





KidBiz 3000™ TeenBiz 3000™ Empower 3000™
Achieve3000 Question Types

RECALLING WHAT YOU HAVE READ

Supporting Key Ideas

- Which sentence tells about...?
- According to the article, how...?
- Which statement best supports the idea...?

Not in the News story

- The story does not say...
- The article says all except...
- Which question is not answered by the article?

MAIN IDEA

- The story talks mostly/mainly about...
- The main idea of the story is...
- The author's primary point is...
- The central point of this passage is...
- What could be a different title for this article?
- What would be the best alternative title for this article?

FACT AND OPINION

- Which of these is an opinion?
- Which of these is a statement of fact?

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS

Inference

- The reader can tell from the story that...
- According to the article, the reader can infer that...

Prediction

- Which is most likely to take place next?
- The reader can predict that...

Author's Purpose

- This sentence helps the reader to know...
- The author most likely wrote the article in order to...
- Why did the author include this paragraph?

SUMMARIZATION

- Which sentence best retells the News story?
- Which sentence best retells the paragraph?
- What is the most important to say in a summary of the article?
- Which is the best summary of the News story?

WORD OR PHRASE MEANING

Synonym

- Which word means almost the same as...?
- Which word must mean...?
- Which is the closest synonym...?

Antonym

- Which means the opposite of...?
- Who is _____ is not _____.
- Which two words from the article are the closest antonyms?

SEQUENCING

- Which took place second?
- What happened before ...?
- Which has not happened yet?
- Which most likely happened first?
- Which must have happened last?

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

- What is different between...?
- How would you compare...?
- What do ____ and ____ have in common?
- How are ____ and ____ different?
- Which sentence best describes a similarity between...?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

- Think about the News article. What caused...?
- Which statement shows a cause and effect relationship?
- Which statement shows one benefit of...?
- What is one reason why...?

REFERENCE SOURCES

- Suppose that Paul wants to find out about _____. He would find most of his information _____.
- This article would be most useful as a source for a student research project on _____.

Question Strategies

Think about the type of question you are answering and then use the best strategy.

QUESTION TYPE

- Main Idea
- Summarization
- Drawing Conclusions



- Recalling what you read
- Sequencing
- Compare and Contrast
- Cause and effect



- Word or Phrase Meaning
- Fact and Opinion
- Reference Sources



QUESTION STRATEGY

Understand and Interpret—
Answer the question based on the story's main idea and evidence you found.

1. Read the question and answer options carefully.
2. In your own words state the main idea of the story/paragraph.
3. Find evidence in the News story or paragraph that supports your main idea statement.
4. Distinguish big ideas from specific details.
5. Consider what the author hopes you and other readers will think or do after reading the story or paragraph.

Find the answer— *Refer back to the article and find the answer to the question.*

1. Read the question and answer options carefully.
2. Recall what you read.
3. Use process of elimination.
4. Refer to article to find where the idea in the question is either stated or can be inferred from the story text.

Think of what you already know— *Your existing knowledge will help answer these questions.*

Word or Phrase Meaning

1. Refer back to the article and check the word definition and how the word is used in the story.
2. In the question, plug each answer choice into the sentence and read to see if it makes sense.
3. Use process of elimination.

Fact and Opinion

1. Ask: *Can the statement be proved?* If yes, then it is a fact.
2. Look for *signal words* for opinion: *should, must be, too large, would have, more fun, most interesting.*

Reference Sources

1. Think about how you use different reference sources (e.g., dictionary, encyclopedia, web sites).
2. Think about topic categories (e.g., health, business, sports).

Do these steps first

These three steps will make it easier to answer almost all questions.

1. Read the News story title and first paragraph.
2. Summarize the first paragraph.
3. In your own words, state what you think the article is about.