

7th Grade READING Priorities

Vocabulary Challenges—Determine word meaning—context, structure, base word

Vocabulary Questions—Stems based on ISAT samples

Which word means the same as _____ in these sentences?

What is the root word of _____?

What is a synonym for _____?

What is an antonym for _____?

How does the prefix affect this word?

What is the etymology of _____?

Based on the etymology of the word xxxx, which of these is the best meaning of the word xxxx in this sentence?

Interpret Poems

Challenging Questions Based on ISAT Samples

Develop poetry interpretation skills:

If you did not know the meaning of _____ in stanza N, you should _____.

In line n, when the speaker says ..., she most likely means _____.

In this poem, which point of view does the poet use?

The poet most likely took the idea for this poem from _____.

Why does the speaker feel _____?

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
- Point of view
- Summarize
- Infer the 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

According to this sentence, which best describes the feelings of ____?

How are x and y alike? How do they differ?

In paragraph n, which literacy device does the author use?

Summarize the passage in a few sentences.

What do you predict will happen after ____?

What does ____ (give word) mean as used in this sentence?

What does the title of the passage suggest?

What genre is X?

What is ____'s motive?

What is the genre?

What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?

What is the point of view of the narrator?

What is the theme?

What is the writer's purpose?

What techniques does the writer use to create a mood?

What techniques does the writer use to interest the reader?

What would be another good title for ____?

Which detail in the selection shows that ____?

Which of these best describes ____?

Which sentence best summarizes the passage?

Which term best defines this passage?

Which word means the same as ____ in these sentences?

Why did X do Y?

What would be another good title for ____?

Extended Response Examples from ISAT samples

What challenges did _____ face, and what could people learn from how they overcame these challenges? Use information from the passage and your own ideas and conclusions to support your answer.

In the story, the author describes the behavior of X. Explain why X behaves as they do in this story. Use information from the story and your own observations and conclusions to support your answer.

What lesson can people learn from this story?

Non-Fiction

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

- 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
- Analyze: compare/contrast; fact/opinion
- Infer meaning of word from context.
- Structure/organization of the passage

Challenging Questions Based on ISAT Samples

Based on the etymology of the word xxxx, which of these is the best meaning of the word xxxx in this sentence?

How do the headings help the reader?

How does the writer organize the passage?

In _____, the heading _____ refers to ----.

Paragraph N of this selection is mainly about _____

To understand more about the meaning of _____, the reader should ask _____?

What does _____ (give word) mean as used in this sentence?

What genre is X?

What is a synonym for _____ as used in the passage?

What is an opinion in the passage?

What is the main idea of paragraph n?

What is the main idea of the passage?

What is the main purpose of the first paragraph?

What is the writer's purpose?

What would be another good title for _____?

Which detail in the selection shows that _____?

Which information supports that main idea?

Which of these statements is a main idea of _____?

Which statement best summarizes the article?

Which term best defines this passage?

Which word means the same as _____ in these sentences?

Extended Response Examples from ISAT samples

What challenges did _____ face, and what could people learn from how they overcame these challenges? Use information from the passage and your own ideas and conclusions to support your answer.

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