

Answering Questions Using the R.A.P.P. Method

(for constructed response
and short answer questions)

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Teachers love to ask questions!
We especially love it when you write a few sentences or a short paragraph that explains your understanding!
Today, we will learn an easy way to do a great job at answering tough questions!



Let's learn and practice how to use the R.A.P.P. method to answer those tough questions! We'll use super easy questions, so that you can practice the skills you'll need.



Use the R.A.P.P. Method

Restate the question

Answer the question

Prove it

Proofread and edit

Let's
break this
down!



Restate the question

When you **restate the question**, you are using words from the question to form your answer.

Example:

Question: **What are three different types of flowers?**

Answer: **Three different types of flowers are roses, daisies, and sunflowers.**

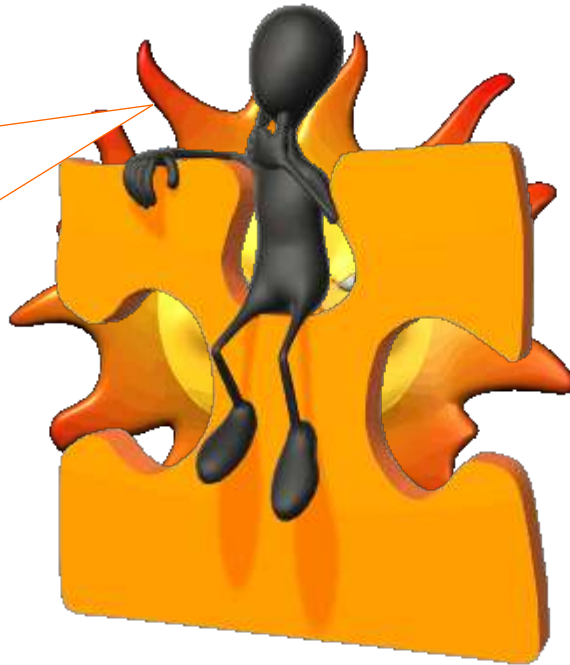
Do you see
Let's try some
more!
the question?



Question: Which season of the year is usually the warmest?

Answer: Summer is the season of the year that is usually the warmest.

You can restate the question in the beginning or end of the answer.



Question: Who was the first president of the United States?

Answer: The first president of the United States was George Washington.



Time for you to try restating the question.

Question: What two colors mixed together make the color green?

Restate the question in your answer!

Answer: The two colors mixed together to make green are blue and yellow.

or

Answer: Blue and yellow are the two colors mixed together to make green.



Question: Where does a mama bird put her eggs to keep them safe?

Restate the question in your answer!

Answer: A mama bird puts her eggs in a nest to keep them safe.

or

Answer: A nest is where a mama bird puts her eggs to keep them safe.



Question: **Where would you build a sandcastle?**

Restate the question in your answer!

Answer: **You would build a sandcastle at the beach.**

or

Answer: **The beach is where you would build a sandcastle.**



Question: What item is helpful to keep you dry on a rainy day?

Restate the question in your answer!

Answer: An item that is helpful to keep you dry on a rainy day is an umbrella.

or

Answer: An umbrella is an item that is helpful to keep you dry on a rainy day.



Answers may vary

Answer the question

When you
**answer the
question,**
there are
many things
to consider.

- ✓ **First, make sure you understand the question.**
- ✓ **Next, take time to think about all the possible answers.**
- ✓ **Finally, be very clear with your answer!**

Example Question: What supplies do you need to brush your teeth?

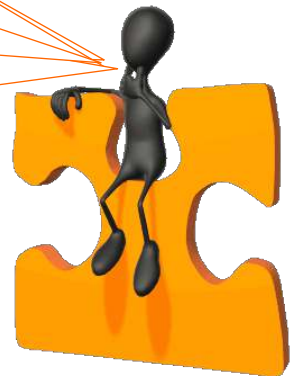
Example Answer: The supplies that are needed to brush your teeth are a toothbrush and toothpaste.



A good answer takes time,
and is never rushed!

easy to understand.

question is asking me
about brushing.

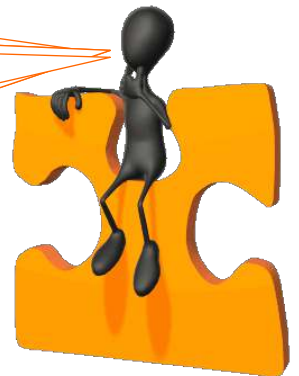


Question: Who helps people feel better when they are in the hospital?

Answer: Doctors, nurses, and surgeons help people feel better when they are in the hospital.



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Prove it!

When you **prove your answer**, you need to find support from the text (story) to help back your answer up.

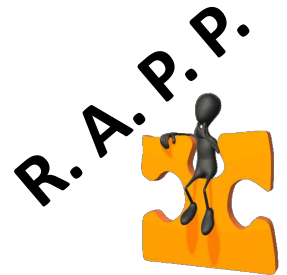
Many short answer and constructed response questions will be about a story that you have read. When you **PROVE IT**, you are going back into the story and finding support to add to your answer.

Okay... time to see what this looks like.



Dogs can be excellent pets. They are good at fetching, playing, doing tricks, and much more. Most dogs like to do tricks for treats. They like to lick your face when they are happy, and snuggle with you on the couch. Dogs sniff the ground a lot because they have a great sense of smell. Most people have dogs as pets because they are safe and lovable.

What are two reasons why dogs make excellent pets?

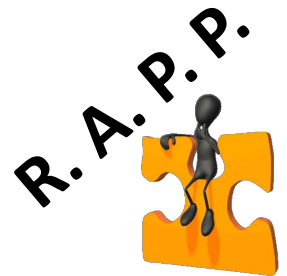



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THEN...Answer and Prove it!

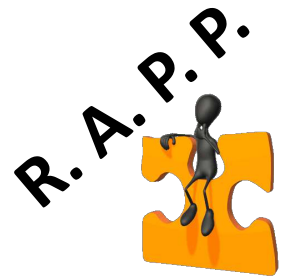


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**Time to try your hand
at
"PROVING" your
answer!**

Jason has been a great hockey player for many years. At hockey practice, there wasn't another player that worked harder than Jason. Every game he played like it was the most important game of his life. He always helped his teammates whenever they needed it, and never got upset when they lost a game.

What words would you use to describe Jason, and what information in the paragraph supports that?



Mt. Rushmore is a sculpture carved into a mountain in South Dakota. It depicts four of America's greatest presidents. George Washington, who was our nation's first president. Thomas Jefferson, known as the author of the Declaration of Independence. Teddy Roosevelt, who was known for his leadership skills. Lastly, Abraham Lincoln, who helped to free the slaves.

This paragraph contains facts and an opinion. What is a fact and an opinion, and give examples from the paragraph to help your explanation.



Proofread

When you **proofread**, you are checking your answer to make sure it makes sense, and doesn't have spelling or grammar errors.

Good proofreaders read their answers twice to make sure it **looks right, sounds right, and makes sense!**

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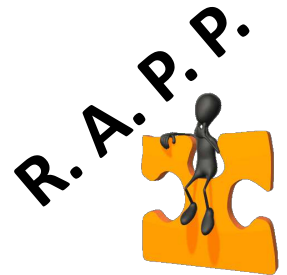
Question: What caused Jimmy to lose control of his racer?

Student Response:

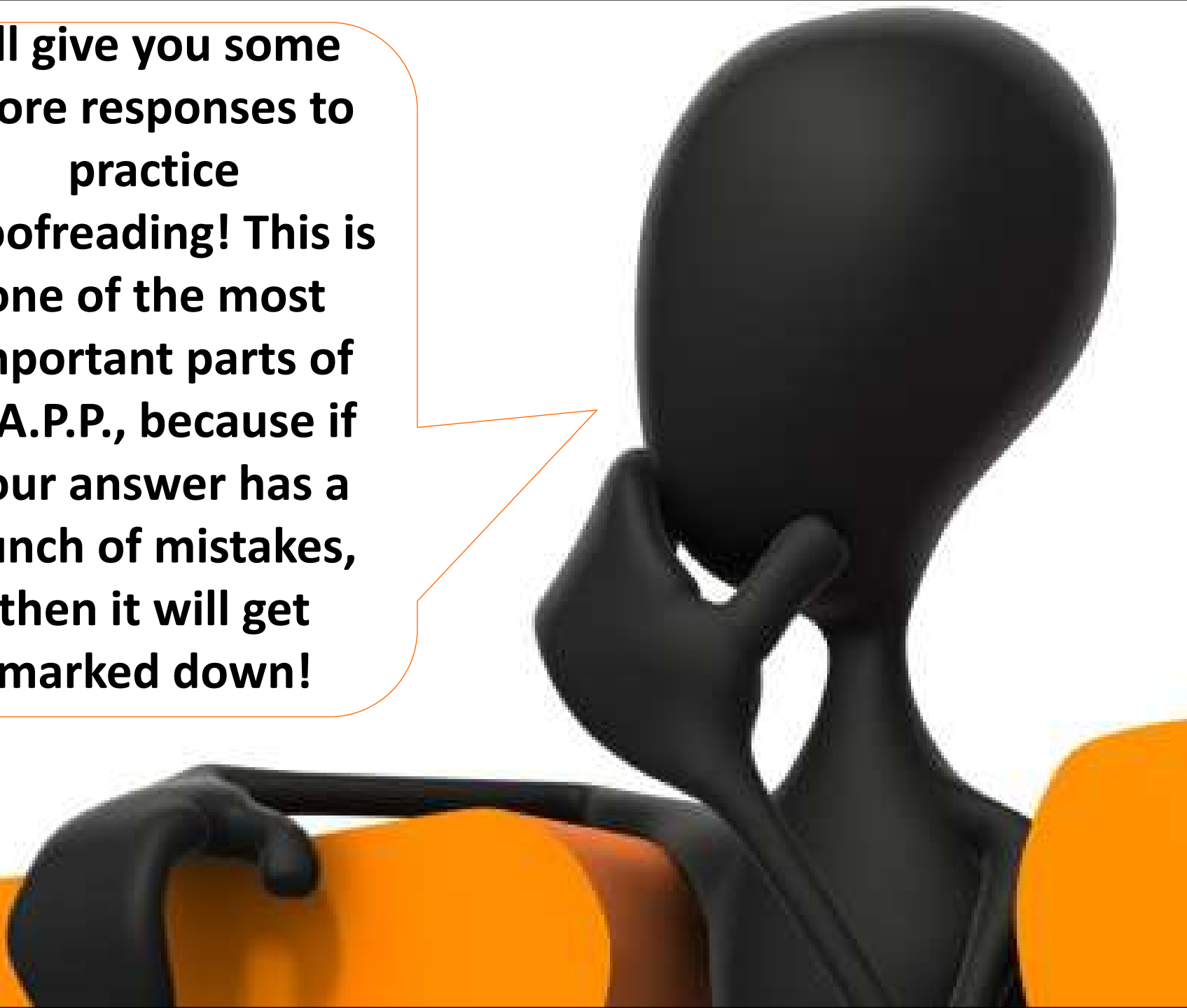
Jimmy losted control of his racer cuz he did not bild it write in the first place. He forget to put a break in the car. Since he didn't, he could not control his race car.



See if you and your class can fix the mistakes in this response!



I'll give you some more responses to practice proofreading! This is one of the most important parts of R.A.P.P., because if your answer has a bunch of mistakes, then it will get marked down!



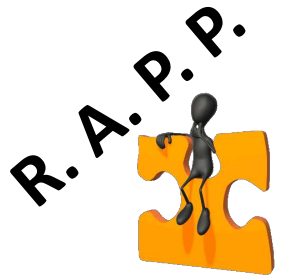
Question: What is the main problem in the story?

Student Response:

The main problem in the story is that Sam is supposed to be at work at eight: but he forgot to set his alarm for the right time. So, when he shows up at work, his boss fires him for being late.



Oh no! Lots of mistakes! Fix them with proofreading!

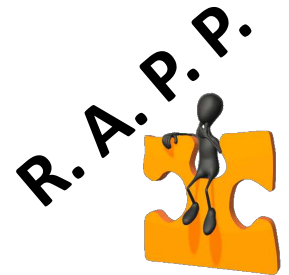


Question: Why was the advertisement written?

Student Response:

The advertisement was writted to persuade the reader to go to the store and buy Something from them for Mother's Day? Persuade means to getting someone to do something.

Alright! One more response to tackle. See if you can find all the errors.



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**Think you've got it?
Keep practicing!**





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