



Introduction

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 - c) Close reading
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Section 2: Short Answer (20 minutes, 30 points)

Answer each question in complete sentences.

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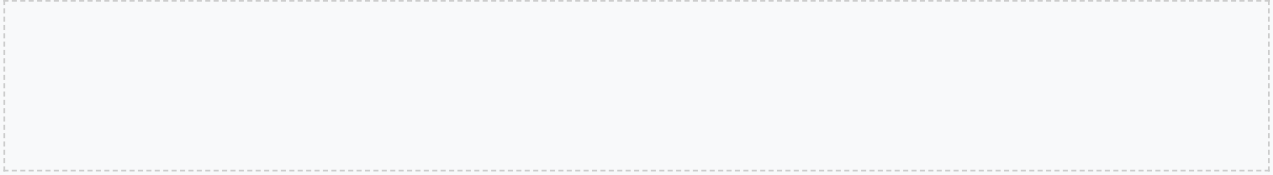
4. Analyze the author's use of language in the passage. How does it contribute to the overall meaning?

5. What inference can be made about the author's attitude towards the topic? Provide evidence from the passage to support your answer.

Section 3: Essay (25 minutes, 50 points)

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Analyze how the author uses textual evidence to support their claim. How does this relate to your own experiences or other texts you have read? Be sure to provide quotes and explanations to support your argument.



Marking Guide

The following criteria will be used to assess your work:

- Multiple Choice: 1 point for each correct answer
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 - Content (15 points): Depth and accuracy of analysis, use of textual evidence
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 - Language Use (5 points): Grammar, vocabulary, and spelling
- Essay:
 - Thesis Statement (10 points): Clear, focused, and well-supported thesis
 - Analysis and Evidence (20 points): Depth and insight of analysis, effective use of textual evidence
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Differentiation Options

The following differentiation options can be used to support diverse learners:

- For ELL/ESL Students: Provide a graphic organizer to help with essay planning, offer a word bank for vocabulary support, and consider providing the assessment in the student's native language if necessary.
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- For Advanced Learners: Provide additional challenging questions or ask them to create their own questions based on the text, requiring them to apply higher-level thinking skills.

Bloom's Taxonomy Alignment

The assessment is designed to align with various levels of Bloom's Taxonomy:

- Remembering: Multiple-choice questions that test recall of main ideas and details.
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- Applying: Essay question that asks students to apply reading strategies and make connections.
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- Creating: Encouraging advanced learners to generate their own questions or responses based on the text.

Multiple Intelligence Approaches

The assessment incorporates multiple intelligence approaches:

- Linguistic Intelligence: Through reading comprehension and writing tasks.
- Logical-Mathematical Intelligence: In the analysis and inference-making tasks.
- Spatial Intelligence: Through the use of visual aids like graphic organizers.
- Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence: By allowing students to express their thoughts and ideas in writing.
- Interpersonal Intelligence: By encouraging peer discussion and feedback opportunities.
- Intrapersonal Intelligence: Through self-reflection and analysis tasks.

Clear Success Criteria

The following success criteria will be used to evaluate student performance:

- Students will be able to identify main ideas and supporting details in a text with accuracy.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to make inferences based on textual evidence.
- Students will recognize and explain the author's tone and purpose.
- Students will apply effective reading strategies for comprehension.

Evidence Collection Methods

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- Completed assessment booklet
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- Feedback from peers and self-assessment

Feedback Opportunities

The following feedback opportunities will be provided:

- Immediate feedback after the assessment to discuss areas of strength and improvement.
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- Self-reflection and self-assessment opportunities throughout the assessment process.

Additional Activities

The following additional activities can be used to support student learning:

- Create a graphic organizer to help students plan their essay response.
- Provide a word bank with key vocabulary from the passage.
- Ask students to create their own questions based on the text, requiring them to apply higher-level thinking skills.
- Encourage peer discussion and feedback opportunities to promote interpersonal intelligence.
- Provide opportunities for self-reflection and self-assessment to promote intrapersonal intelligence.

Extension Activities

The following extension activities can be used to challenge advanced learners:

- Ask students to research and present on a topic related to the passage.
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Scoring Guide

The following scoring guide will be used to evaluate student performance:

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Interpretation of Results

The following interpretation of results will be used to evaluate student performance:

- Students who score 80% or higher on the assessment demonstrate a strong understanding of the reading comprehension skills.
- Students who score 70-79% demonstrate a good understanding of the reading comprehension skills, but may need additional support.
- Students who score below 70% demonstrate a limited understanding of the reading comprehension skills and may need significant support.

Conclusion

This reading comprehension assessment is designed to evaluate the reading comprehension skills of ELL/ESL students aged 20-25. The assessment includes multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions that align with the learning objectives and cater to diverse learning styles and abilities. The assessment also incorporates multiple intelligence approaches and provides opportunities for feedback and self-assessment. By using this assessment, instructors can evaluate student understanding and provide targeted support to improve reading comprehension skills.

Reading Strategies for Comprehension

Effective reading strategies are essential for improving comprehension. These strategies include identifying main ideas and supporting details, making inferences, recognizing the author's tone and purpose, and applying prior knowledge. By teaching students these strategies, instructors can help them become more active and engaged readers.

Example: Identifying Main Ideas

To identify the main idea of a text, students should look for the topic sentence or the sentence that summarizes the main point. They should also consider the title, headings, and subheadings to help them understand the structure of the text.

Group Activity: Identifying Supporting Details

Divide students into small groups and provide each group with a copy of the text. Ask each group to identify the supporting details that help to develop the main idea. Then, ask each group to share their findings with the class.

Assessing Reading Comprehension

Assessing reading comprehension is crucial to determine students' understanding of the material. Instructors can use various assessment tools, such as multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, and essays, to evaluate students' ability to identify main ideas, make inferences, and recognize the author's tone and purpose.

Case Study: Assessing Reading Comprehension

A teacher administered a reading comprehension assessment to her students after they read a chapter from a novel. The assessment included multiple-choice questions, short-answer questions, and an essay question. The results showed that most students were able to identify the main idea and supporting details, but struggled with making inferences and recognizing the author's tone and purpose.

Reflection: Assessing Reading Comprehension

Reflecting on the assessment results, the teacher realized that she needed to provide more instruction on making inferences and recognizing the author's tone and purpose. She decided to incorporate more activities that targeted these skills, such as asking students to create their own inferences and analyzing the author's tone and purpose in different texts.

Technology-Enhanced Reading Comprehension

Technology can enhance reading comprehension by providing students with interactive and engaging tools to improve their reading skills. Digital texts, online quizzes, and reading games can help students develop their reading comprehension skills in a fun and interactive way.

Example: Digital Texts

Digital texts can provide students with interactive features, such as hyperlinks, videos, and audio recordings, to enhance their reading experience. These features can help students better understand the material and develop their reading comprehension skills.

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Group Activity: Online Quizzes

Divide students into small groups and provide each group with a computer or tablet. Ask each group to complete an online quiz on reading comprehension. Then, ask each group to share their results with the class and discuss any challenges they faced.

Differentiated Instruction for Reading Comprehension

Differentiated instruction is essential to meet the diverse needs of students in the classroom. Instructors can use various strategies, such as learning centers, technology integration, and graphic organizers, to differentiate instruction and provide students with opportunities to develop their reading comprehension skills.

Case Study: Differentiated Instruction

A teacher used learning centers to differentiate instruction for her students. She set up different stations, each with a different activity, such as reading a text, completing a graphic organizer, and creating a visual project. Students rotated through the stations, working at their own pace and level of difficulty.

Reflection: Differentiated Instruction

Reflecting on the learning centers, the teacher realized that they provided students with opportunities to develop their reading comprehension skills in a fun and interactive way. She decided to continue using learning centers and to incorporate more technology integration and graphic organizers to further differentiate instruction.

Conclusion

In conclusion, reading comprehension is a crucial skill that students need to develop to succeed in academics and beyond. Instructors can use various strategies, such as identifying main ideas and supporting details, making inferences, recognizing the author's tone and purpose, and applying prior knowledge, to teach reading comprehension. By incorporating technology, differentiated instruction, and assessment, instructors can provide students with opportunities to develop their reading comprehension skills and become more engaged and active readers.

Example: Reading Comprehension in Action

A student was able to identify the main idea and supporting details of a text, make inferences, and recognize the author's tone and purpose. The student was able to apply prior knowledge to better understand the material and develop a deeper understanding of the subject matter.

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Appendix

The following appendix provides additional resources and materials to support the development of reading comprehension skills:

- Graphic organizers for identifying main ideas and supporting details
 - Online quizzes and games for reading comprehension
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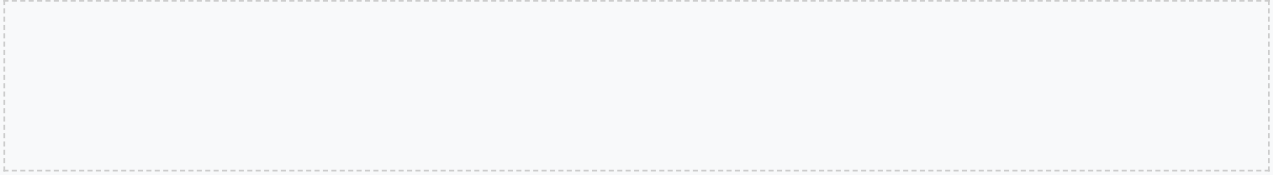
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