

ANALYZING TEXT

Task P1 *A Gold Mine of a Fish*

Question 1

This article was written for the Portland State University Magazine. What does the author want the reader to know or do after reading it?

Question 2

Identify two quotes from Professor Podrabsky, one that uses technical language and one that uses figurative language (personification, simile, metaphor, etc. Explain the effect of each quote.

Technical language:	Effect:
Figurative language:	Effect:

Task P2 *Finding Strength on the Mat*

Question 1

Explain the **techniques or strategies** the author uses to **catch the reader's attention** in the first few paragraphs of the article. Explain **why** you think these strategies are **effective or not**.

Question 2

The author uses many quotations from other wrestlers in the article. What was most likely his purpose for including these quotations?

Task P3 *How do Dogs Perceive Time?*

Question 1

The author uses subheadings and bold text in the article. Explain the most likely reason she does this and how it affects your understanding of the article.

Question 2

Look at the paragraph beginnings throughout the article. Choose three and write them below. Then explain why you think these were effective or ineffective choices by the author.

Paragraph Beginning	Effective or Ineffective
a.	
b.	
c.	

Task F3 *That's One Mammoth Molar*

Question 1

Explain the **techniques or strategies** the author uses to catch the reader's attention in the first few paragraphs of the article. Is this an effective beginning? Why or why not?

Question 2

The author uses many **quotations** from Bill Orr in the article. What was most likely her purpose for including these quotations?

Question 3

If the author were to re-write this article, what **additional information** would you suggest she include to make it more complete? **Explain** why your suggestions should be added.

Task F5 *Are Americans Destined for a Diet of Bread and Water?*

Question 1

Why is the article titled, “Are Americans destined for a diet of bread and water?” Use content and examples from the text to **explain** why the author chose this title.

Question 2

What is the **author’s purpose** in writing this article? **Support your answer** with language from the text.

Question 3

Use this T-Chart to identify three things that the author does or uses in the article to convince the reader that the information in the article is accurate and believable.

What the author does to convince the reader:	What effect does this have on the reader?	Why does the author use this technique?

Task F6 *Students Programmed to Help Out Their Rivals*

Question 1

Using the chart below, give two examples of figurative language (simile, metaphor, or personification) from the article and explain how each example helps make the writing more effective.

Check the Type	Text from Article	How it Makes the Writing Effective
<input type="checkbox"/> Simile <input type="checkbox"/> Metaphor <input type="checkbox"/> Personification		
<input type="checkbox"/> Simile <input type="checkbox"/> Metaphor <input type="checkbox"/> Personification		

Question 2

A newspaper article is supposed to report information factually, but the author can sway readers' opinions by the information he emphasizes or omits. How does Bill Graves present information in this article in a way that is likely to influence the reader's opinion? Give specific examples from the text.