

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

1 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer(s).

A student is writing an opinion article for his classmates about the reasons a dog makes a good pet. The student wants to revise the draft to have better reasons. Read the draft of the article and complete the task that follows.

Dogs make great pets. They are easy to care for. They like to spend time with people. They like to play and keep people on the go. There are so many reasons that dogs make good pets. Everyone should have one.

Choose TWO sentences from the student notes listed below that add the two best reasons after the underlined sentence to support the writer's opinion about dogs.

- A. Dogs have fur.
- B. Dogs like to wag their tails.
- C. Dogs can help keep a house safe.
- D. Dogs can sleep on the floor or in beds.
- E. Dogs will sometimes bark late at night.
- F. Dogs help people move around and stay fit.

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Correct: **CF**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have confused a statement about dogs with a reason that explains why dogs make good pets.
- B. Student(s) may have thought the fact that a dog wags its tail makes it a good pet; however, there is no supporting information to show why this makes a dog a good pet.
- C. Correct answer
- D. Student(s) may have believed that this is a reason why dogs make good pets, but it is a statement about how dogs like to sleep.
- E. Student(s) may have thought this is a reason why dogs make good pets, but it can also be used as a reason why dogs might be a poor choice for a pet.
- F. Correct answer

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.W.3.1.b

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

The Myth of Pandora

Zeus had one of his sons make the first woman. They named her Pandora. Each god gave her a gift. Zeus gave Pandora two gifts: curiosity and a jar that she could never open.

Zeus sent Pandora to live on Earth. One day Pandora pulled the lid off the jar. Evil flew out of the jar and into the world.

The only thing left in the jar was hope, and that was a lucky thing. No matter how bad things get, hope helps people to stay strong.

2 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

"The Myth of Pandora" is MOST likely supposed to explain why .

- A. we are curious about unopened jars
- B. there is evil in the world
- C. hope is so strong
- D. we should be afraid of jars

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Correct: **B**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have assumed that the story explains curiosity about unopened jars by saying that Zeus gave Pandora the gift of curiosity.
- B. Correct answer
- C. Student(s) may not have realized that the story does not explain why hope is strong. Student(s) may have chosen this answer because it is related to the moral of the story.
- D. Student(s) may have assumed that the jar itself is evil and should be avoided if we do not want to release more evil into the world.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.RL.3.2

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Myth of Pandora".

3 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Why did Zeus give Pandora the gift of curiosity?

- A. He knew curiosity would keep her from opening the jar.
- B. He wanted her to ask a lot of questions.
- C. He wanted her to find evil.
- D. He wanted her curiosity to make her want to open the jar.

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Correct: **D**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have misunderstood what the word "curiosity" meant.
- B. Student(s) may have thought about the word "curiosity" and thought this made sense without reading all of the answer choices.
- C. Student(s) may have thought this answer was correct because evil flew out of the jar when Pandora opened it.
- D. Correct answer

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.RL.3.2

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Myth of Pandora".

4 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

What flew out of the opened jar?

- A. gifts
- B. hope
- C. curiosity
- D. evil

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Correct: **D**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have been focusing on the gift giving that took place earlier on in the story.
- B. Student(s) may have been confused by the question; hope is what remained in the box.
- C. Student(s) may have been confused because even though Zeus did give Pandora this gift, it is what caused her to open the jar, it was not inside of the jar.
- D. Correct answer

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.RL.3.2

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

Tortoise and Turtle

Did you know that a tortoise is not a turtle? Tortoises spend the majority of their time on land. They visit bodies of water only to drink or bathe. In contrast, turtles live in water all the time. Many people have pet turtles. People feed them apples, grapes, beans, and corn. Surprisingly, they even eat spinach! But, you may wonder, how exactly do turtles eat?

Did you know that turtles don't have teeth? Some people think they do. Instead, turtles have beaks for biting. Baby turtles have an egg-tooth, which is like a scale. Baby turtles use this scale for eating. The scale goes away when the turtle is still young.

As they age, both turtles and tortoises can become very large. The largest tortoise living today is in a zoo. It weighs in at an incredible 882 pounds! There is a tortoise in the wild that weighs 672 pounds. Both of these big creatures are island tortoises. The biggest living turtle is a sea turtle that is six feet long. It weighs a whopping 1300 pounds! Even though we imagine that turtles are smaller than tortoises, turtles can actually be much bigger than their shelled relatives.

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

5 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Read this sentence.

Even though we imagine that turtles are smaller than tortoises, turtles can actually be much bigger than their shelled relatives.

What does shelled mean in this sentence from the passage?

- A. covered with crust
- B. bombarded
- C. having a thick covering
- D. defended with armor

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Correct: **C**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have known that something shelled can be crusted over, such as a baked pie and may have failed to understand the context of the sentence.
- B. Student(s) may not have read context clues and thought that the word means "to shell or bomb."
- C. Correct answer
- D. Student(s) may have known that a shell can be like armor to a turtle, but may have failed to understand that this definition doesn't match the context of the sentence.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.L.3.4.a

Directions: Read the passage below and answer the question(s) that follow.

The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf

A shepherd boy tended his master's sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. Soon he found life in the pasture very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was to talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day, he sat watching the sheep and the quiet forest, and began thinking about what he would do if he should see a wolf. All at once, he thought of a plan to amuse himself.

His master had told him to call for help should a wolf attack the flock. Upon hearing his call, the villagers would drive it away. So now, though he had not seen anything that even looked like a wolf, he ran toward the village shouting at the top of his voice, "Wolf! Wolf!"

As he expected, the villagers who heard the cry dropped their work and ran in great excitement to the pasture. But when they got there, they found the boy doubled up with laughter at the trick he had played on them.

A few days later the shepherd boy again shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!" Again, the villagers ran to help him. But once again, the boy laughed at them.

Then one evening, the sun was setting behind the forest and the shadows were creeping out over the pasture. From the underbrush, a wolf sprung up and fell upon the sheep.

In terror, the boy ran toward the village shouting "Wolf! Wolf!" But, though the villagers heard the cry, they did not run to help him as they had before. "He cannot fool us again," they said.

The wolf killed a great many of the boy's sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

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Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf".

6 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

The word "displeased" could describe the villagers' feelings because _____.

- A. they were asking the boy to please stop lying
- B. they were pleased with the boy's behavior
- C. they were not pleased with how the boy was acting
- D. they knew the boy was trying to please them

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Correct: **C**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have thought the villagers probably asked him to stop lying, but didn't realize this isn't what the word means.
- B. Student(s) may have noticed the word pleased in the word above and didn't understand that the prefix dis- means "not".
- C. Correct answer
- D. Student(s) may have chosen this answer because they were unsure of what the word meant and thought the boy probably tried to please the villagers after learning his lesson.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.L.3.4.a

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf".

7 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Why did the villagers refuse to come help the boy at the end of the passage?

- A. They were afraid of finding a real wolf this time.
- B. They were playing a trick on the boy to get even with him for lying.
- C. They thought he was lying and did not want to be tricked again.
- D. The villagers were too busy to come help this time.

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Correct: **C**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have remembered the boy was not lying this time, but may not have realized that the villagers did not know the boy was telling the truth.
- B. Student(s) may not have noticed that the villagers never played a trick on the boy.
- C. Correct answer
- D. Student(s) may not have understood why the villagers did not come to help the boy and picked this because they thought it made sense.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.RL.3.2

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf".

8 TEACHER READS:

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

Which of the following statements from the passage supports the idea that it is important to be honest so that others will believe you?

- A. Soon he found life in the pasture very dull.
- B. His master had told him to call for help should a wolf attack the flock.
- C. In terror, the boy ran toward the village shouting "Wolf! Wolf!"
- D. But, though the villagers heard the cry, they did not run to help him as they had before.

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Correct: **D**

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have incorrectly identified the reason for the main character's actions as support for the main idea of the story.
- B. Student(s) may have recognized that this is a direction that is given to the main character, and incorrectly identified the master's directions with the main idea of the story.
- C. Student(s) may not have been able to discern the information from the passage and simply identified an event as a result of the main character's dishonesty.
- D. Correct answer

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.RL.3.2

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

9 TEACHER READS:

Read and complete the task that follows.

Is it better to bring your own lunch from home every day to school or eat the lunch provided by the school cafeteria? Write a paragraph stating your opinion and give reasons to support it.

Write your answer on the lines below.

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

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Rubric: 3 Point(s)

3 The response:

- Clearly states an opinion
- Creates a clearly organized paragraph
- Effectively lists appropriate reasons to support the opinion

In my opinion, it is definitely better to bring my own lunch from home. First of all, my mom makes the best sandwiches and homemade cookies. Sometimes she makes oatmeal raisin cookies, but her chocolate chip cookies are the best. They never serve those in the school cafeteria! I also like to bring my lunch from home because I can pick several different kinds of fruit, like apples, oranges, pears, watermelon, or strawberries. The school cafeteria just serves apples, and that is boring. Finally, I like to bring my own lunch from home because I definitely know what I am going to eat that day. Sometimes the cafeteria menu changes and you do not know it. So if you come to school thinking you might be having a hamburger for lunch, you might be surprised to find out that they are serving burritos instead. I do not like those kind of surprises. For these reasons, I prefer to bring my own lunch from home.

2 The response:

- States an opinion
- Creates an organized paragraph
- Lists reasons to support the opinion

It is much better to bring a lunch from home rather than eat what the cafeteria is serving. My mom makes much better lunches than the cafeteria. She makes the best cookies. Plus, my mom always gives me fresh fruit. They do not have fresh fruit in the cafeteria. Their fruit comes out of a can. Fresh is much better. She also gives me carrot sticks and ranch dressing or celery and peanut butter. The school never serves that either. They used to have a salad bar but not anymore. So, I like bringing my own lunch from home.

1 The response:

- Inadequately states an opinion
- Creates an unorganized paragraph
- Ineffectively lists reasons to support the opinion

My own lunch from home is much better than the cafeteria food. Sometimes my friends eat what the cafeteria is serving, but I never do. Sometimes the salad bar has good choices, but the hot dogs and hamburgers do not taste good. I usually have a sandwich, chips, and cookies. The cafeteria serves hot food. I do not want hot food for lunch.

0 The response receives no credit if it fails to state an opinion, has no organization, and fails to list related reasons to support the opinion.

Sometimes the cafeteria serves hamburgers or hot dogs. Other days they have burritos. I usually bring my lunch from home on those days.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.W.3.1.a

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

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TEACHER READS:

Read and complete the task that follows.

The following is an opinion paragraph. The paragraph includes reasons that do not support the opinion. Read the paragraph and then complete the task that follows.

Everyone should have a dog for a pet. Dogs keep people company. They make great companions for older people who live alone. They also warn their owners about possible dangers. For example, they will bark if they see a stranger in the yard. It is important to have a big yard. They also bark when someone knocks on the door. Dogs can be very entertaining, too. Some dogs like to play fetch in the yard or catch Frisbees in the park. Some parks have swings, slides, and monkey bars. Other parks have picnic tables and basketball courts. Best of all, dogs happily greet their owners. They wag their tails and jump when their owners return home. Finally, dogs are the best pets to own because they can be trained to do tricks. They can sit, roll over, and shake paws. Some people are allergic to dogs, but they make wonderful pets.

Rewrite the paragraph to get rid of the information that does not support the opinion.

Write your answer on the lines below.

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

Master ID: 281805 Revision: 1

Rubric: 3 Point(s)

3 The response:

- Clearly creates an organized paragraph
- Effectively lists appropriate reasons to support the opinion

Everyone should have a dog for a pet. Dogs keep people company. They make great companions for older people who live alone. They also warn their owners about possible dangers. For example, they will bark if they see a stranger in the yard. They also bark when someone knocks on the door. Dogs can be very entertaining, too. Some dogs like to play fetch in the yard or catch Frisbees in the park. Best of all, dogs happily greet their owners. They wag their tails and jump when their owners return home. Finally, dogs are the best pets to own because they can be trained to do tricks. They can sit, roll over, and shake paws. They make wonderful pets.

2 The response:

- Creates an organized paragraph
- Lists reasons to support the opinion

Everyone should have a dog for a pet. Dogs keep people company. They also warn their owners about possible dangers. For example, they will bark if they see a stranger in the yard. It is important to have a big yard. Some dogs like to play fetch in the yard or catch Frisbees in the park. Best of all, dogs happily greet their owners. They wag their tails and jump when their owners return home. Finally, dogs are the best pets to own because they can be trained to do tricks. They make wonderful pets.

1 The response:

- Creates an unorganized paragraph
- Ineffectively lists reasons to support the opinion

Everyone should have a dog for a pet. They will bark if they see a stranger in the yard. Some dogs like to play fetch in the yard or others like to catch Frisbees in the park. Some parks have swings, slides, monkey bars, basketball courts and picnic tables. Finally, dogs are the best pets to own because they can be trained to do tricks. Some people are allergic to dogs.

0 The response receives no credit if it has no organization and fails to list related reasons to support the opinion.

Everyone should have a dog for a pet. It is important to have a big yard. They bark when someone knocks on the door. Some dogs like to play fetch in the yard and catch Frisbees in the park. Some parks have swings, slides, and monkey bars. They can also sit, roll over, and shake paws. Some people are allergic to dogs.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.3.W.3.1.b