



Chapter 2 Exercises

Lesson 2.1: Preparing Yourself to Read

1. What is the most helpful pre-reading strategy?
 - Predict what the text is about
 - Browse a website while pre-reading
 - Ask a classmate to summarize the text
2. True or false? While pre-reading, reviewing the table of contents is a helpful way to understand how the chapter is organized and broken down.
 - True
 - False
3. Which sentence most clearly indicates the topic of the passage that will follow this introduction?

How many consumers are aware that their hamburger and fries may have ingredients that are also used in cement, Silly Putty, and soap? Many fast food chains use any ingredients necessary to create products cheaply and quickly. We should avoid eating fast food on a regular basis because it is detrimental to our health and the environment.
4. Which sentence most clearly indicates how the author wants the audience to respond?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has influenced the standards of nutritional education since the early 1900s. However, we must be aware of how the agricultural industry and public health have suffered because of this interference. Food politics and the history of the food pyramid are closely related.

Lesson 2.2: Using Visual Clues

5. Which term matches this definition?

A chart that uses pie slices to show percentages of a whole

 - Font
 - Visual clue
 - Bar graph
 - Pie chart
 - Line graph
 - Legend
6. Which set of data would be best represented with a line graph?
 - The rise and fall in popularity of three TV shows over the past five years
 - The percentages of red, pink, and purple nail polishes sold from a drugstore in the month of November
 - A comparison of the average GPAs of American and Canadian students

7. Which visual would most effectively communicate the number of employees who express satisfaction versus dissatisfaction with their work environments?
- Bar graph
 - Line graph
 - Pie chart
8. Which statement about visual clues is true?
- Reading an image is always quick and easy.
 - Pie charts show changes over time.
 - Seeing an image is not the same as actually reading and interpreting it.

Lesson 2.3: Reading Actively and Purposefully

9. Which strategy is most likely to improve reading comprehension?
- Skim until an interesting passage jumps out at you.
 - Ignore your personal opinions and experiences.
 - Finish the assignment as quickly as possible.
 - Use your own words to summarize the text.
10. Identify the two decisions that would *not* improve reading comprehension.
- Using your own words to summarize important ideas
 - Skimming until you get bored
 - Skipping difficult passages
11. What is the term for understanding and remembering what you have read?
- Passive reading
 - Reading comprehension
 - Active reading
12. Identify the two true statements about reading actively and purposefully.
- Reading involves reflecting on your opinion of an author's main point.
 - It's not necessary to review what you learn from the text.
 - You should avoid making predictions about the text.
 - It's best to read the text in small sections.

Lesson 2.4: Deconstructing Topics, Ideas, and Details

13. Identify the two main ideas that best fit this topic.
- Specific strategies for environmental sustainability
 - We can practice sustainable living by reducing household waste, recycling used items, and reusing goods whenever possible.
 - Approaches to reducing household waste include composting and using reusable dishes, towels, and drinkware.
 - Many people don't realize how many of their daily activities have negative effects on the environment.

14. Which statement is true?

- General information is broad and can include a text's topic, or subject.
- The topic of a text is always expressed in a full sentence.
- Major details are more specific than minor details.
- Main ideas are always stated explicitly.

15. What is most likely the general topic of a text with this topic sentence?

Punk rock is an important branch of popular music that began in the late sixties and continued to flourish through the mid 2000s.

- Popular music throughout the decades
- Film-making strategies
- Ethics in China

16. Which statement is true?

- Minor details often include examples and/or explanations to support major details.
- The topic is the most specific component of a text.
- Main ideas are always stated explicitly.

Lesson 2.5: Identifying Organizational Patterns

17. Which organizational pattern does this short paragraph use?

In the middle of the painting, there is a woman reading. Beside her sits a small dog. Behind them, there is an open window.

- Order of importance
- Chronological
- Cause and effect
- Compare and contrast
- Spatial

18. In the following paragraph, which three words signal a chronological organizational pattern?

The telephone has played a crucial role in the way people communicate. After the original phone was created in 1876, the candlestick phone appeared, different because it was separated into two pieces. Then the rotary phone was invented; users rotated a circle and stopped at each digit in a phone number. Eventually, phones similar to what we have now were developed.

19. Identify the two true statements about organizational patterns.

- An organizational pattern is the structure of a written text.
- You shouldn't trust organizational patterns to indicate an author's train of thought.
- The structure of a written text is about style, not meaning.
- Organizational patterns can help you follow an author's train of thought.

20. Which term matches the following definition?

An organizational pattern used to show the similarities and differences between two topics

- Compare and contrast
- Order of importance
- Chronological

Lesson 2.6: Using Context for Unfamiliar Words or Phrases

21. Identify the two antonyms that are context clues in this sentence.

Even though I'm shy around new people, I'm quite gregarious around my friends.

22. True or false? To understand unfamiliar words, you can think of synonyms and try substituting them into the sentence.

- True
- False

23. Which term matches the following definition?

A word or phrase that helps you determine the meanings of unfamiliar words

- Context clue
- Example
- Substitution

24. Identify the two definitions that are context clues in these sentences.

It can be frustrating to hear my father and his colleagues speak in jargon, vocabulary specific to their job. They can sometimes be categorical, or rigid in their beliefs, so their conversations often end in arguments.

Lesson 2.7: Using Word Parts for Unfamiliar Words

25. Which term matches the following definition?

A word part added to the end of a root in order to change the meaning of a word

- Suffix
- Word family
- Prefix

26. Which term matches the following definition?

A root that forms the base of a word but cannot stand alone

- Combining root
- Prefix
- Suffix

27. Identify the two words in this sentence that are in the same word family.

The mortician never saw immortal beings until one strange encounter.

28. Which term matches the following definition?

A word part added to the beginning of a root in order to create a new word

- Prefix
- Word family
- Combining root

Lesson 2.8: Making Inferences about a Text

29. Identify the two true statements about making inferences.

- You should pay attention to the details that an author chooses to include in their writing.
- To make an inference, avoid asking yourself questions.
- Asking yourself questions can help you make inferences.
- You should disregard the details in a piece of writing.

30. What can you infer about the time of year based on the clues in this passage?

Without thinking, Andre sprinted out the door. In just a few seconds, sweat was pouring down his face. He didn't mind; he was on a mission to catch the person he'd just seen steal his bike. Even though his flip-flops made the run more difficult, he finally caught up with the culprit.

- It is summer.
- It is winter.

31. What can you infer about Chloe's occupation based on the clues in these sentences?

As Chloe drove to work, she rehearsed the questions she planned to ask the defendant. She had a binder full of notes, so she felt prepared. As she entered the courtroom, she passed members of the jury.

- She is a lawyer.
- She is a doctor.

32. What can you infer about how Amir is feeling based on the clues in this paragraph?

Amir waited in line, yawning and staring into space. Around him, people milled around, searching for the perfect gifts. He began fidgeting and making sympathetic eye contact with the individuals standing behind him. Then he checked the time on his phone and sighed.

- He is excited.
- He is bored.

Lesson 2.9: Recognizing Types of Main Ideas and Evidence

33. Which term matches the following definition?

Opinions or statements shared by someone who is knowledgeable about a topic

- Expert analysis
- Examples
- Descriptions
- Author analysis

34. What is the definition of a description?

- An opinion or statement shared by an expert
- The thoughts and feelings of the author
- A specific instance or illustration that demonstrates a point
- A passage that uses words that appeal to the senses

35. Identify the three facts that serve as supporting details in this paragraph.

For centuries, there has been a strong connection between religious mythology and our solar system. All the planets except Earth are named after Roman gods. For instance, Mercury is named after the Roman god of money, messages, and luck, among other things. In fact, people of ancient civilizations thought the planets themselves were deities.

36. Identify the two supporting details in this paragraph.

Dogs make great pets because they are loving and intelligent and trainable. For example, my dog runs to the door every time I come home. Dogs can also be trained to do many things, including find and rescue people in trouble.