

Test Taking Tips for Reading Comprehension

Multiple Choice Questions

* Always read test directions carefully before you begin.

Step 1: Read some of the questions before reading the passage to set a purpose for reading.

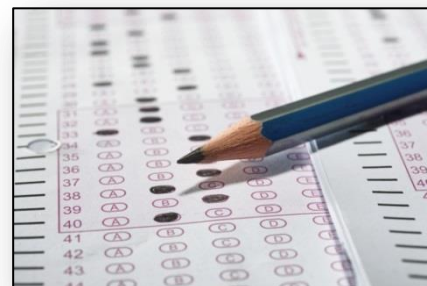
Step 2: Read the entire passage carefully. Search for clues to answer the question(s).

Step 3: After reading the passage, read each question one at a time. Look for information/wording that will help you know where to find the answer (In the Text / In my Head).

Step 4: Skim and reread the passage to locate the correct answer or clues to answer the question.

Step 5: Read all of the answer choices and eliminate answers which are obviously incorrect.

Step 6: Keep a finger beside the answer that most closely matches your thinking. Bubble in the correct response once you have verified your answer in the text.



Conrad, Matthews, Zimmerman & Allen (2008); Scholastic (n.d.); Walker (2010)

**Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.
Then fill in the answer on your answer document.**

The Dog and the Joey

- 1 One spring morning Leonie Allan took her dog Rex for a walk. She thought the walk down the road and back would be simple. Instead, the walk changed her from pet owner to wildlife rescuer.
- 2 Allan lives in an area of Australia where people often find wildlife grazing in their yards. While people living in the United States might find deer, raccoons, and skunks roaming their yards, people in Australia might see kangaroos.
- 3 Allan's walk was uneventful that morning, but Rex was acting strangely afterward. As Allan worked in the yard, Rex kept looking down the road they had taken on their walk. Then he began standing very still, with his nose pointing toward what he wanted Allan to notice. Rex, a mixed breed, is part pointer. Pointers are dogs that naturally stand very still and point with their entire body in the direction of wildlife they see or smell. They are trained not to chase animals but simply to point to where they are. They are excellent tracking dogs and can find animals with their keen sense of smell.
- 4 Allan became worried when Rex began pointing. When Rex left to investigate, Allan thought he might have found something dangerous. She called the dog back. But when Rex returned, in his mouth he had a joey, a baby kangaroo about four months old. Picking up an animal was unusual behavior for Rex, since he had not been trained to do so. Allan was surprised that Rex had picked up the joey so gently. The baby didn't appear to be afraid at all.
- 5 "He obviously sensed the baby 'roo was still alive," Allan said, "and somehow had gently grabbed it by the neck, gently retrieved it, and brought it to me."
- 6 Rex and the joey, which Allan named Rex Jr., spent the afternoon playing together. "The joey was snuggling up to him, jumping up to him, and Rex was sniffing and licking him—it was quite cute," Allan told a newspaper reporter.

- 7 Wildlife experts were amazed, too. Tehree Gordon works at the wildlife sanctuary¹ where the joey was later taken. She was surprised that Rex had been so careful with the joey and knew to take it to his owner. She was also amazed that the joey was not afraid of Rex and did not think he was a predator.



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- 8 Rex Jr. was bottle-fed and raised at the wildlife sanctuary. A year and a half later, he was released back into the wild in an area where he could be monitored by workers at the sanctuary. "His progress and release went well," Gordon commented. Now Rex Jr. is part of a group of kangaroos, called a mob, living a normal kangaroo life—thanks to Rex, a gentle dog that knew how to point.

¹A wildlife sanctuary is a place that provides a safe environment for animals.

32 Why did Allan worry when Rex went to investigate?

- F** She did not want to stop working in her yard.
- G** She knew he was tired after their walk.
- H** She thought he might get lost.
- J** She did not want him to put himself in danger.

33 After reading paragraph 6, the reader can conclude that Allan was —

- A** entertained by the way Rex and the joey played together
- B** unhappy with the name she selected for the joey
- C** concerned about having to speak to a newspaper reporter
- D** thankful that Rex was able to find a joey in her neighborhood

Question Answer Relationship (QAR)

In The **Text**



Right There

In My **Head**



Author and Me



Think And Search



On My Own