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Reading Comprehension

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SKILL 2-STATED DETAIL QUESTIONS

HOW TO IDENTIFY THE QUESTION	According to the passage,... It is stated in the passage that... The passage indicates that... The author mentions that... Which of the following is true...?
WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER	The answers to these questions are found in order in the passage.
HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Choose a key word in the question.2. Skim the appropriate part of the passage for the key word (or related idea).3. Read the sentence that contains the key word or idea carefully.4. Look for the answer that restates an idea in the passage.5. Eliminate the definitely wrong answers and choose the best answer from the remaining choices.

Flutes have been around for quite some time, in all sorts of shapes and sizes and made from a variety of materials. The oldest known flutes are about 20,000 years old; they were made from hollowed-out bones with holes cut in them. In addition to bone, older flutes were often constructed from bamboo or hollowed-out wood. Today's flutes are generally made of metal, and in addition to the holes they have a complicated system of keys, levers, and pads. The instrument belonging to well-known flautist James Galway is not just made of any metal; it is made of gold.

SKILL 2: STATED DETAIL QUESTIONS (RESTATEMENT)

The questions:

According to the passage, the oldest flutes....

- (A) had holes cut in them
- (B) were made of metal
- (C) were made 200,000 years ago
- (D) had a complicated set of levers and pads.

The passage indicates that James Galway's flute is made of....

- (A) bones
- (B) bamboo
- (C) Wood
- (D) gold

SKILL 3: UNSTATED DETAIL QUESTIONS

HOW TO IDENTIFY THE QUESTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Which of the following is NOT stated?- Which of the following is not mentioned?- Which of the following is not discussed?-All of the following are true EXCEPT ...
WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER	The answer is NOT in the passage!
HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Choose a key word in the question.2. Read the choices before reading the paragraph to know what information you are looking for.3. Scan in the appropriate part of the passage.4. Read carefully the sentence that contains the key word.

Be Careful:

Three answers will be true or mentioned in the passage.

DO NOT GET CONFUSED.

You must choose the answer that is not stated or not true.

The Florida Keys are a beautiful chain of almost 1,000 coral and limestone islands. These islands form an arc that heads first southwest and then west from the mainland. U.S. Highway 1, called the Overseas Highway, connects the main islands in the chain. On this highway, it is necessary to cross 42 bridges over the ocean to cover the 159 miles from Miami, on the mainland, to Key West, the farthest island on the highway and the southernmost city in the United States.

The questions:

- Which of the following is NOT mentioned about the Florida Keys?
 - (A) The Florida Keys are a chain of islands.
 - (B) The Florida Keys contain coral and limestone.
 - (C) The Florida Keys are in the shape of an arc.
 - (D) The Florida Keys are not all inhabited.
- Which of the following is NOT true about U.S. Highway 1?
 - (A) It is also known as the Overseas Highway.
 - (B) It joins all of the islands in the Florida Keys.
 - (C) It has more than 40 bridges.
 - (D) It connects Miami and Key West

SKILL 4—PRONOUN REFERENTS

How to identify the question	•The pronoun “it” in line 2 refers to...
Where to find the answer	The line where the pronoun is located is given in the question. The noun that the pronoun refers to is generally found <u>before</u> the pronoun.
How to answer the question	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Locate the pronoun in the passage.2. Look before the pronoun for nouns that agree with the pronoun.3. Try each of the nouns in the context in place of the pronoun.4. Eliminate any definitely wrong answers and choose the best answer from the remaining choices.

PRONOUN REFERENTS QUESTION

Example from the Paper TOEFL Test



The passage:

- Carnivorous plants, such as the sundew and the Venus-flytrap, are generally found in humid areas where there is an inadequate supply of nitrogen in the soil. In order to survive, these plants have developed mechanisms to trap insects within their foliage. **They** have digestive fluids to obtain the necessary nitrogen from the insects. These plants trap the insects in a variety of ways. The sundew has sticky hairs on its leaves; when an insect lands on these leaves, it gets caught up in the sticky hairs, and the leaf wraps itself around the insect.
- (10) The leaves of the Venus-flytrap function more like a trap, snapping suddenly and forcefully shut around an insect.

The question:

The pronoun **They** in line 5 *refers* to

- (A) humid areas
- (B) these plants
- (C) insects
- (D) digestive fluids

The full moon that occurs nearest the equinox of the Sun has become known as the harvest moon. It is a bright moon which allows farmers to work late into the night for several nights; they can work when the moon is at its brightest to bring in the fall harvest. The harvest moon, of course, occurs at different times of the year in the northern and southern hemispheres. In the northern hemisphere, the harvest moon occurs in September at the time of the autumnal equinox. In the southern hemisphere, the harvest moon occurs in March at the time of the vernal equinox.

The Question:

The pronoun "it" in line 2 refers to...

- A. The equinox
- B. The sun
- C. The harvest moon
- D. The night