

A Guide to the ReadWorks Question Set (2nd-12th Grade)

A Dangerous Landslide by Susan LaBella

All of the questions in this question set focus on important information from the text. They will help you pay attention to the most important parts of the text. And they will show you the kinds of questions you should be asking yourself as you read a text!

1. The article describes an example of a real-life landslide. Where did this landslide happen?

- A. Washington, D.C.
- B. Seattle, Washington
- C. Oso, Washington**

1. Explicit Information
This question is an explicit question about something very important to the text. The answer should be right there in the text.

2. Text Structure

For nonfiction texts, this question asks about an important text structure. That means it focuses on the way information is organized in the text.

2. This article describes some damage that can be caused by landslides. What is one possible effect of a landslide?

- A. the mud on a hillside could dry up
- B. heavy rains could soak the ground
- C. a road or highway could collapse**

3. In Oso, a large amount of wet soil and mud broke loose from a tall hill and covered thirty nearby houses. This landslide happened when very heavy rains soaked the ground near Oso. What can you conclude based on this evidence?

- A. Heavy rains may have been a cause of the landslide in Oso.**
- B. The houses in Oso covered by the landslide had already been flooded from the rains.
- C. Landslides only ever happen after heavy rains.

3. Conclusions and Evidence
For this question, you have to make a connection between a conclusion and the evidence or information that supports that conclusion.

4. Inference

This question is always an inferential question. To answer it, you need to make a connection on your own, based on the information in the text.

4. What kind of town would most likely be in danger of landslides?

- A. a town at the bottom of a muddy hill**
- B. a town surrounded by flat, muddy land
- C. a town at the top of a hill

5. Main Idea or Theme

This question almost always asks you to identify the main idea of the text.

For some literary texts, it may ask you to identify a main theme in the text.

5. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. Landslides are a dangerous kind of emergency that can cause a lot of damage.**
- B. Landslides can break water lines, gas lines, or electrical lines.
- C. A landslide in Oso, Washington, covered thirty nearby houses and hurt many people.