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READING COMPREHENSION

Tips, strategies, and practice to ace the TEAS Reading test



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Acing the TEAS Reading test requires more than just being able to read.

It's about *how* you read.

Being an active and strategic reader will boost your ability to identify key ideas and details, improving your reading comprehension and giving you the confidence to conquer the test.

Here are three tips to take your reading comprehension to the next level during the test:

Preview

Before diving in, take a second to preview the passage. Read the title and any headings or subheadings. Then, skim the first and last sentences of each paragraph to get a sense of the main idea and how the information is organized.

This pre-reading step helps your brain prepare for the topics you're about to read, making it easier to understand and retain the information as you read more closely.

Think of it like looking at a map before starting a road trip—you'll have a better sense of direction and where you're headed.

Ask and Predict

As you read, ask yourself questions about the passage. What is the author trying to say here? What do you think comes next? Try to make predictions about the main idea or supporting details as you ask questions.

This strategy trains you to think critically and anticipate key information.

Think of it as solving a puzzle—you're piecing together clues as you read to see the bigger picture.

Summarize

After reading each paragraph or section, take a second to summarize the main points in your own words. This forces you to process the information and check your comprehension. You can write these summaries on a separate sheet of paper.

Think of it like telling a friend about something you read—you'll naturally focus on the most important parts.


Now, let's take those three tips and apply them to a passage.


The Changing Landscape of Healthcare


Advances in technology are rapidly transforming the healthcare landscape. Telemedicine, for instance, is revolutionizing how patients access care.

Through virtual consultations, individuals can receive medical advice and treatment from the comfort of their homes, eliminating geographical barriers and reducing the need for in-person visits. Wearable devices, like smartwatches and fitness trackers, are empowering individuals to take control of their health. These devices monitor vital signs, track physical activity, and even detect irregularities, providing valuable data for both individuals and healthcare providers.

While these advancements offer exciting possibilities, they also raise important questions about data privacy, access, and the evolving roles of healthcare professionals.

 Start by noting the titles and any key words or phrases that stand out. In this case, key words would be "telemedicine," "virtual consultations," "wearable devices," and "data privacy."

 As you read, ask yourself the following questions: How is telemedicine changing healthcare? What are the benefits of wearable devices? What challenges might arise from these advancements?

 One way you could summarize the main points would be: "Telemedicine eliminates geographical barriers, wearable devices monitor health data, and concerns include data privacy and evolving healthcare roles."

“Craft and structure” refers to how a text is organized and presented. On the test, you’ll be asked to identify an author’s choices in structure, purpose, tone, and point of view to uncover deeper meaning.

Let’s take a closer look at each of these:

Text Structure

Chronological	Cause and Effect	Compare and Contrast
Events are presented in the order they occurred. <hr/> <i>first, then, next, finally</i>	Explains why something happened and the result. <hr/> <i>because, as a result, therefore</i>	Highlights similarities and differences. <hr/> <i>similarly, yet, while, however</i>

Author’s Purpose

Inform	Persuade	Entertain
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presents facts and data• Focuses on increasing understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses reasoning or emotional appeals to convince the reader to agree	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses creativity or humor• Focuses on storytelling or evoking emotion

Tone and Style

Tone	Style
The author’s attitude toward a subject, conveyed through word choice <hr/> Tone examples: formal, informal, humorous, sarcastic, passionate	An author’s particular way of writing and expressing information <hr/> Style examples: conversational, descriptive, technical, narrative

Point of View

1st Person	3rd Person
The narrator is part of the story, which creates intimacy but may be biased. <hr/> <i>I, me, my</i>	The narrator is outside the story and can be limited or all-knowing. <hr/> <i>he, she, they, it</i>

Now, let's take those four characteristics and identify them within a passage.

Responding to a Natural Disaster

The town of Greenhaven faced a significant challenge last year when the local river flooded its banks. The unexpected event left many families displaced. In response, community leaders organized emergency shelters and coordinated food distribution efforts.

Flooding in this area has been linked to increased rainfall over the past decade. Experts believe that a combination of climate change and poor urban planning contributed to the disaster. To address these issues, city officials are considering constructing better drainage systems and stricter zoning laws.

While some residents have focused on rebuilding their homes, others have used the opportunity to improve the community. For example, one family restored their flooded basement, while another turned their space into a meeting area for neighbors. These differing approaches highlight the resilience and creativity of Greenhaven's citizens.



Each paragraph has a different text structure. The first paragraph is chronological, the second is cause-and-effect, and the third is compare-and-contrast.



The author's purpose in this passage is to inform about the flooding of Greenhaven as well as the community's response.



The overall tone of the passage is optimistic while remaining factual, and the style is a mix of formal and informative.



The third-person pronouns *its* and *their* (and the lack of first-person pronouns like *my* and *mine*) tell us that this passage is written in third person.

Integrating knowledge and ideas involves analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information to understand it fully and apply it to new contexts. This is a very important skill to have as a nurse, as you'll be expected to understand, evaluate, and apply a lot of complex information

Let's take a closer look at some of the key concepts:

Making Connections

As you read, identify relationships within the passage by linking ideas, themes, or facts that you come across. The easiest way to do this is to look for transitions, comparisons, or repeated phrases that reveal the author's intent.

Connecting the dots can uncover the broader meaning of the text and help you identify its purpose!

Synthesizing Information

Think of synthesizing as another way of summarizing. You want to combine details from different parts of the passage to get a better understanding of the information. For instance, look for patterns, contradictions, or gaps and then integrate the information logically.

Making these connections lets you form conclusions beyond what the text explicitly states!

Evaluating Evidence

Take a look at the evidence used in the text and assess its credibility and relevance. Does it support the main idea? Are the sources cited? Is the reasoning logical? Critically evaluating evidence like this will help you distinguish between strong and weak arguments!

Application

One of the best ways to fully understand information or an argument is to apply it to specific situations. Try answering simple questions like, "How would this concept work in a new context?" or "What real-world scenario matches this description?"

This will help you recontextualize the information and broaden your understanding!


Now, let's take those four concepts and apply them to a passage.


Adapting to a Changing Climate


Communities around the world are adapting to climate change in diverse ways. In coastal areas, residents are building seawalls and restoring wetlands to reduce flooding. Agricultural regions are experimenting with drought-resistant crops to ensure food security. Meanwhile, urban centers are increasing green spaces to lower temperatures and improve air quality.


While these measures vary, they share a focus on resilience and sustainability. Experts argue that combining traditional knowledge with modern technology can create more effective solutions. For instance, indigenous farming practices, which emphasize biodiversity, can complement scientific research in combating soil erosion.

Critics caution, however, that these strategies are not foolproof. Rising sea levels may outpace infrastructure improvements, and funding constraints often limit the scope of projects. Despite these challenges, communities continue to innovate, demonstrating the human capacity to adapt in the face of adversity.

 Ask yourself, "How are coastal, agricultural, and urban strategies linked?" You could also draw inferences about how these efforts address climate change.

 Combine details about traditional knowledge, modern technology, and specific community strategies complementing each other in combating climate challenges.

 Evaluate the examples (e.g., seawalls, green spaces) to determine their credibility and effectiveness. Is there sufficient evidence to support any given claims?

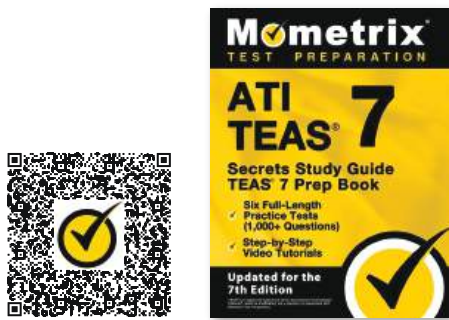
 Use the passage's ideas to propose a new strategy combining indigenous practices and modern technology to address a different climate challenge (e.g., wildfires).

Reading comprehension is more than finding the right answers—it's about truly understanding what you read. By using the strategies we outlined earlier, you can confidently tackle any reading challenge!

These strategies not only prepare you for the TEAS 7 exam but also equip you for lifelong learning. Keep practicing, stay curious, and trust your ability to connect ideas and uncover deeper meanings. Success comes with persistence and the right tools. You've got this!

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