

Getting Ready to Read

A. Learn the words.

Key Vocabulary

wine	alcoholic drink made from grapes
famous	known to many
festival	a party or feast that celebrates something

TOEFL Vocabulary

border	the boundary of a country
moderate	temperate; not extreme
tropical	relating to the area near the equator, hot and humid
climate	how hot or cold, dry or rainy a place is; the weather
travel	to journey or visit another place

B. Learn the question type.

TOEFL Question Type

Insert Text

Look at the four squares that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

[You will see a sentence in bold.]

Where would the sentence best fit?

- This type of question asks for another sentence to be placed into the passage.
- The answer will connect logically and grammatically to the sentences on either side.

C. Read the passage. Number each paragraph with the correct main idea or purpose.

1. Moldova's weather
2. Money in Moldova
3. Where Moldova is
4. Farming in Moldova

Moldova

___ ■ 1) Moldova is a small country. ■ 2) It is in Eastern Europe. ■ 3) It shares a border with two other countries. ■ 4)

___ Moldova has moderate weather. ■ 5) The summers are warm. They are not hot. ■ 6) People who don't like tropical climates will like it. ■ 7) The winters there are not very cold. ■ 8)

___ Moldova has good farmland. Farmers grow fruit. The fruit is made into wine. Moldova is very famous for wine. Anyone who travels there should go in October. That is when the wine festival is.

___ Moldova is also a cheap country to travel in. It is not expensive to buy things there.

Note-taking

D. Complete the summary notes by filling in the blanks.

Topic: Moldova

Where: Small country in Eastern _____.
Border with _____ countries.

Weather: Is _____.
• Warm _____, not hot
• Winters not very _____

Farming: Good _____.
Farmers grow fruit, which is made into _____.
_____ for wine.
Wine festival is in _____.

Money: _____ to travel in.
Not expensive to _____ things.

TOEFL Questions

E. Choose the correct answers.

1. Look at the four squares (■) that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

Its neighbors are Romania and the Ukraine.

Where would the sentence best fit?

- (A) Square 1 (B) Square 2
(C) Square 3 (D) Square 4

2. Look at the four squares (■) that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

So, people who do not like a lot of snow would like it there.

Where would the sentence best fit?

- (A) Square 5 (B) Square 6
(C) Square 7 (D) Square 8

TOEFL Vocabulary Practice

F. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

moderate border tropical traveled climate

1. Panmunjom is a town on the _____ of North and South Korea.
2. Hawaii has a _____ climate.
3. The problem with _____ winters is that there is no snow for skiing.
4. A moderate _____ is good for growing wheat.
5. Marco Polo _____ from Italy to China.

Practice

A. Learn the words.

Key Vocabulary

system	parts placed together to form a working unit
satellite	something that orbits the Earth
receiver	machine that takes in information

TOEFL Vocabulary

global	worldwide
information	knowledge; facts and data
prevent	to stop something from happening
practical	workable; good and easy to use
geography	the study of the Earth including how it is divided, its climates, and resources

B. Read the passage and underline the key information.

GPS

GPS is a system. It means "Global Positioning System." It helps people find out where they are. Let's see how it works.

■ **1)** There are machines called satellites in the sky. ■ **2)** They move around Earth. ■ **3)** They send information to small machines on Earth. These machines are called GPS receivers. ■ **4)**

GPS receivers can tell you many things. They can tell you where you are. They can tell you how fast you are going. They also tell you where you are going. They prevent you from getting lost.

They are very practical. These days they are common. They are good tools for people who study geography. GPS can help to make maps. GPS is used in cars and airplanes. You can use the GPS receiver in your car. It can find a place you are driving to. Hikers use GPS receivers. Then they don't get lost in the mountains.

C. Choose the correct answers.

1. Look at the four squares (■) that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

They are like big flying computers.

Where would the sentence best fit?

- (A) Square 1 (B) Square 2
(C) Square 3 (D) Square 4
2. Which of the following can be inferred about most GPS receivers?
- (A) They are very expensive.
(B) They are usually small.
(C) They are usually very big.
(D) They are not very useful to most people.
3. The author discusses using GPS in your car in order to
- (A) explain how cars work
(B) explain why so many people get lost while driving cars
(C) explain why GPS is expensive
(D) show how GPS can be useful in everyday activities

TOEFL Vocabulary Practice**D. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.**

geography

practical

prevent

global

information

1. Computers can share _____ at a very high speed.
2. The British Prime Minister did not _____ Hitler from invading Czechoslovakia.
3. The Internet is a _____ computer network.
4. In _____ class, we learn about the weather and maps.
5. A Swiss army knife is a very _____ tool.

Read the passage.

City Life and Country Life

City life and country life are very different. People who study geography look at these differences. They study why people move to cities. The reasons are practical. People go to cities to look for work.

Moving to the city is very easy. It isn't like moving to another country. You don't have to cross a border. You just go.

A city is like a system. Roads and subways are part of the system. So are apartments and shopping malls. They form a unit. This unit makes life easy for city people. They can travel to work quickly on the subway. They can also drive around. They can buy many things in supermarkets. There are good schools in the city.

Country life is simple. However, it is hard work. It is the same in most climates. It is not crowded. There is a lot of space, so everything is far apart. People walk to work. They sometimes ride horses. Often there are only a few trains and cars.

Farmers grow fruit and vegetables to eat. ■ 1) They keep animals. ■ 2) There are not many supermarkets. ■ 3) People often know everyone who lives nearby. ■ 4) At harvest time, there is often a harvest festival. People store food for winter time. It is hard to grow vegetables when the weather is cold.

Many people in the country are poor. They want to leave and move to the cities. City people want to prevent this. There will be no one to grow food. The cities will also become too crowded.

Choose the correct answers.

1. Why does the author mention borders?

- (A) Because you need to cross a border to move to the city.
- (B) Because sometimes people move to cities in a different country.
- (C) Because he wants to show that moving to the city is easy.
- (D) Because he thinks cities should have borders.

2. The word unit in the passage is closest in meaning to

- (A) a whole
- (B) a number
- (C) a country
- (D) a machine

3. Which of the following best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence? Incorrect answers change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

They can buy many things in supermarkets.

- (A) People steal food from shops.
(B) Many things in supermarkets are expensive.
(C) Supermarkets sell many different products.
(D) Farmers go to the city to buy things.
4. According to the passage, all the following are mentioned as part of the city system EXCEPT
- (A) roads (B) churches
(C) shopping malls (D) apartments
5. Look at the four squares (■) that indicate where the following sentence could be added to the passage.

Fresh farm food is very healthy.

Where would the sentence best fit?

- (A) Square 1 (B) Square 2
(C) Square 3 (D) Square 4
6. **Directions:** An introductory sentence for a brief summary of the passage is provided below. Complete the summary by selecting the THREE answer choices that express the most important ideas in the passage. Some sentences do not belong in the summary because they express ideas that are not presented in the passage or are minor ideas in the passage.

There are many differences between living in the country and in the city.

Answer choices

- (A) Life in the countryside is slower and harder but healthier than city life.
(B) You do not need a passport to live in the city.
(C) There are few trains and supermarkets in the country.
(D) People want to live in cities to find work but not everyone can live there.
(E) Cities are like systems with many parts that help people who live there.

Check-up

Question Type Review

A. Choose the correct answers.

1. An *insert text* question asks
 - (A) for another sentence to be placed into the passage
 - (B) for the main ideas in the passage to be identified
 - (C) for a sentence to be removed from the passage
 - (D) for major ideas and important information to be categorized

Key Vocabulary Practice

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

satellite

famous

festival

receivers

system

wine

1. Pilots use radio _____ to talk to people on the ground.
2. The moon is a natural _____.
3. Our solar _____ has nine planets.
4. The Korean harvest _____ is called Chuseok.
5. _____ is made from grapes.
6. David Beckham is a _____ soccer player.