings?

C Youngest and oldest

Question 5

The Article says:

There was a sandstorm. It was during a flight from Egypt to Dubai. He also flew through a scary monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal. And in the Philippines, there were bad typhoons. They kept Mason grounded for nearly three weeks.

Why is this passage in the Article? It helps the reader to understand .

A Wh	y it wasn'	t easy i	for I	⁄lason i	to f	ly	around	١t	he	worl	ld
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Question 6

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that . .

A It's unlikely that Mason Andrews will stop dreaming big.

Question 7

The Article says:

[Mason] also flew through a scary monsoon. It was over the Bay of Bengal.

Which must mean almost the same as over?

D Above

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that Mason's trip did more than break a flying record?

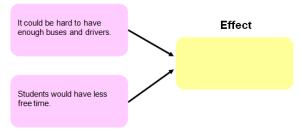
B He also raised over \$30,000 for MedCamps of Louisiana. The group helps kids with special needs.

The Early-Late Debate

Answer key

Question 1

Causes



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

D Some people think it's not smart to start school later.

Question 2

What is the Article mainly about?

D Some people are talking about starting schools later and if it's smart to do so.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

D Students in California will like going to school later.

Question 4

Which means almost the same as adolescent?

D teen

Question 5

The Article does **not** say ______

A What students think about schools starting later

Question 6

The Article states:

Students who don't get enough sleep can have health problems. They have trouble learning, too.

This passage helps the reader to know ______.

B how important sleep is for students

Question 7

Which two words have opposite meanings?

D start and finish

Question 8

Read these passages from the Article. Which one shows that some schools believe the research about how adolescents sleep best?

C High schools in Seattle start at 8:45 a.m. Or even later! And California passed a law. It sets new rules. High schools won't start before 8:30 a.m. Middle schools won't start before 8 a.m.

The Last Generation?

Answer key

Question 1

Cause

Six countries got together and pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

D Pacific Island countries want to fight climate change.

Question 2

The Article talks mainly about _____.

B how Pacific Islanders will cut shipping emissions

Question 3

Which two words have almost the **same** meaning?

A harmed and hurt

Question 4

Which is **not** in the Article?

D Why only some of the countries are working together

Question 5

The Article says:

So six Pacific Island countries joined forces. This was in 2019. Together, they pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping by 40 percent by 2030. By 2050, they want zero-carbon shipping.

This helps the reader to know _____.

D how islanders plan to fight climate change

Question 6

The Article says:

There are 11 countries in the Pacific Islands. But they all have one big *problem*. That problem is climate change causes seas to rise. That's bad news for the islands.

Which means almost the same as problem?

A trouble

Question 7

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ...

D wind energy doesn't make climate change worse

Question 8

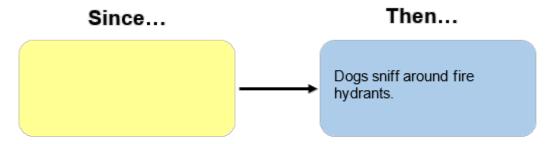
Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells who is working to fight climate change?

A So six Pacific Island countries joined forces. This was in 2019. Together, they pledged to cut carbon emissions from shipping by 40 percent by 2030. By 2050, they want zero-carbon shipping.

The Truth About Dogs

Answer key

Question 1



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

C It's one of the ways dogs can tell how safe an area is.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell

A The California Science Center has an exhibition about dogs.

Question 3

Which of these is an opinion?

B Smart dogs are the best pets to have.

Question 4

Which two words have opposite meanings?

B Questions and answers

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that ...

D People like dogs partly because dogs are helpful.

Question 6

The Article says:

Scientists don't know when people and dogs first connected. But dogs are related to wolves. And humans and wolves crossed paths thousands of years ago, says Perlov.

What does this show?

A People and dogs have likely been together for a very long time.

Question 7

The Article says:

Dogs sniff around fire hydrants. Visitors to the exhibition can find out why. But here's the answer: Dogs learn from smelling pee. They can *tell* how safe the area is.

Which must mean almost the **same** as *tell*, as it is used above?

B Know

Question 8

Which passage from the Article best supports the idea that dogs have good senses other than a great sense of smell?

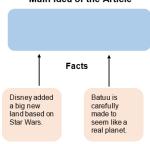
A And they can hear very soft sounds.

Welcome to Batuu

Answer key

Question 1

Main Idea of the Article



Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

There is a large, empty rectangle. Above the rectangle, it says "Main Idea of the Article." Under the rectangle, there are two smaller boxes with arrows pointing up to the rectangle. Each small box includes a fact from the Article. The box on the left says "Disney added a big new land based on Star Wars." The box on the right says "Batuu is carefully made to seem like a real planet."

D Disney opened Galaxy's Edge where visitors feel like they're part of a Star Wars story.

Question 2

Which of these is an opinion?

<u>C The Star W</u>ars story is the best part of Galaxy's Edge.

Question 3

The Article says:

It's a dream come true for Star Wars fans! In 2019, Disney opened Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. It's a fun new land where people can feel like they're part of a Star Wars story.

This passage helps the reader to know that . .

A Star Wars fans will really want to go to Galaxy's Edge

Question 4

Which means almost the **same** as *explore*?

D hunt

Question 5

Think about the Article. The reader can tell that . .

A Disney believes many people will want to go to Galaxy's Edge

Question 6

Anna Maria wants to know what an acre is. She could find this out by using a ______

B dictionary

Question 7

The Article says:

The workers, food, and goods are all part of that story. You can be, too. You might even be questioned by a stormtrooper.

Which means the opposite of questioned?

C answered

Question 8

Look at these passages from the Article. Which one shows that acting is part of the job for people who work in Galaxy's Edge?

B The workers, food, and goods are all part of that story. You can be, too. You might even be questioned by a stormtrooper.

Women Adventurers

Answer key

Question 1

What Happened Next?

A scientist was the first woman to sail around the world.

A journalist wrote a story about the problems at a hospital.

Think about the Article. Which fits best in the empty box above?

D A woman set a record traveling around the world in 72 days.

Question 2

Let's say you are retelling this Article. It is **most** important to tell

B that people thought women should stay at home years ago, but some took off on their own

Question 3

The Article says:

In 1766, Baret wanted to set sail with a group of scientists. But they were all men. Women weren't allowed to travel on French navy ships. So, Baret disguised herself as a man. And she sailed away!

The author uses this passage mostly to

D show that a scientist can be a man or a woman

Question 4

Which of these is an opinion?

B It wasn't a good idea for Jeanne Baret to disguise herself as a man.

Question 5

Which means the **opposite** of *navy*?

C army

Question 6

Read these passages from the Article. Which one tells how some women live today?

C These days, women go to space. They sail around the world. They have all kinds of adventures.

Question 7

Which two words have opposite meanings?

D true and false

Question 8

The Article does **not** say ______

A how long it took Baret to sail around the world