

5th Grade READING

Vocabulary Challenges

Determine word meaning from context, structure, base word

Vocabulary Questions—Stems based on ISAT samples

- Which is a synonym for the word _____ in paragraph 7?
- Which is an example of a simile?
- Read this sentence from paragraph n. ... What does the word ____ mean?
- What is the meaning of the word _____?
- Which of these is a synonym of _____ as used in the sentence below?

Interpret Poems

Challenging Questions Based on ISAT Samples

- Which is a synonym for the word _____ in the poem?
- Which is an example of a simile?
- What is the most likely reason the author wrote this poem?
- Which shows an example of onomatopoeia?
- What would be another good title for this poem?
- Which is a synonym for the word _____ in the poem?
- What is the most likely reason the author wrote this poem?
- Which shows an example of onomatopoeia?
- What would be another good title for this poem?

Fiction

Analyze questions—what kind of question is it; how do I answer it?

- Infer meaning of word from context
- Infer cause-effect, motive, predictions
- Summarize
- Infer the Main Idea or Theme of a story or fable
- Analyze: genre; compare/contrast
- Infer: character traits, setting, plot, motive, prediction, main idea/theme, meaning of word from context
- Evaluate: author's techniques

Challenging Questions Based on ISAT Samples

- In paragraph *n*, what event causes _____ to _____?
- Read this sentence from paragraph *n*. ... What does the word _____ mean?
- What happened after _____?
- What happened before _____?
- What is the genre of the passage?
- What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?
- What is the meaning of the word _____?
- What is the most likely reason the author wrote this passage?
- What is the theme of the passage?
- What is the turning point in the story?
- What is X's biggest problem in the story?
- What lesson can readers learn from this story?
- What would be another good title for the passage?
- Which detail in the selection shows that ...?
- Which of these statements is a main idea?
- Which of these best describes _____?
- Which of these is a synonym of _____ as used in the sentence below?
- Which term best defines this passage?
- Why did _____ do _____?

Extended Response Examples from ISAT samples

- Why would people want to? Use information from the story and your own ideas and conclusions to support your answer.
- What conclusions can someone draw about _____ based on this passage?
- What problem did they solve? How is it like a problem in real life?

Non-Fiction

Analyze questions and answers—how do I choose the most important information; how do I choose the best answer?

- Infer meaning from context*
- Identify fact/opinion*
- Summarize—evaluate the information and decide what is important*
- Identify the Main Idea and evaluate the importance of information to support it*
- Infer meaning from context*
- Analyze: compare/contrast; fact/opinion*
- Infer meaning of word from context.*

Challenging Questions Based on ISAT Samples

- After reading the title, what should you expect to learn from this selection?
- Paragraph x of this selection is mainly about ____.
- Read this sentence from paragraph n. ... What does the word ____ mean?
- To understand more about ____, the reader should ask ____
- What does the prefix ____ mean?
- What is an opinion from the passage?
- What is the base word for ____?
- What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?
- What is the meaning of the word ____?
- What is the most likely reason the author wrote this passage?
- What would be another good title for this passage?
- Which detail in the selection shows that ...?
- Which is a synonym for the word ____ in paragraph n?
- Which of these statements is a main idea of ____?
- Which of these is a synonym of ____ as used in the sentence below?
- Which term best describes this passage?
- Why does the writer include this information?

Extended Response Example from ISAT samples

What conclusions can someone draw about _____ based on this passage?