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CATEGORY 1: STORY STRUCTURE

Students are given a passage and they must answer questions about the story structure.

STORY STRUCTURE FOR 100

Milo walked down the sidewalk towards the school wearing brand new sneakers and a new backpack. He waited nervously with his classmates outside, talking about their summer. The sun was warm, and the grass was damp with dew from the night before. As the minutes passed, the sidewalks filled with even more students who were all wearing new outfits and clutching lunch boxes. Finally, the bell rang, everyone filed inside to the hallways and then into their classroom.

Describe the setting of the story.

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STORY STRUCTURE FOR 200

Mariah yawned and rolled over as the soft morning sun filtered through the curtains. "Thank goodness I can sleep as late as I want," she murmured to herself as she drifted off to sleep. Her mother's voice jolted her awake a few minutes later, asking if she was ready for school. In shock, Mariah looked at her clock before jumping out of bed, pulling her hair into a ponytail, and running downstairs. Not wanting to be late, Mariah grabbed a granola bar and dashed out the door, barely remembering her backpack. She was already a block away when she realized that she was still wearing her pajamas.

What is the conflict of the story?

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STORY STRUCTURE FOR 300

Grayson confidently boarded the yellow school bus, ready to take on 5th grade. Right away, Grayson thought it was strange that he didn't recognize any of the other students who had been riding the bus with him since kindergarten. A few minutes later, the bus stopped at the middle school and everyone got off. "Oh, no," Grayson thought to himself, realizing that he'd gotten on the wrong bus. Taking a deep breath, Grayson told the bus driver that he had gotten on the wrong bus and needed to get to the elementary school. That day, Grayson learned what it was like to have an entire school bus all to himself as the driver took him to the correct school. Plus, he learned his lesson and never walked to the bus stop 30 minutes early ever again.

What is the resolution of the story?

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STORY STRUCTURE FOR 400

Everyone in the Miller family had gathered in the kitchen, eating breakfast and making lunch. Caleb maneuvered among his brothers and sisters, finding a small corner of the table where he could eat. Boxes of cereal, cartons of juice and milk, and lunchboxes covered the table. When the family cat jumped up onto the table, Caleb squealed, knowing that there wasn't room for anything else. Staring directly into his eyes, the cat lifted his paw and knocked Caleb's cereal into his lap, milk and all. "Ugh," said Caleb, grabbing a rag to wipe up the milk. Afterward, he went upstairs to change clothes because he didn't want to go to 4th grade for the first time wearing milk-soaked jeans.

What is the climax of the story?

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STORY STRUCTURE FOR 500

Her hand shaking, Natalie held the white envelope in her hand. As soon as she opened the letter, she would find out who her 5th-grade teacher would be. Natalie's heart pounded hard in her chest and her stomach felt queasy. Then, slowly, she slipped her finger under the flap, ripped open the envelope, and pulled out the letter. She scanned the letter until she finally saw the teacher's name. Breaking into a smile, Natalie felt relief washing over her body, knowing that she'd be in the same class as her friend, Michelle.

What is the falling action of the story?

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CATEGORY 2: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Students are given a passage and they must answer questions about the figurative language used.

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOR 100

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Which sentence from the story has the most examples of alliteration?

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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOR 200

Layla was as pleased as punch when she received her tickets to tour the White House. When she and her family arrived a few weeks later, Layla wondered at every detail, even taking pictures of the bathrooms. The tour guide quickly noticed her enthusiasm and spouted off facts about every item she noticed. "You know, John Adams kept a pet alligator in this bathtub and showed it off to visitors," she commented. Layla gasped at the thought and wondered what other secrets the White House held.

Which sentence from the story has an example of a simile?

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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOR 300

Jennifer's eyes grew into moons, staring in shock at her ordinary golden retriever. She blinked, shook her head and waited again for the dog to speak, but Rudy only said "Ruff!" enthusiastically before curling up. "I know I heard him say something," murmured Jennifer, unsatisfied and confused. Not willing to give up, Jennifer called Rudy to her room, where she snuggled into bed. Sure enough, just before her alarm rang, Jennifer heard the dog say, "Will you get up already? I'm starving!" Her eyes startled open to see the dog looking at her innocently.

Which sentence from the story is an example of hyperbole?

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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOR 400

"Meet me at the flagpole after school," the note reads. As quick as a fox, you stash it in your pocket before anyone can see. Who would have left such a cryptic, mysterious note in your backpack? You rack your brain, trying to think who of your new classmates could have slipped the note in your backpack during recess. The afternoon drags on and you work through monotonous tasks until the bell finally and mercifully decides to ring. Hurrying outside, you're thrilled to see Kelsey standing by the flagpole, a bright red lollipop in her hand. How had she gotten all the way here, to your new school?

Which sentence from the story is an example of personification?

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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOR 500

Whispering softly outside the window, the trees swayed in the wind. Paul was confused, as he usually awoke to the sound of honking horns, noisy radios, and pots and pans clanging in the kitchen. Upon opening his eyes, Paul couldn't recognize a single element of his surroundings. It was impossible for Paul to wrap his head around the strange situation. He pinched himself, slapped his face, and opened and closed his eyes, hoping to return to his bedroom. Finally, a strange man in a wizard's robe approached his bed, a wise and knowing look on his face. "Welcome to wizardry school," he said.

Which sentence from the story is an example of an idiom?

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CATEGORY 3: TEXT STRUCTURE

Students are given a passage and they must determine the text structure used.

TEXT STRUCTURE FOR 100

Children collect an astounding amount of Halloween candy each year. In fact, most children eat the equivalent of 3 cups of sugar on Halloween, all in the form of candy.

Parents often deal with this amount of sugar in a less than honest way. Up to 81 percent of parents admit to stealing their children's Halloween candy. Many of those parents go as far as to steal the candy after their kids are in bed or are at school so that they won't notice the theft. By stealing candy, parents can keep their children from eating such excessive amounts of sugar.

Which type of text structure is used in the passage?

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TEXT STRUCTURE FOR 200

Preparing a rocket for blastoff is sometimes a years-long process, yet the last few minutes are a flurry of activity to make sure all systems are prepared. First, ground control is in charge of the shuttle. They check the shuttle's power and remove the support system that astronauts use to board the shuttle. Then, when 30 seconds are left in the countdown, ground control passes off control to the astronauts. When just 6 seconds are left, the shuttle's main engines turn on with a mighty roar. Finally, at 0 seconds, the bolts that were holding the shuttle down are released and the shuttle shoots into space.

Which type of text structure is used in the passage?

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TEXT STRUCTURE FOR 300

Did you know that fungi, such as mushrooms, are more closely related to animals than to plants? It's true that mushrooms look like plants as they seem to grow out of the ground and appear to have stems. Another similarity is that fungi don't move around like animals and instead stay in one position like plants do. Yet, fungi cannot produce their food through photosynthesis like plants do. Instead, they get nutrition from decaying material such as rotting logs and leaves.

Which type of text structure is used in the passage?

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TEXT STRUCTURE FOR 400

The manaia pygmy pipehorse is a new species that was discovered in 2021. Living off the coast of New Zealand, this creature is very closely related to the seahorse. It uses its red and white coloring to camouflage with its rocky, coral surroundings. Tiny little growths extend from the body, helping it blend in even better with the reef. The sea animal is just 6 centimeters long and has a prehensile tail it can use to secure itself to rocks.

Which type of text structure is used in the passage?

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TEXT STRUCTURE FOR 500

Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, measuring a total of .19 square miles. Monaco is the second smallest country in the world, surrounded on three sides by France and featuring a population that's smaller than many cities. As a result of their small sizes, many of the world's smallest countries don't have space for an airport. Citizens and visitors alike must fly into one of the larger surrounding countries' airports and then drive or take a train. Despite this inconvenience, millions of visitors flock to Vatican City, Monaco, and other small countries each year.

Which type of text structure is used in the passage?

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CATEGORY 4: AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

Students are given a passage and they must determine the author's purpose.

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR 100

Oscar's eyes gleamed as he looked around the candy shop trying to decide which sweets to pick. Suddenly, the shop owner made an announcement stating that they'd be holding a candy-eating contest. Oscar dashed to the front of the store to participate in the contest. A bowl full of gummy worms, sour candies, and even a few chocolates was placed in front of him. When the whistle blew, Oscar dove into the bowl, eating as quickly as he could with his hands tied behind his back. When he had finished, he looked up and saw that he was the winner! "What did I win?" he asked the shopkeeper with a big, chocolatey smile on his face.

What is the author's purpose?

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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR 200

Some animals have the ability to regenerate. Several jellyfish have this ability including immortal jellyfish and moon jellyfish. These incredible creatures live their lives, die, and sink to the bottom of the ocean. It's then that the incredible process of regeneration happens as the jellyfish transforms into a polyp. From the polyp stage, the jellyfish eventually grows into an adult jellyfish again.

What is the author's purpose?

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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR 300

All schools should give elementary students two recesses. It's scientifically proven that exercise is beneficial for both mental and physical health. Although academics are important, students are often distracted and have a hard time concentrating. If elementary students got more exercise and playtime, they would be more productive in the classroom. The recesses wouldn't have to be very long, but they would improve students' performance and well-being.

What is the author's purpose?

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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR 400

In 2021, scientists discovered a new species that may now hold the record for the smallest reptile in the world. Measuring as little as an inch or less, the chameleon can easily fit on a fingertip. This particular species of chameleon, the brookesia nana, does not change colors. It remains a blotchy brown and beige color at all times, helping it hide on the forest floor. The new species lives in the rainforests of Madagascar where it eats tiny creatures similar to insects like mites.

What is the author's purpose?

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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR 500

Making and launching your own rocket can be easy if you gather a few materials that you already have in your house. First, gather 2 empty 2 liter bottles, vinegar, baking soda, tissues, a cork, some tissues, tape, and a weight. Fill one of the empty bottles halfway with vinegar. Wrap a few tablespoons of baking soda in the tissues and tape it shut. Attach a piece of thread to the baking soda tissues and hang it partway into the bottle without letting it touch the vinegar. Put a cork in the top of the bottle and set it aside. Make your rocket launcher by cutting the other bottle in half and putting your weight in the bottom of it. Finally, in an outdoor space, shake up your rocket, place it cork-down in the rocket launcher, and watch it soar!

What is the author's purpose?

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CATEGORY 5: VOCABULARY

Students are given a passage with key vocabulary that they must answer a question about.

VOCABULARY FOR 100

Some areas of Scotland experience abundant snowfall, experiencing up to 100 days of snow a year. Thanks to the large amount of snow, Scottish people talk about this winter weather a lot. A recent study showed that Scots use over 400 words and expressions to talk about snow. These words describe snow, its size, texture, and more. Experts say that this wide variety of words shows just how important the weather and snow are in the lives of Scots.

Which is the best synonym for the word "abundant" as it is used in the passage?

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| A. lacking | B. heavy |
| C. rare | D. lavish |

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VOCABULARY FOR 200

Scientists picked up a specimen of a snail in Egypt in 1846 and took it back to the Museum of Life in England. Museum workers were in for a surprise when they noticed something strange about the snail four years later. The snail had created an epiphragm, which snails make to hold in water while hibernating. The museum staff put the snail in some water, and it soon woke up! The snail went on to live for another two years before passing away.

Which is the best antonym for the word "hibernating" as it is used in the passage?

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| A. dormant | B. napping |
| C. hungry | D. awake |

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VOCABULARY FOR 300

You may assume that "z" was the last letter added to the alphabet. However, the last letter that was added was actually the letter "j". Before 1633, the letters "j" and "i" were the same letter, except for the fact that one had a curve on the bottom. Over time, linguists noticed that people were beginning to use the two letters to make different sounds. Eventually, books were written about the issue and the letter "j" officially became its own letter.

Using context clues, which is the best definition of the word "linguists" as it is used in the passage?

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| A. a specialist in the science of language | B. someone who enjoys noodles |
| C. a reading teacher | D. a music teacher |

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VOCABULARY FOR 400

Have you ever wondered where coins come from? Every country has their own mint, which produces coins. In the United States, there are six official mints that produce everything from pennies to dimes, nickels, and quarters. Most mints produce coins by punching them out of huge sheets of metal and stamping the design onto them. Coins typically last for about 30 years before they are removed from circulation, melted, and recycled.

Which is the best definition of the word "mint" as it is used in the passage?

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| A. an herb used in medicine and food | B. a type of candy |
| C. a place where coins are made | D. when something is in perfect condition |

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VOCABULARY FOR 500

In the 1920s and 1930s, Quality Oil Co. built a series of 8 shell-shaped gas stations in North Carolina. The unique shape was meant to promote their relationship with Shell, an international gas company. Unfortunately, all but one of the stations were abandoned or torn down. Preservation North Carolina and Quality Oil Co. worked together to restore one of the stations, which can still be seen today. Yet today, you can't buy gas there. Instead, you can enjoy visiting Preservation North Carolina's museum and offices.

Using what you know about the suffix "un", which is the best definition of the word "unfortunately" as it is used in the passage?

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| A. to act in a fortunate way | B. to have good luck |
| C. to not be happy | D. to not be fortunate |

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STORY STRUCTURE FOR 100

In the beginning, they were outside of the school on the sidewalk, in the sun, and in the morning.



At the end they were inside the school, in the hallway, and then eventually their classrooms.



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FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE FOR 200



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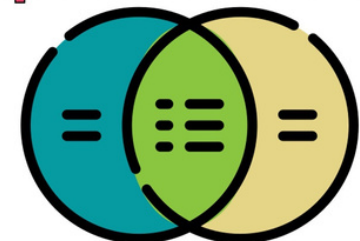
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TEXT STRUCTURE FOR 300

Compare & Contrast



Which type of text structure is used in the passage?

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AUTHOR'S PURPOSE FOR 400

Describe



What is the author's purpose?



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