

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

# Elephants Don't Wear Boots

*by Lisa Hart*

- 1 Did you ever wonder while snuggling up in your winter coat, how zoo lions keep warm? Did you ever picture when pulling on your hat and mittens, a flamingo wearing a scarf? Did you ever consider as you put on your winter boots that elephants do not wear boots?
- 2 The lions stretched out on the rocks at the zoo share a secret. The hot rocks they lie on are not real. Heaters hidden under the fake stones keep the big cats cozy warm. Zoos use lots of little tricks to help the animals in their care fight off the chill of winter. Keepers warm up the water in swimming pools for residents like the otters.
- 3 Animals such as deer and elk find outside shelter in three-sided barns with extra bedding.
- 4 Nature allows many animals like flamingos to adapt to some cold even if they come from a warm climate. And if the temperatures dip too low for comfort, keepers simply bring the animals inside.
- 5 All this extra time indoors presents a challenge for zoo keepers. For one thing, animals need exercise to make up for the time spent cooped up. A new toy or a small change in schedule gives a bored beast something to look forward to. Hiding some food treats lets animals do what comes naturally: hunt for their meal.
- 6 Sometimes a zoo resident's diet needs changing during the winter too. Zoos give more food to those who build fat to keep warm or become more active. Animals that burn less energy in the winter need less food.
- 7 Forget the snow and the cold. Ice presents the real danger at zoos in winter. A frozen-over watering hole leaves an animal to go thirsty, spelling disaster. A slip on the ice in an enclosure leads to deadly, serious injuries. Some animals like elephants never see ice in the wild. Nature did not give them feet designed for walking on it.
- 8 So once you snuggle into your coat and pull on your hat, mittens, and boots, pay a visit to a local zoo in winter. You might be surprised at who you see enjoying the snow.

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

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1 Why are there challenges to caring for zoo animals in the winter? Use **two** details from the article to support your response.

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Write your answer on the lines below.

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Rubric: 2 Point(s)  
In their responses, students must draw on textual evidence to discuss the conflict between the natural habitats of certain animals and a zoo's climate and make connections between this challenge and the innovations that zoos make. The first three sentences of the article relate to the needs of specific animals that are discussed more fully in later paragraphs. A full-credit response makes an accurate statement about the necessity of meeting the unique needs of animals in zoos while citing specific, relevant details from the article that support the statement. There is no single "correct" response, but rather responses that are defensible based on the Short-Response (2-point) Holistic Rubric and responses that are not. Student responses are evaluated on the relevance and accuracy of details selected from the text and whether the details are constructed in a logical manner. Student responses should include relevant inferences and conclusions. Responses should be in complete sentences where errors, if present, do not impact readability.

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

## Giraffe Extravaganza

### Sample A – Giraffe Encounter

The Scottsdale Zoo is opening up a new exhibit towards the end of October. The Giraffe Encounter gives adults and children, of all ages, the opportunity to feed the giraffes some sweet treats. This encounter takes place every day from 12:00–1:30 p.m. right in front of the white gates of the giraffe exhibit. Come on down, the number of people who can feed the giraffes is limited.

### Giraffe Encounter FAQs



**Q: How much money does it cost to feed the giraffes at the exhibit?**

A: It costs \$5 per person to feed the giraffes 2 biscuits.

**Q: Will the giraffes bite me while trying to feed them?**

A: The giraffes will not bite you, but everyone needs to be advised that the giraffes will lick you.

**Q: Will I have the opportunity to take pictures with the giraffes?**

A: Of course! You are able to take pictures with the giraffes. We will also have a staff member on site taking pictures to document your experience that you can later view at the Photo Shop.

For more information regarding the Giraffe Encounter, please call us at 555-555-5555.

### Sample B – Giraffe Presentation

*The following paragraph is from Aiden's presentation about his favorite animal, the giraffe.*

The giraffe is my favorite animal out of all the animals in the world. It is my favorite animal for many different reasons. One reason is that the giraffe is the tallest mammal. They are able to eat leaves at the tip top of the tree because of their long necks. They also drink large amounts of water at one time because they store it. This lets them survive in dry areas for long periods of time. Another reason I like them is because they don't sleep for very long. Giraffes average anywhere from 10 minutes to 2 hours of sleep in one day. They also have really cool tongues. Their tongues are black and really long. I would say that their tongue is 20 times larger than my tongue. That is a really long tongue! Everyone's favorite animal should be a giraffe.

### Sample C – Giraffe Encyclopedia Entry

The giraffe is the tallest mammal in the world. Their legs alone stand taller than most humans, roughly 6 feet. Their long legs give them the ability to run 35 mph over short distances. Typically, you will find these unique animals in the open grasslands where they like to roam in small groups. They take advantage of their height and eat leaves in the treetops which very few animals can reach. Giraffes also have an upper advantage of getting food because of their extraordinary long tongue. A giraffe's tongue can range anywhere between 18 and 21 inches. This allows them to reach food even better. Giraffes also have beautifully spotted coats and no two giraffes have the same spots. Although they may look similar to the eye, each giraffe is unique.

*–Excerpt from Linden's Encyclopedia*

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Giraffe Extravaganza".

**2 TEACHER READS:**  
Read and complete the task that follows.

**Read the sentence from Sample B.**

One reason is that the giraffe is the tallest mammal.

**Based on this information, what conclusion can be made about the tallness of giraffes in Sample C? Support your answer with details from the passage.**

Write your answer on the lines below.

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 Rubric: 2 Point(s)

2 A response:

- Gives sufficient evidence of the ability to justify interpretations of information
- Includes specific examples that make clear reference to the passage
- Adequately supports examples with clearly relevant information from the passage

We can conclude that giraffes are the tallest mammals in the world. Their legs alone are taller than most humans, around 6 feet. Their long legs give them the ability to run up to 35 mph over short distances.

1 A response:

- Gives limited evidence of the ability to justify interpretations of information
- Includes some examples that make clear reference to the passage
- Supports examples with limited information from the passage

The giraffe is the tallest mammal in the world. Their legs are around 6 feet long.

0 A response gets no credit if it provides no evidence of the ability to justify interpretations of information, includes no relevant information from the passage, or is vague.

Giraffes are the tallest mammals in the world.

Standards:  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.CCR.9  
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Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Giraffe Extravaganza".

**3 TEACHER READS:**  
Read and complete the task that follows.

**Read the sentence from SAMPLE B.**

They also have really cool tongues.

**Based on this information, what inference can be made about the tongue of giraffes in SAMPLE C? Support your answer with details from the passage.**

Write your answer on the lines below.

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 Rubric: 2 Point(s)

2 A response:

- Gives sufficient evidence of the ability to justify interpretations of information
- Includes specific examples that make clear reference to the passage
- Adequately supports examples with clearly relevant information from the passage

We can understand that giraffes have an extra ordinarily long tongue. A giraffe's tongue can range anywhere between 18 and 21 inches. This allows them to reach food even better.

1 A response:

- Gives limited evidence of the ability to justify interpretations of information
- Includes some examples that make clear reference to the passage
- Supports examples with limited information from the passage

Giraffes have long tongues which help them to reach food easily.

0 A response gets no credit if it provides no evidence of the ability to justify interpretations of information, includes no relevant information from the passage, or is vague.

Giraffes are the tallest mammals in the world.

Standards:  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.CCR.9  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.9

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

4 Watch the video and provide a written response in the space below.

List the names of the 2 bachelorettes you feel Wesley should give a dinosaur to, including the reasons to support your choices.

Write your answer on the lines below.

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Master ID: 542453 Revision: 4  
 Rubric: 2 Point(s)

**Scoring Guide:**

Points	Description
0	Only 1 name is provided with no support of choice.
1	Student lists 2 names, but doesn't support their choices with good reasoning.
2	Student provides 2 names and supports their answer by providing logical reasoning behind their answer.

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Standards:  
 CCSS.LA.4.SL.CCR.2

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

### Football or Baseball

Football is more fun to watch than baseball. Football teams have more players on the field than baseball teams do. Also, football has players who get tackled. In baseball, players only get tagged. The best part of football is that the players move a lot on the field. In baseball, the players do not move very much. If you want something exciting to watch, then watch football.

**5 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**After reading the passage "Football or Baseball", one could conclude, football and baseball are \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. very physical
- B. very demanding
- C. very entertaining
- D. very different

Master ID: 35219 Revision: 1

Correct: D

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have recalled reading that in football players get tackled; however, this does not conclude this passage.
- B. Student(s) may have remembered that in football, players need to move a lot; however, this choice would not conclude the passage.
- C. Student(s) may have remembered that if you want to watch something exciting then you should watch football; however, this fails to conclude the passage.
- D. Correct answer

Standards:

CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID  
CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.1  
CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10  
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CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b  
CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c



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

## Chicken Nuggets with Honey-Mustard Sauce

a recipe from the *Heart Healthy Cookbook*

8 oz Chicken breast halves, with skin and bones removed

1 Tbsp Olive oil

2 Cloves Garlic, finely chopped

1/2 Cup Breadcrumbs, finely ground

1/8 Tsp Ground black pepper

Sauce:

1 Tbsp Dijon mustard

1–1/2 Tsp Honey

1. Cut chicken into 16 pieces. Make sure the pieces are about the same size.
2. In a bowl, mix the chicken, oil, garlic, and ground black pepper. Cover the bowl and place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
3. While the chicken is in the refrigerator, mix the mustard and honey in a small serving bowl. Spread the bread crumbs on a plate or pie pan. Spray a cookie sheet pan with oil to prevent the chicken from sticking. Turn the oven to 475° to preheat.
4. After 30 minutes, remove one piece of chicken from the bowl at a time. Let the extra liquid drip off.
5. Next, roll it in the bread crumbs until it is completely covered.
6. Place each chicken piece on the cookie sheet. Leave a space between them.
7. Bake for 15 minutes.
8. Let cool slightly and serve with the honey–mustard sauce.

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Chicken Nuggets with Honey-Mustard Sauce".

**6 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**Amy completed the recipe to make the chicken nuggets and followed it exactly. Before she mixed the chicken, garlic, oil, and ground pepper, Amy must have**

- A. placed bread crumbs on a pie pan or plate.
- B. baked the chicken nuggets and let them cool.
- C. put the bowl in the refrigerator.
- D. cut chicken into sixteen similar pieces.

Master ID:	182506	Revision:	1
Correct:	<b>D</b>		
Rationale:			
A.	Student(s) may not have realized that they needed to identify the step that comes before mixing the chicken, garlic, oil, and ground pepper into a bowl.		
B.	Student(s) may have confused the first step in the directions with the last step.		
C.	Student(s) may have thought Amy did this before she mixed the ingredients, but if she followed the recipe exactly, she did this after she mixed the ingredients.		
D.	Correct answer		
Standards:			
	CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID		
	CCSS.LA.4.RI.CCR.3		
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	CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10		
	CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.a		
	CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b		
	CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c		

**7 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**The main idea of the first five steps of the directions is to explain**

- A. the way to bake the chicken nuggets in the oven.
- B. the type and amount of ingredients used in this recipe.
- C. how to turn the ingredients into chicken nuggets.
- D. the amount of time it takes to make and bake the nuggets.

Master ID:	182704	Revision:	1
Correct:	<b>C</b>		
Rationale:			
A.	Student(s) may have misinterpreted the directions and explained what the other steps, other than the first five steps, tell the reader to do.		
B.	Student(s) may have confused the five ingredients listed at the beginning of the recipe with the five steps used to make the chicken nuggets.		
C.	Correct answer		
D.	Student(s) may have realized that the first five steps of the directions explain how long it takes to prepare the chicken nuggets; however, the steps do not tell how long it takes to bake the nuggets.		
Standards:			
	CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID		
	CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10		
	CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.a		
	CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b		
	CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c		

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Chicken Nuggets with Honey-Mustard Sauce".

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**TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**According to the passage, what is the purpose of the Dijon mustard and honey?**

- A. It is used to help cover the chicken pieces and turn them into chicken nuggets.
- B. It is used to prevent the chicken nuggets from sticking to the cookie sheet.
- C. It is used to make the sauce served with the chicken nuggets.
- D. It is used to help the pepper stick to the chicken nuggets.

Master ID: 182703 Revision: 1

Correct: C

Rationale:

- A. Student(s) may have confused the mustard and honey (which is used to make sauce) with bread crumbs (which is used to turn the chicken pieces into nuggets).
- B. Student(s) may have misread the recipe and may not have known the purpose of the mustard and honey.
- C. Correct answer
- D. Student(s) may have known that honey is sticky and inferred that it is used to keep the pepper on the chicken nuggets, but this is not true.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.1  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.a  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c

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**TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**According to the passage, which of the following should you do *while* the chicken is in the refrigerator?**

- A. Mix the sauce.
- B. Bake for 15 minutes.
- C. Wash your hands.
- D. Cover the bowl.

Master ID: 84548 Revision: 1

Correct: A

Rationale:

- A. Correct answer
- B. Student(s) may not have realized that the chicken cannot cook while it is in the refrigerator.
- C. Student(s) may have chosen this answer due to their own personal experience; however, this is not stated in the passage.
- D. Student(s) may not have realized that they should cover the bowl before placing it in the refrigerator.

Standards:

CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.CCR.3  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.3  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.a  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c

Directions: Answer the following question(s).

**10 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**Read the sentence.**

Since you need to arrive at the airport on time, you \_\_\_\_\_ leave your house by 1:15 p.m.

**Choose the correct modal auxiliary to complete the sentence.**

- A. may
- B. must
- C. can
- D. shall

Master ID:	182701	Revision:	1
Correct:	B		
Rationale:			
A.	Student(s) may have thought that it is not imperative for the person to leave by 1:15 p.m. (and used the word "may"), but the sentence suggests otherwise.		
B.	Correct answer		
C.	Student(s) may not have realized that the word "must" needs to be used when a sentence reflects a statement involving an obligation or requirement.		
D.	Student(s) may not have known which modal auxiliary works best in this sentence.		
Standards:			
CCSS.LA.4.L.4.1.c			

**11 TEACHER READS:**

Read the question to yourself and select the best answer.

**Read this sentence.**

The brontosaurus, \_\_\_\_\_ ate only plants, was the largest land dinosaur.

**Choose the correct relative pronoun or relative adverb to complete this sentence.**

- A. which
- B. that
- C. why
- D. when

Master ID:	170037	Revision:	1
Correct:	A		
Rationale:			
A.	Correct answer		
B.	Student(s) may not have understood that the clause "ate only plants" is non-essential, and the correct relative pronoun for non-essential clauses is "which."		
C.	Student(s) may not have understood that "why" is the relative adverb used for reasons, and "which" is the correct relative pronoun used for non-essential clauses.		
D.	Student(s) may not have understood that "when" is the relative adverb used for time, and "which" is the correct relative pronoun used for non-essential clauses.		
Standards:			
CCSS.LA.4.L.4.1.a			

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

## Southern California

Southern California has many places to visit. It has theme parks and natural parks. It also has exciting museums.

Southern California's theme parks are some of the best in the country. If you want to visit a happy place, then Disneyland is the place for you. Six Flags Magic Mountain has some of the largest roller coasters in the world. Or, if you want to see the Wild West, then Knott's Berry Farm has what you're looking for.

Southern California also has many natural parks. Lake Arrowhead, near Los Angeles, has a beautiful village right on the lake. Julian, near San Diego, has a town where fresh apples can be picked off the tree. Big Bear, near Los Angeles, is popular because you can snowboard or ski in the winter.

Finally, Southern California has many fun museums. The Discovery Science Center in Orange County has hands-on activities that will teach you all about science. The Getty Museum in Los Angeles has statues and paintings that are amazing to see.

If you want to go somewhere fun, then go to Southern California. You can ride roller coasters, pick apples, or look at beautiful art.

Directions: Answer the following question(s) relating to the passage titled "Southern California".

**12 TEACHER READS:**

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

**Jared read this passage and said he wanted to go to Southern California because he loves outdoor activities and fast rides. Which evidence from the passage supports the reason he wants to go there? Select three that apply.**

- A. Six Flags Magic Mountain has some of the largest roller coasters in the world.
- B. The Getty Museum in Los Angeles has statues and paintings that are amazing to see.
- C. Or, if you want to see the Wild West, then Knott's Berry Farm has what you're looking for.
- D. Big Bear, near Los Angeles, is popular because you can snowboard or ski in the winter.
- E. The Discovery Science Center in Orange County has hands-on activities that will teach you all about science.

Master ID: 550674 Revision: 1  
 Correct: ACD  
 Rationale:  
 A. Correct answer  
 B. Student(s) may have misunderstood the purpose of this museum because it contains statues and paintings, and not rides and outdoor activities.  
 C. Correct answer  
 D. Correct answer  
 E. Student(s) may have thought that the Discovery Science Center was an amusement park because it has activities people can take part in; however, the center is a hands-on museum.  
 Standards:  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.1  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.a  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c

**13 TEACHER READS:**

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

**Which evidence from the passage supports the idea that people visiting Southern California will have the chance to enjoy natural sites? Select three that apply.**

- A. Six Flags Magic Mountain has some of the largest roller coasters in the world.
- B. Lake Arrowhead, near Los Angeles, has a beautiful village right on the lake.
- C. Julian, near San Diego, has a town where fresh apples can be picked off the tree.
- D. Big Bear, near Los Angeles, is popular because you can snowboard or ski in the winter.
- E. The Discovery Science Center in Orange County has hands-on activities that will teach you all about science.

Master ID: 550657 Revision: 1  
 Correct: BCD  
 Rationale:  
 A. Student(s) may have thought that Magic Mountain is an actual mountain found in a natural setting; however, it is the name of a man-made theme park.  
 B. Correct answer  
 C. Correct answer  
 D. Correct answer  
 E. Student(s) may have known that some hands-on activities are performed in natural settings, but the ones at this center are performed in a museum.  
 Standards:  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.KID  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.1  
 CCSS.LA.4.RI.4.10  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.a  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.b  
 CCSS.LA.4.RF.4.4.c