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## "Disaster in Space" Quiz

**Directions:** Read "Disaster in Space." Then answer the questions below.

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- The opening section of the article describes an emergency. Which section of the article explains what caused this emergency?

  - (A) "A Mission to the Moon"
  - (B) "A Space Race"
  - (C) "Something Unexpected"
  - (D) "A Catastrophe"
- According to the article, how did competition between Russia and the U.S. affect space travel?

  - (A) It sped up the progress of space travel.
  - (B) It caused the U.S. to take dangerous risks in early space travel.
  - (C) It slowed down the progress of space travel.
  - (D) It caused Americans to lose interest in space travel.
- Which line from the text best supports your answer to question 2?

  - (A) "At the time, America and Russia (then part of the Soviet Union) were sworn enemies." (p. 7)
  - (B) "The countries were vying to become the most powerful nation on Earth." (p. 7)
  - (C) "Soon the two countries were racing toward a new goal: to put a human being in space." (p. 7)
  - (D) "... Many Americans lost interest in space travel." (p. 8)
- On page 8, author Lauren Tarshis explains that at the time of the Apollo 13 mission, Americans' interest in space travel was low. Why was it low?

  - (A) Americans thought Russia was too involved.
  - (B) Americans were more focused on problems like war and poverty.
  - (C) Americans didn't think it was possible to walk on the moon again.
  - (D) Americans were worried about the danger of the Apollo 13 mission.
- On page 8, Tarshis writes, "These men knew Apollo 13's systems better than they knew their own bedrooms." Tarshis is saying that the engineers

  - (A) did not know Apollo 13's systems well.
  - (B) knew Apollo 13's systems very well.
  - (C) did not know their bedrooms well.
  - (D) worked so much that they hardly slept.
- Tarshis wrote "Disaster in Space" mainly to

  - (A) convince readers that we should stop sending people into space.
  - (B) teach readers how to handle an accident aboard a spacecraft.
  - (C) inspire and amaze readers with a story about human survival.
  - (D) inform readers about the science of space travel.

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## ***Into the Maze of Doom Quiz***

**Directions:** Read *Into the Maze of Doom* and "What's With These Guys?" Then answer the questions below.

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1. What makes Theseus a hero?
  - Ⓐ He's the son of a king.
  - Ⓑ He feels no fear.
  - Ⓒ He fights against injustice.
  - Ⓓ He is helped by Aridane.
2. Which line from the essay "What's With These Guys?" expresses an idea that is similar to your answer to Question 1?
  - Ⓐ "Superheroes fight for good, for freedom, for what is right." (p. 18)
  - Ⓑ "He runs faster than a speeding bullet." (p. 17)
  - Ⓒ "He came from planet Krypton and possessed unparalleled strength." (p. 17)
  - Ⓓ "Many of these characters have been around for decades, with small but loyal fan bases." (p. 18)
3. Read this line from page 15 of the play: "The Minotaur thunders toward Theseus." What does the word *thunders* tell you?
  - Ⓐ It is storming inside the labyrinth.
  - Ⓑ The Minotaur sneaks up on Theseus.
  - Ⓒ The Minotaur moves in a slow and relaxed way.
  - Ⓓ The Minotaur moves in a fast, heavy, and loud way.
4. Which detail definitely does NOT belong in a summary of the play?
  - Ⓐ Theseus slays the Minotaur with its horn.
  - Ⓑ Ariadne gives Theseus a sword and thread to help him survive in the labyrinth.
  - Ⓒ Theseus volunteers to travel to Crete.
  - Ⓓ A guard leads Theseus down a long corridor.
5. In "What's With These Guys?" author Kristin Lewis supports her claim that superheroes have gone mainstream in all of the following ways EXCEPT which?
  - Ⓐ She lists popular superhero TV shows.
  - Ⓑ She points out that superhero movies make a lot of money.
  - Ⓒ She explains the origin of Superman.
  - Ⓓ She compares superhero fans from the past with superhero fans of today.
6. Both the play and the essay support all of the following ideas EXCEPT which?
  - Ⓐ Heroes stand up for what's right.
  - Ⓑ Heroes protect the innocent.
  - Ⓒ Comic books became increasingly popular in 1938.
  - Ⓓ Stories about heroes show a society's values.

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## Paired Texts Quiz

**Directions:** Read "Can She Be Saved?" and "Can Drones Stop Animal Killers?" Then answer the questions below.

- Which statement BEST expresses a central idea of "Can She Be Saved?"**
  - Poachers make a lot of money.
  - Many different animals live in the African savanna.
  - In Kenya, a conservation group is helping orphaned elephants.
  - Poachers use snares to catch elephants.
- Which line from the article best supports your answer to Question 1?**
  - "It pounced on the baby, clamping its jaws around her neck." (p. 20)
  - "The sale of ivory is banned in most countries, but that doesn't stop these criminals, who can make thousands of dollars selling tusks illegally." (p. 19)
  - "The Trust is a place where orphaned elephants can be safe from almost certain death in the wild." (p. 20)
  - "Zebras and giraffes wander among baobab trees." (p. 19)
- On page 19, author Justin O'Neill describes the Tsavo Conservation Area as**
  - large and empty.
  - small and dangerous.
  - beautiful and lively.
  - sandy and bare.
- On page 19, O'Neill writes, "Elephants thrive here too." Based on context clues, you can tell that *thrive most closely* means**
  - do well.
  - eat.
  - suffer.
  - walk.
- In "Can Drones Stop Animal Killers?" a fact about the amount of money the U.S. government is spending on drone technology would best fit into which section?**
  - the introduction
  - "Criminal Enterprise"
  - "Can it Work?"
  - "Drones on Patrol"
- All of the following claims are supported by information from both articles EXCEPT which?**
  - Rangers patrol wilderness areas in Africa to try to stop poachers.
  - Elephants and rhinos could be extinct in the wild in 10 years.
  - Tusks are used to make jewelry.
  - Poachers can make a lot of money.

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## "How *Pokémon GO* Conquered the World" Quiz

**Directions:** Read "How *Pokémon GO* Conquered the World" Then answer the questions below.

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- Which is a central idea of the article?
  - Some people got hurt playing *Pokémon GO*.
  - People are still looking for Snorlax.
  - Pokémon GO* is not the first AR game.
  - Pokémon GO* has given us a taste of the AR that's coming.
- Which line best supports your answer to Question 1?
  - "To play, you wander around outside as the game tracks your position." (p. 26)
  - "Distracted players walked into traffic and off cliffs." (p. 27)
  - "We are going to remember *Pokémon GO* as far more than a fad. We are going to remember *Pokémon GO* as the beginning of a whole new world." (p. 27)
  - "While there are still plenty of people searching for Snorlax now, the game is no longer the global obsession that it was." (p. 27)
- Author Anna Starecheski writes that *Pokémon GO* "took the world by storm last summer." What does she mean?
  - The game can be played in the rain.
  - The game ruined many people's plans.
  - The game was popular for only a brief time.
  - The game was enormously popular.
- On page 27, Starecheski writes, "Incessant messages about sneaker sales and coupons for candy would attempt to lure you into spending your hard-earned babysitting dollars." *Incessant* most closely means
  - delightful.
  - angry.
  - nonstop.
  - secret.
- The author writes, "And your daily life would be filled with things blinking, beeping, and blurping wherever you go" (p. 27). This line contains an example of what literary device?
  - alliteration (placing words that begin with the same sound near one another)
  - metaphor (comparing one thing to another)
  - hyperbole (exaggeration to create an effect)
  - simile (a comparison using "like" or "as")
- Which detail should definitely NOT be included in a summary of the article?
  - Millions of people played *Pokémon GO* last summer.
  - Pokémon GO* is an "augmented reality" game.
  - A Doduo is a two-headed bird.
  - Big tech companies are hard at work developing new AR technology.

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## "Are Athletes Overpaid?" Quiz

**Directions:** Read "Are Athletes Overpaid?" Then answer the questions below.

- Which of the following best expresses the central claim of Jesse Edelman's essay "Athletes Make a LOT of Money"?
  - Professional athletes are paid too much.
  - Professional athletes have easy lives.
  - Tom Brady makes a large amount of money.
  - Professional athletes deserve their high salaries.
- Mackenzie Carro makes all the following points in her essay. Which point does Edelman NOT make in his essay as well?
  - Professional athletes train hard.
  - Professional athletes' careers are short.
  - Injuries are a problem for professional athletes.
  - The sports industry creates many jobs.
- A counterargument tells the point of view of a person who disagrees with you. Which is a counterargument in Edelman's essay?
  - "Nurses who dedicate their lives to the care of others didn't make that much."
  - "It's true that the careers of athletes are short, which means they have a smaller window of time to earn money."
  - "Firefighters who pull little kids out of burning buildings didn't make that much."
  - "Compare that with the average income for a family: \$54,000."
- In a rebuttal, you explain why something your opponent thinks is wrong. Think about the counterargument you chose in Question 3. What is Edelman's rebuttal?
  - The president doesn't make that much money.
  - Professional athletes are impressive.
  - Retired athletes make good money as coaches and sports commentators.
  - Athletes need salaries that will last them for more than 5 to 15 years.
- Carro writes, "In fact, many retired athletes have chronic health problems. . . ." Context clues reveal that *chronic* means
  - expensive.
  - long-lasting.
  - small.
  - deadly.
- The caption on page 25 states, "Many athletes use their fame and fortune to make the world a better place." What could be added to the caption to strengthen that statement?
  - pictures of athletes' cars
  - information about how much time athletes spend at the gym
  - a list of commercials that feature athletes
  - a statistic about how much money athletes donate to charity