

MCQ: Cognitive Strategies for Readers

Skills:

- 1) *Summarizing*: Summarizing the key points/important information to construct meaning.
- 2) *Analyzing Author's Craft*: Using author's craft to gather clues to construct meaning.
- 3) *Getting the Gist*: Understanding the literal meaning of the text -- what is actually happening.
- 4) *Monitoring/Clarifying*: Reviewing original interpretation with new data to adjust understanding

Distractors:

- 1.1: Focusing on non-important details
- 1.2: Focusing on non-important characters
- 1.3: Focusing on non-important action

- 2.1: Understanding author's craft literally/ignoring author's craft to focus on literal details
- 2.2: Identifying one "clue," but not putting it together with another

- 3.1: Focusing on unimportant elements instead of key information
- 3.2: Restating the first sentence, without adding in any additional information.

- 4.1 Focusing on the literal meaning -- not adjusting original interpretation
- 4.2 Focusing on unimportant details -- not adjusting original interpretation

Item #	Skill	Distractor 1	Distractor 2	Distractor 3
1	S3 (C)	3.2 (A)	3.1 (B)	3.1 (D)
2	S4 (D)	4.1 (A)	4.2 (B)	4.2 [C]
3	S2 (B)	2.1 (A)	2.2 (C)	--
4	S1 (B)	1.2 (A)	1.1 [C]	1.1 (D)
5	S3 (B)	3.2 (A)	3.1 [C]	3.1 (D)
6	S1 (B)	1.1 (A)	1.3 [C]	1.2 (D)
7	S2 (D)	2.1 (A)	2.1 (B)	2.2 [C]
8	Predicting	Open-ended question.		