

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

Analyze Text Structure

Sports Themed Escape Room

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ESCAPE ROOM MAP

Challenge #1: Read the passages and answer the questions about text structure to receive the runner-up ribbon.

Challenge #2: Read the passages and answer the questions about text structure to receive the bronze medal.

Challenge #3: Read the passages and answer the questions about text structure to receive the silver medal.

Challenge #4: Read the passages and answer the questions about text structure to receive the gold medal.

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CHALLENGES

Challenge #1: Read the passage and answer the questions about text structure to receive the rubric.

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CHALLENGE 1

1 THE CHALLENGES WOMEN ATHLETES FACE

Being an athlete is a demanding way of life. Brutal practices, strict exercise programs, special diets, and a whole lot of determination and dedication go into becoming a successful athlete. One would like to believe that if an athlete puts in the work, the same level of success would come to them regardless of whether they are a male or a female. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

Today, women face many challenges when pursuing a career in professional sports. The playing field for males and females is by no means equal. Males continue to enjoy more benefits than females—skills comparable—or better—skills than males playing the same sports. This is a huge injustice and needs to be corrected.

Check the Paycheck

One challenge women athletes face is a monumental wage gap. Female athletes are typically paid far less than males competing in the same sports. For example, two male fighters earned \$1 million and \$1.5 million at one UFC match. However, two females fighting at the same event earned \$1 million combined. Further evidence is found in the WNBA, where the average salary for a female basketball player is around \$72,000, while a male player earns an average of almost \$600,000 in the NBA. Prize money and endorsements are also lower for women than for men.

In the Media

Another challenge is in the area of representation in the media. Women's sports receive far less coverage, which leads to a lack of visibility and recognition. How are women athletes supposed to display their skills and gain important sponsorships if no one can see them play? The popularity of sports is also heavily linked to the engagement of the fans. If women's sports aren't accessible to viewers, how can

1. What is the main text structure used to present information in this passage?

- a. problem and solution
- b. cause and effect
- c. chronological order
- d. description

2. What text feature did the author include to organize the text for the reader?

- a. glossary
- b. bold headings
- c. table of contents
- d. bullet points

3. How do Paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 7 develop the central idea of the text?

- a. They give examples of specific women in sports.
- b. They include solutions to problems women in sports face.
- c. They discuss the main challenges women in sports face.
- d. They provide reasons women should not participate in sports.

4. How does the section "What Can Be Done?" contribute to the text?

- a. It offers a specific example of how one female athlete overcame challenges in sports.
- b. It discusses how to become a star female athlete.
- c. It suggests solutions to the challenges women athletes face.
- d. It gives reasons why women athletes deserve more than men athletes.

5. What is the significance of Paragraph 3?

Today, women face many challenges when pursuing a career in professional sports. The playing field for males and females is by no means equal. Males continue to enjoy more benefits than females, who show comparable—or better—skills than males playing the same sports. This is a huge injustice and needs to be corrected.

- a. It states the problem and the author's opinion about the topic.
- b. It offers statistics related to the passage's central idea.
- c. It discusses reasons why women love playing different sports.
- d. It gives the passage an upbeat, encouraging tone.

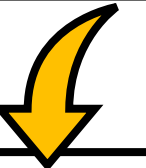
6. Why is this sentence important in Paragraph 4?

Further evidence is found in the WNBA, where the average salary for a female basketball player is around \$72,000, while a male player earns an average of almost \$600,000 in the NBA.

- a. It details a specific solution to the problems women athletes face.
- b. It states the main idea of the paragraph.
- c. It provides a quote from a professional athlete.
- d. It offers a shocking fact.

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E-SPORTS TRADITION

Once upon a time, when we heard the word *sports*, we thought of activities. These activities involved athletes with high fitness levels and we recognized their faces, knew their names, and cheered them on, maybe these sports, today, there is another option to consider. E-sports, or electronic competitive, multi-player video gaming events are growing in popularity every day. They share some similarities with traditional sports, but there are some unique features as well.

Competition is at the center of both traditional sports and e-sports. Both require skills, strategies, and concentration to be successful. The players in both types of sports dedicate themselves to fine-tuning their abilities by practicing frequently. They performances of both are common in both forms of sports.

Both e-sports and traditional sports have professional leagues. Basketball has the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the World League of American Football (WLAF). Similarly, e-sports teams include the National Football League (NFL). In both cases, tournaments and championships are held. These events are held in arenas, stadiums, or arenas, and are televised for wide audiences.

The set-up of competitions between players of traditional sports teams or as individuals depending on the specific sport or e-sport. Championships in both. Players compete for titles, trophies, prize money, and fame. These spectators are dedicated to watching the best performances in both types of sports. Events for both are held in arenas, stadiums, or arenas, and are televised for wide audiences.

These commonalities and differences. The most notable differences are the gaming platforms. Player equipment is a common physical space. In e-sports, players use headphones, microphones, and controllers. In traditional sports, they use their physical bodies. They physical control pucks, catch balls, and run. With traditional



E-SPORTS VS. TRADITIONAL SPORTS

Once upon a time, when we heard the word *sports*, we thought of baseball, basketball, football, hockey, and other physical activities. These activities involved athletes with high fitness levels and some skill in playing the game. If they were professional athletes, we recognized their faces, knew their names, and cheered them on, maybe while wearing their merch. While many fans still love these sports, today, there is another option to consider. E-sports, or electronic sports, have arrived on the scene. These competitive, multi-player video gaming events are growing in popularity every day. They share some similarities with traditional sports, but there are some unique features as well.

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What is the significance of Paragraph 3 on the overall passage?



The paragraph suggests that traditional sports are becoming less popular.

The paragraph discusses the types of players involved in e-sports and traditional sports.

The paragraph illustrates how e-sports are not real sports.



The paragraph establishes the professionalism of both types of sports.

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3 THE GREAT GORDIE HOWE

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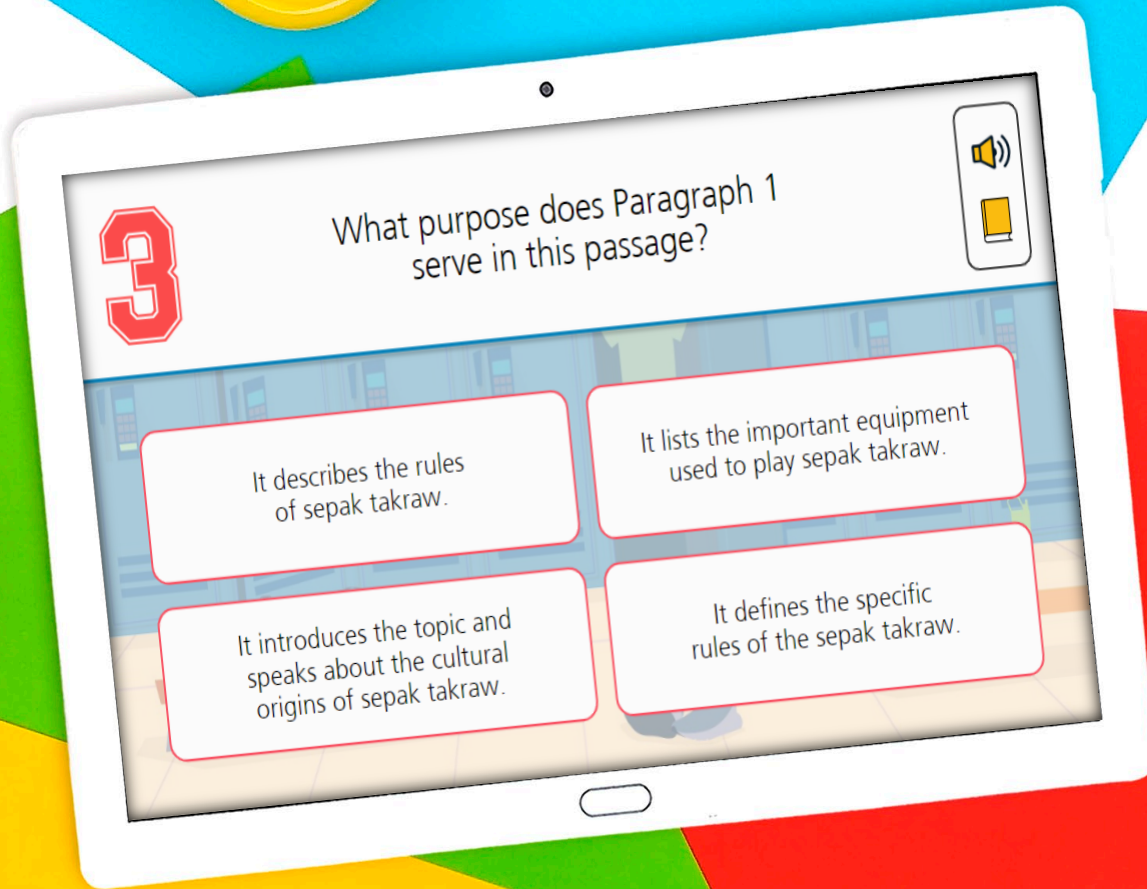
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By the time Howe was 12, he had become a skater. Working with his father further developed his natural talent for construction with his skills, and soon, he was working for the New York Rangers passed hockey that caught the attention of scouts. In 1944 and played with him over, Howe signed with the Detroit Red Wings instead in 1944 and played with one of their former players. In 1946, however, he began his NHL career with the Red Wings at only 18 years old. He scored a goal in his first game during his first three games with the Red Wings. Howe was known for his unique mix of physical skill, finesse, and a powerful shot. He was an incredible forward. By 1949, he was on the list of the greatest players in the accomplishment he would repeat for years to come.

In 1950, Gordie Howe almost died when he was hit by a car. The car's front end hit the sideboards headfirst, and Howe was thrown into the air. He was injured, but he survived. Surgery was required, but he was still able to dominate the game. He won the Stanley Cup, Art Ross trophy, and Hart Memorial Trophy. In 1953, he married Colleen. He also played for the next two years.

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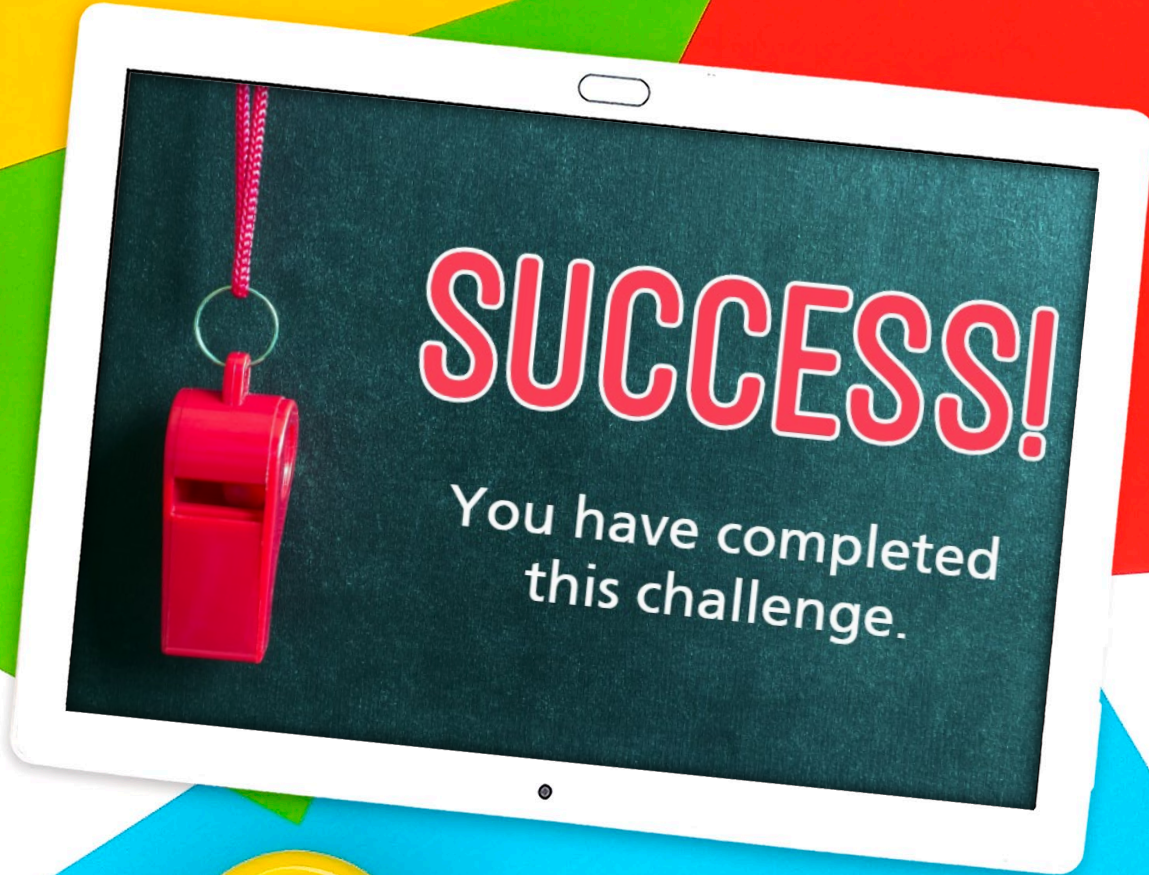
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