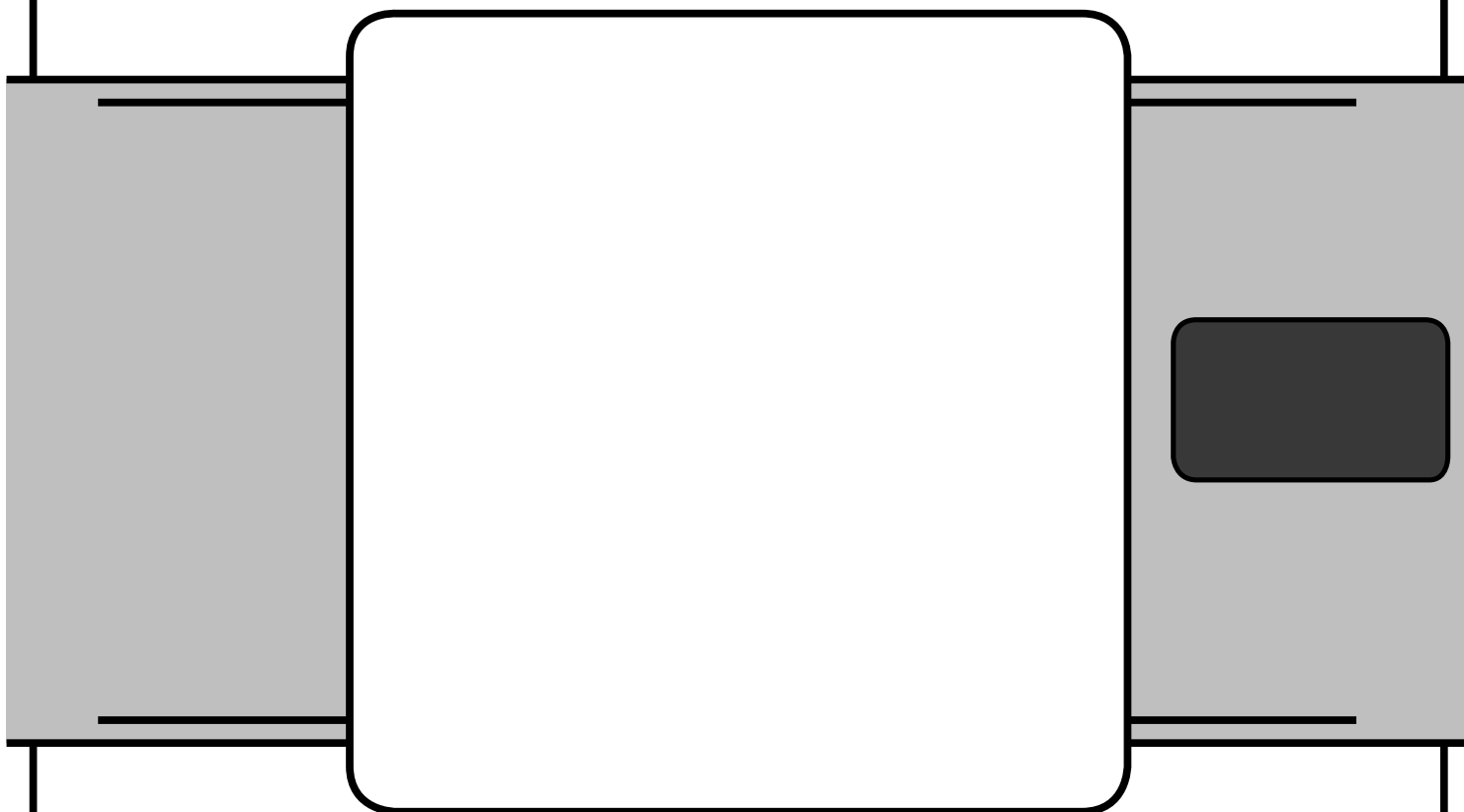


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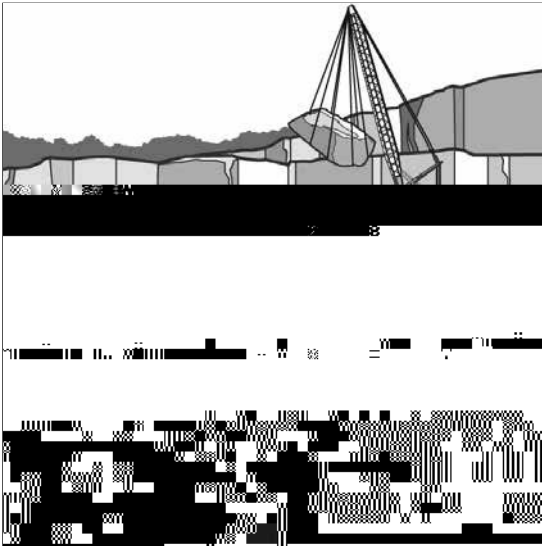


Directions

I am going to ask you some questions. Listen and then answer. Be sure to answer in English using your own words.

Different countries have different natural resources. Natural resources include food and building materials that come from that country's land and water. People use the resources that are available to them.

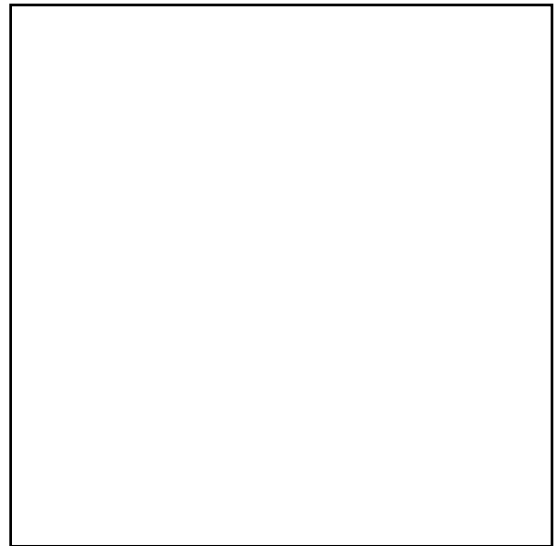
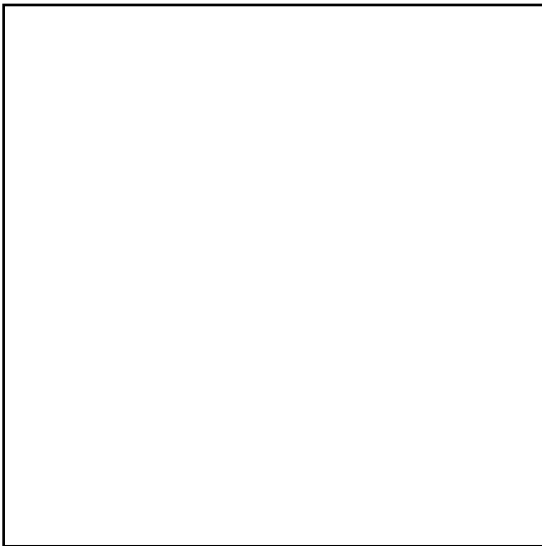
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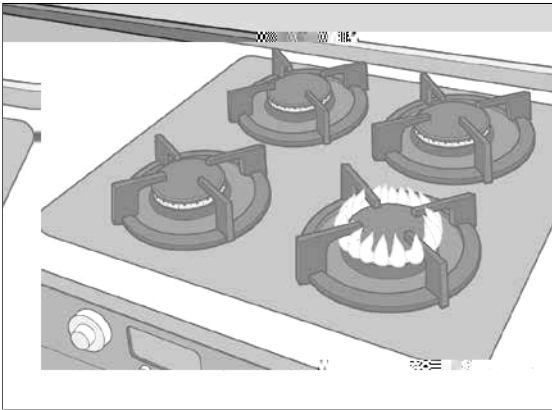
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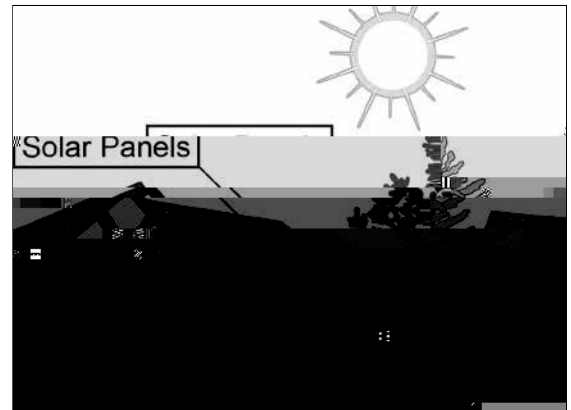
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Every country needs sources of energy. Energy is used to power our homes, factories, and cars. In our homes, gas can be used for heating and for cooking. Solar panels or wind turbines can make electricity.

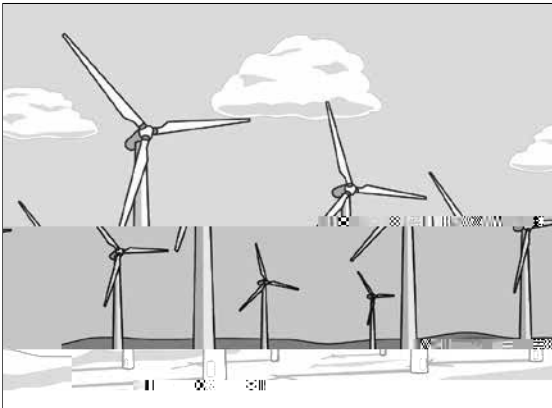
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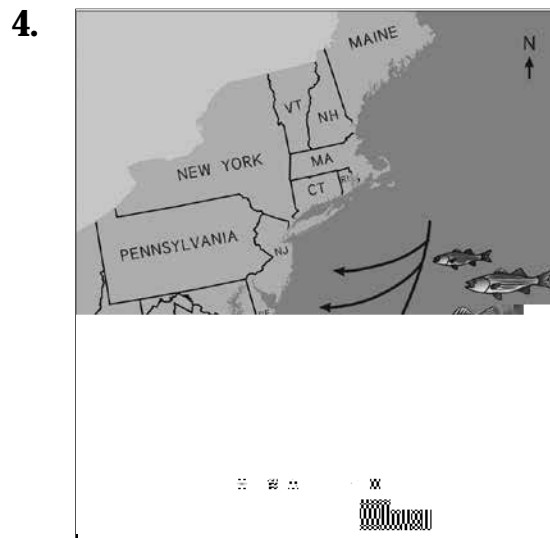
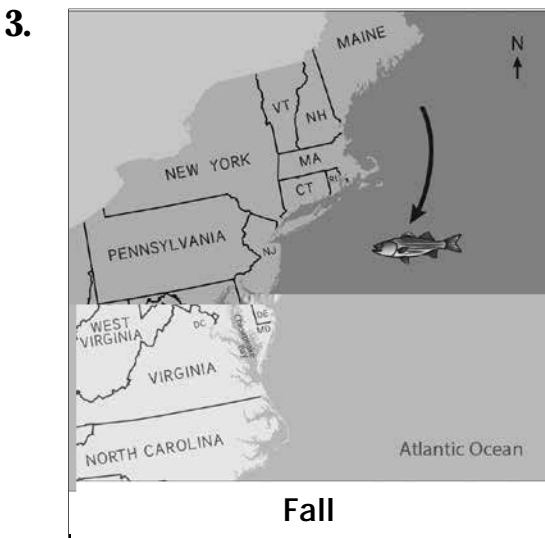
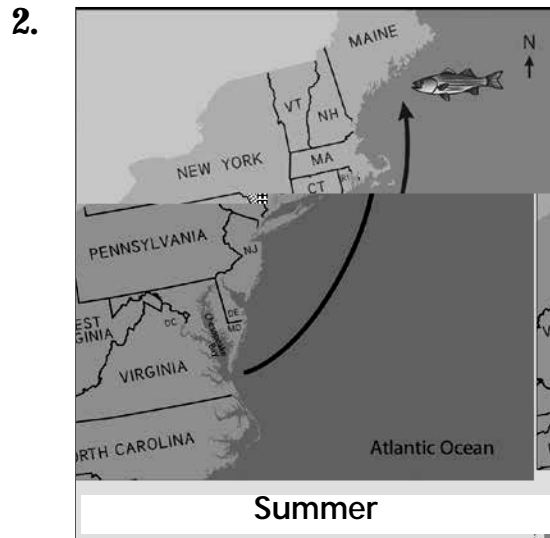
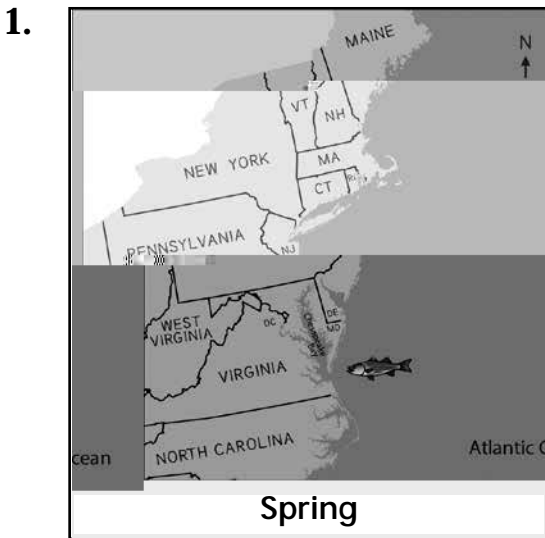


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2 Tell me about the ways energy can be made.

The striped bass is a fish that takes a long journey every year. These fish like to be in water that is not too hot and not too cold, so they swim to a different location every season. Some striped bass are born near the Chesapeake Bay. In summer, they travel all the way to Maine to avoid the summer heat. In the fall and winter, they travel south and return to the ocean near their birthplace once temperatures cool down.

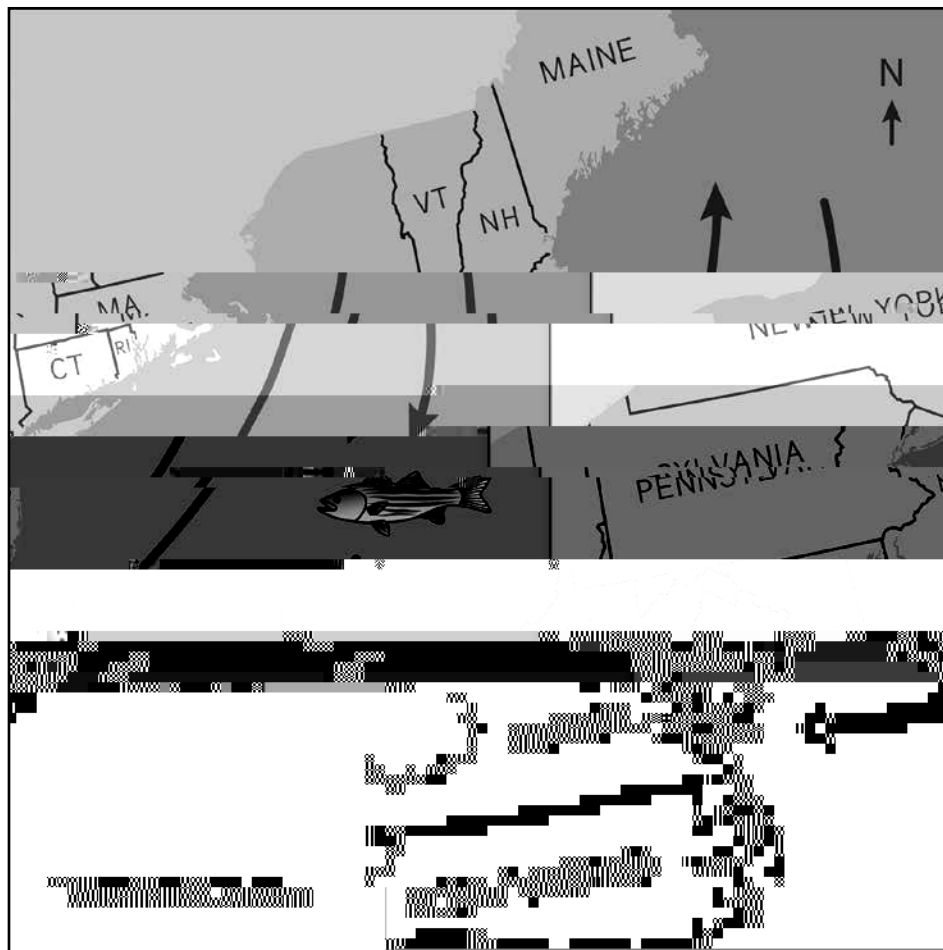


3 Tell me about the fishes' year-long journey.

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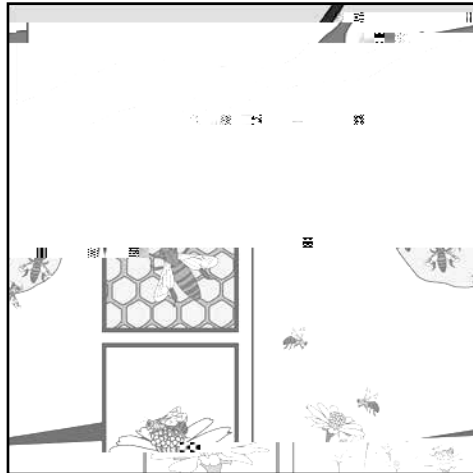
Striped bass travel all the time. Each season, these fish migrate to different locations along the Atlantic coast of the United States, looking for water that is at a certain temperature. Striped bass also travel back and forth between fresh water and salt water. They are born in freshwater rivers but spend their adult lives in the saltwater ocean where they have more space. When they are ready to lay their eggs, the striped bass travel back to fresh water again.



4 Tell me why striped bass travel so much during their lifetime.

Directions

Now let's talk about honeybees.



Honeybees make honey by collecting nectar from flowers. They have special “honey stomachs” that turn the nectar into sugar and remove some of the water from it. They carry the nectar back to the hive. Then all the bees flap their wings to remove even more water out of the nectar. When enough water is evaporated, only honey is left.

Honeybees build their hives in hollow spaces. Sometimes, humans can get bees to live in boxes. This is called beekeeping. Beekeepers help the bees stay alive by providing them with places to live. In addition, the beekeepers can collect honey that the bees make. By beekeeping, humans can help ensure that honey is produced and that there are enough bees to pollinate nearby crops and plants.

5 Tell me how honeybees make honey.

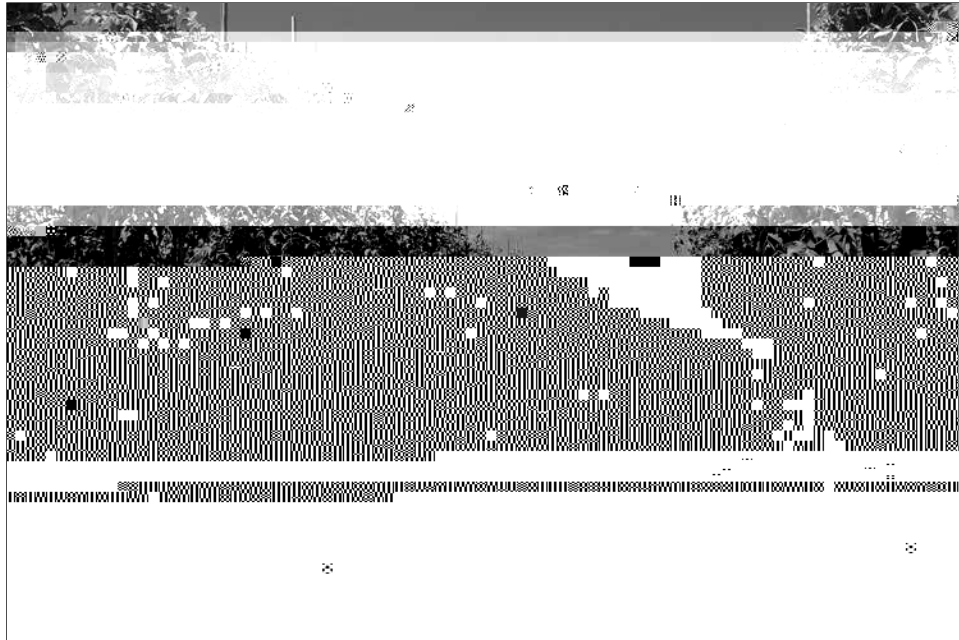
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LISTENING
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Directions

Listen to the passage. Then answer Questions 1 through 6. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

Tree Farms and the Environment



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1 Which phrase shows what can be made from lumber?

- A a table
- B a chair
- C a bed
- D a house

2 Which sentence indicates the main idea of the passage?

- A Lumber is used to make many different things.
- B Lumber is made from trees.
- C Lumber is used to make houses and furniture.
- D Lumber is used to make many different things, including houses and furniture.

3 Which word does ones refer to?

- A trees
- B logs
- C planks
- D houses

4 Which phrase helps explain the meaning of expenses?

- A ...
- B ...
- C ...
- D ...

5 Which word or phrase tells what provides shelter to wildlife?

- A ...
- B ...
- C ...
- D ...

6 Which word or phrase describes tree farms?

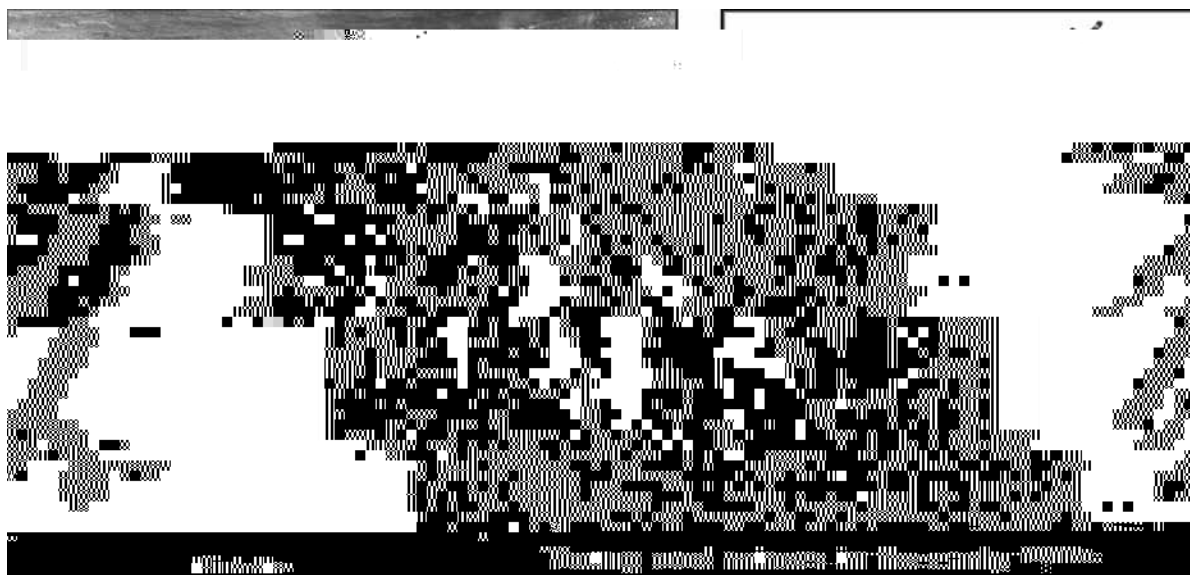
- A ...
- B ...
- C ...
- D ...



Directions

Read the passage. Then answer Questions 7 through 12. Fill in the correct circle on your answer sheet.

The Contest



The Great Plains is a vast, flat area of land in the central United States. It is home to many different types of plants and animals. One of the most important things about the Great Plains is that it is a very dry area. There is not much rain here, so the soil is very hard and dry. This makes it difficult for farmers to grow crops.

In the past, people who lived in the Great Plains had to find ways to survive in this harsh environment. They learned to use the land in different ways. Some people raised cattle and horses, while others grew wheat. They also learned to use the wind to their advantage. They built their homes and barns in a way that would protect them from the strong winds.

Today, the Great Plains is still a very important part of the United States. It is home to many different types of plants and animals. It is also a very important area for farming. The people who live here have learned a lot about how to survive in this harsh environment, and their knowledge is still very valuable today.

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8 Read these sentences again.

“The 1902 State Fiddling Contest was in three months, and he thought he would practice the song 100 more times before then. After all, his intention was to win that contest, too.

He smiled and thought about the rest of his plan: to win the grand prize—lessons from well-known fiddler Luke Lucas—and to eventually become as famous as Luke.”

Which phrase helps explain the meaning of intention?

- A 
- B 
- C 
- D 

9 Read this paragraph again.

“A month earlier he had won the county fiddling contest. Before that day, he played his winning song hundreds of times. The 1902 State Fiddling Contest was in three months, and he thought he would practice the song 100 more times before then. After all, his intention was to win that contest, too.”

Which phrase shows when the 1902 State Fiddling Contest will happen?

- A 
- B 
- C 
- D 

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10 Read these sentences again.

“Raymond’s mother called to Tom, ‘A letter arrived for you.’

Tom dashed inside. He reappeared shortly and exclaimed, ‘Mr. Stickler wants me to start working for him in Huntington—in two weeks!’”

Which word shows that Tom is excited by what he read in the letter?

- A dashed
- B dashed
- C dashed
- D dashed

11 Which pair of phrases and sentences from the passage helps show that Raymond’s emotions toward his brother have changed?

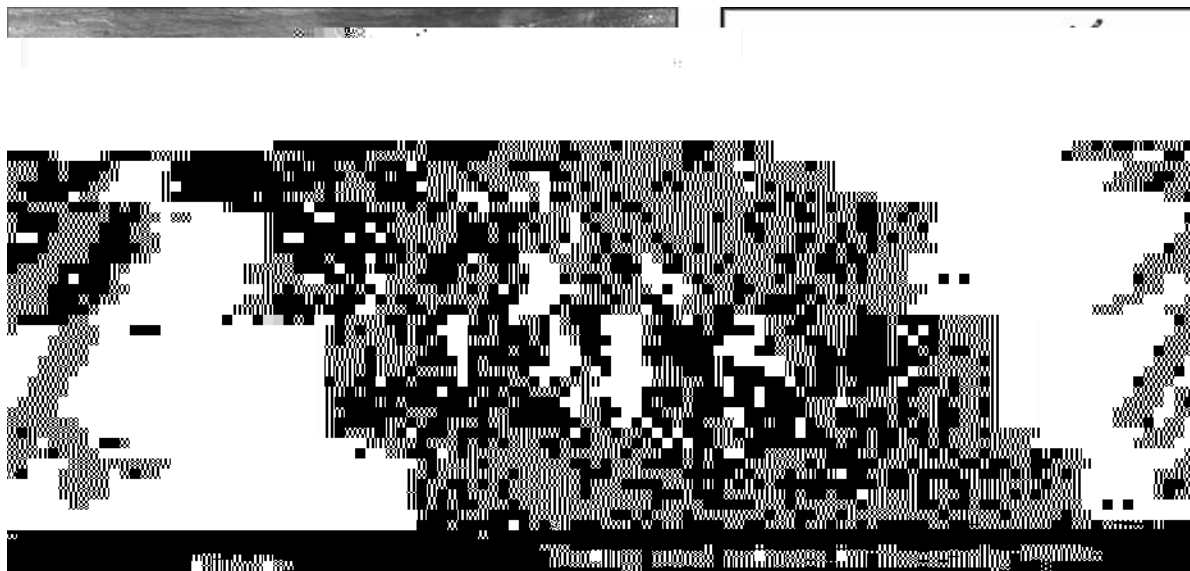
- A dashed
- B dashed
- C dashed
- D dashed



Directions

Read this passage. Then you will be asked to write one paragraph based on the passage.

The Contest



The first round of the contest was held in the city of New York. The participants were given a list of words to choose from. They were to write a story using as many of the words as possible. The winner was the person who wrote the most interesting story.

The second round of the contest was held in the city of Los Angeles. The participants were given a list of words to choose from. They were to write a story using as many of the words as possible. The winner was the person who wrote the most interesting story.

The third round of the contest was held in the city of Chicago. The participants were given a list of words to choose from. They were to write a story using as many of the words as possible. The winner was the person who wrote the most interesting story.

The fourth round of the contest was held in the city of San Francisco. The participants were given a list of words to choose from. They were to write a story using as many of the words as possible. The winner was the person who wrote the most interesting story.

The fifth round of the contest was held in the city of Boston. The participants were given a list of words to choose from. They were to write a story using as many of the words as possible. The winner was the person who wrote the most interesting story.

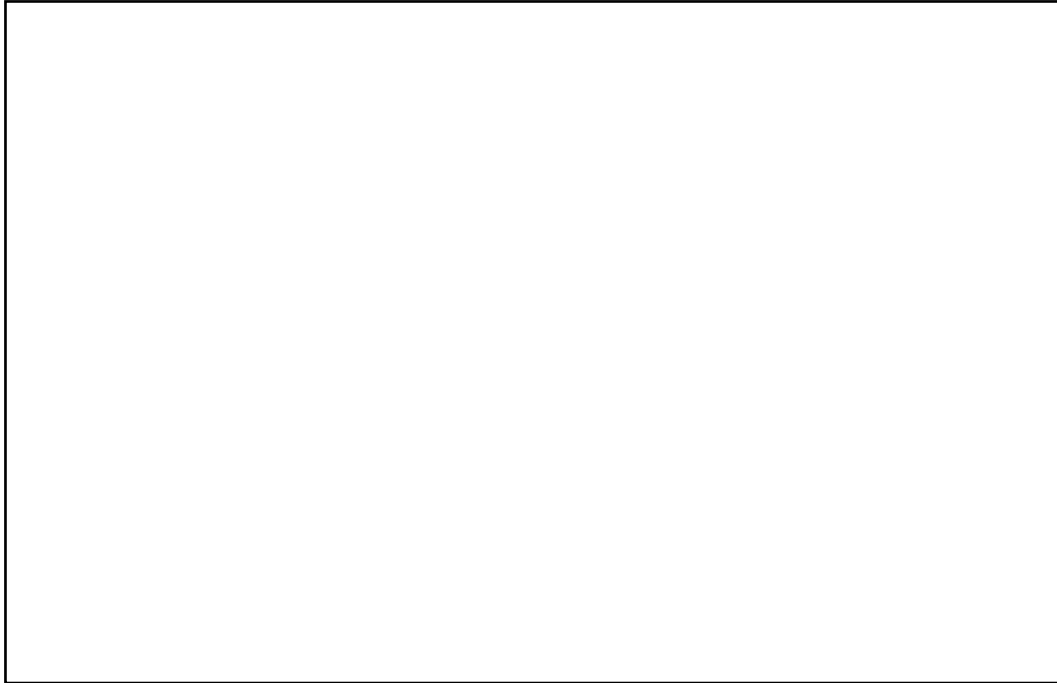
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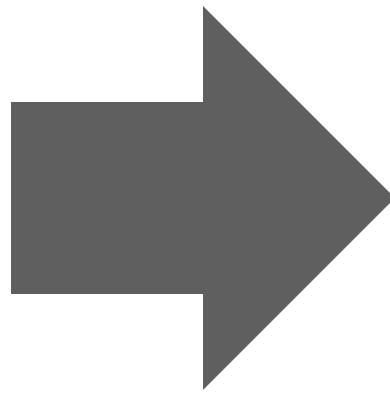
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Read this passage. Then you will be asked to write at least two paragraphs based on the passage.

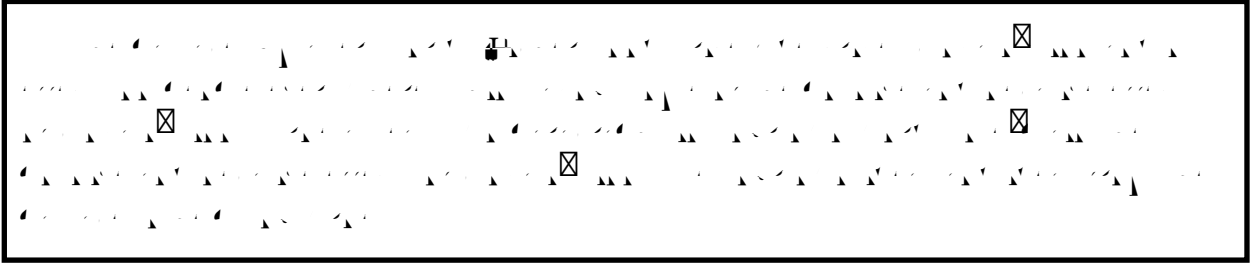
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14 Now read the directions below.



You may plan your writing for Question 14 here, if you wish. Use the space below to organize your ideas about what to write. Your writing on this planning page will NOT count toward your final score.

Write your final answer on Pages 27 and 28.

Planning Page

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