

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE



READING COMPREHENSION

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I. DIRECTIONS. Write the letter of the best choice in the space provided.

1. _____ Read the text.

Yodeling is a vocal technique once used by shepherds in the Swiss Alps. To yodel, you first have to find your normal, or "chest," voice, and your high, or "head," voice. Yodeling involves switching between these two ranges of sound, or registers, and finding the break between them. To begin, make an "ah" sound and move your voice from low to high, listening for the break. Try to keep your voice relaxed, but don't allow the notes to flow smoothly. Unlike other styles of singing, yodeling requires you to emphasize the break between notes.

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A)

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B)

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Which best shows that the author's purpose is to teach readers how to yodel?

A)

The author breaks down the process of yodeling into steps.

B)

The author provides a definition of the technical term *register*.

3. ____

Read the text.

Dribbling is a fundamental soccer skill. You can master it by first learning how to make gentle contact, or "touch," with the ball. When players use gentle touches, they contact the ball more often, which leads to greater control. Another key to controlling the ball is keeping it close to your feet, or "shielding." This makes it harder for other players to intercept the ball.

Now you're ready to dribble. Begin by gently passing the ball back and forth using the insides of your feet. Remember to keep your head up while dribbling so you know where you are on the field. With time and practice, you'll gain speed and control.

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- A) to teach readers how to dribble a soccer ball
- B) to convince readers that dribbling takes practice

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- A) The author argues that *dribbling is a fundamental soccer skill*.
- B) The author lists specific steps that readers should take to learn how to dribble a soccer ball.

5. ____

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- A) to convince readers that Vindale has the better softball team
- B) to inform readers about Vindale's loss to Stamford

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Which best shows that the author's purpose is to inform readers about Vindale's loss to Stamford?

- A) The author provides facts about the game, such as the date and final score.
- B) The author urges readers to *put things in perspective*.

7. ____

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Native to North America, the common loon is named for the awkward way it waddles on land. Lakes and ponds are its natural habitat: loons are waterfowl, like ducks and geese.

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- A) to describe the common loon
- B) to persuade readers to go bird-watching

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Which best shows that the author's purpose is to describe the common loon?

- A) The author provides specific details like *iridescent black head* and *checkered with black and white feathers*.
- B) The author compares the common loon with other waterfowl.

9. ____

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A)

The author begins by stating a negative judgment, which others might disagree with.

B)

The author explains how the law will change state agencies' purchasing policies.