

Writing Strategies 1.1b

Read the passage and answer the following question(s). A glossary is provided to define key terms.

Native American Languages

Many Native American languages are in danger of becoming extinct. Linguists, people who study languages, say that some languages, such as Choctaw, have fewer and fewer speakers to keep the language alive. Many Native American children do not learn their native language because they speak and hear English in school and at home. As older Native Americans die, they take their language with them. The government has given money to linguists to record Native American languages so they can be remembered as an important part of our history.

Glossary

Choctaw: a Native American Indian nation or language

extinct: when there are no more of an animal or speakers of a language left living

linguists: people who study languages

(Question 1)

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Which sentence could be added to the passage to help support the main idea?

- (A) Linguists also say that most of the Native American languages are already extinct.
- (B) Many animals have gone extinct in the past.
- (C) I would like to learn to speak Choctaw.
- (D) There are a lot of languages in Europe.

Read the passage and answer the following question(s).

Owning A Dog

Dogs need to be loved and cared for. They love to be played with and taken care of. Dogs also love to run around, chew on bones, and sleep in the warm sun. Dogs are not always easy though. They need to be fed every day and they need lots of attention. They also need someone to clean up after them and bathe them when they are dirty. Dogs are so much fun, but remember that they need lots of care.

(Question 2)

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Which sentence could be added to the passage to help support the main idea?

- (A) Cats are also need lots of attention.
- (B) Bull dogs are the best kind of dogs.
- (C) Buying a dog is a bad idea.
- (D) Dogs lick you and wag their tail when they see you.

Read the passage and answer the following question(s).

Theme Parks

Theme parks are a great place to visit. They have many different rides. Some of the rides are fast and some are scary. If you get tired, you can find somewhere relaxing to rest. You can rest on a bench or a nice patch of grass. When you get hungry, there are many places to eat. You can choose food such as pizza and hamburgers. After you eat, you can get in line for another ride. At the end of the day, you will be happy because you had a fun time.

(Question 3)

3

Which sentence could be added to the passage to help support the main idea?

- (A) You can visit theme parks with family and friends.
- (B) Knott's Berry Farm is also a great place to visit.
- (C) The worst part about theme parks is that they can be very crowded.
- (D) Hamburgers are the best choice because they are juicy.

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Which sentence supports this idea?

Spiders are good for killing bugs in the garden.

- (A) A spider's enemy is the wasp.
- (B) We do not like finding spiders in our homes.
- (C) Most spiders are found in tropical places.
- (D) Spiders feed mainly on moths, flies, and other insects.

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Which sentence BEST supports this idea?

Grizzly bears are thought to be strong, mean, and fearsome.

- (A) When grizzly bears wake up in the springtime, they are lazy and sleepy.
- (B) Grizzly bears fiercely protect themselves, their young, and their food.
- (C) Grizzly bears grow to a length of six to eight feet.
- (D) Grizzly bears try to avoid contact with people.