

10 Quick Reading Passages

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Each passage is around 150 words and includes two multiple choice questions. One question will focus on an informational text standard for the passage and the other will require students to use context clues to determine the meaning of an unknown word.

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One of the creepiest animals on Earth is also one of the most helpful. Bats, which have a horrible reputation as blood-sucking monsters that carry disease, might save more lives than any other animal. The reason for this is that bats are well known for their use of echolocation. "See in the dark." Bats that echolocate are they see how this amazing extra sense. Bugs! Usually, several species of bats pursue mosquitoes. Simply by feeling the echo that bounces off a tiny mosquito, bats can hunt an insect that is about the size of your pinkie fingernail. Bats that eat these annoying flying pests need a lot of them. Some species of bats eat around 8,000 mosquitoes every day! Since mosquitoes can carry a deadly disease called malaria that kills about one million people every year, bats really can be considered life savers.

1. What is the effect of the first two sentences of the passage?
 - a. The first two sentences explain that even though they are scary, bats can be quite helpful.
 - b. The first two sentences explain that the passage will focus on bats.
 - c. The first two sentences help the reader understand the author's concerns about bats.
 - d. The first two sentences help the reader understand the danger that bats face.
2. What is the most likely purpose of the word "pursue" as it is used in the passage?
 - a. avoid
 - b. practice
 - c. hunt
 - d. fly

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Fairs are fun community-wide events that bring people together in celebration. Fairs are often held in parks, on city streets, historical events, or other special occasions. Most fairs have a variety of games, such as shooting, baseball, and fishing. There are also usually food stands and live music. Many fairs have speakers, live music, and even dance performances. The fun of going to a fair is that there is usually something for everyone. This makes fairs a great place for a civic or school group. Many local fairs are also a nice way to bring people together in the community. Too often, people don't cross paths with a lot of their neighbors, so such as fairs are a wonderful way to come together for fun and entertainment.

1. What is the main purpose of the passage?
- a. to meet or interact with someone
b. to spend time together
c. to celebrate something together
d. to play games with someone

2. What is the meaning of the word "civic" as it is used in the passage?
- a. avoid
b. link
c. split
d. include

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- a. avoid
b. practice
c. follow
d. shadow

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Bats

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What is your name?

Your answer

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