

Virginia Reading SOL Practice: Word Analysis, Vocabulary, Using Resources

Stand Alone Questions

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Read the sentence.

Mr. Smith **misunderstood** the directions.

Does the bold word include a prefix, suffix, both, or neither?

- A. prefix
- B. suffix
- C. both
- D. neither

Read the sentence.

The sun **disappeared** behind the clouds.

Does the bold word include a prefix, suffix, both, or neither?

- A. prefix
- B. suffix
- C. both
- D. neither

Read the sentence.

Third grade goes to recess **after** lunch.

Does the bold word include a prefix, suffix, both, or neither?

- A. prefix
- B. suffix
- C. both
- D. neither

Read the sentence.

The bus driver **misplaced** her keys.

Does the bold word include a prefix, suffix, both, or neither?

- A. prefix
- B. suffix
- C. both
- D. neither

Read the sentence.

Rocks are **nonliving** things.

Does the bold word include a prefix, suffix, both, or neither?

- A. prefix
- B. suffix
- C. both
- D. neither

Read the sentence.

A garden snake is a **harmless** reptile.

Does the bold word include a prefix, suffix, both, or neither?

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- B. suffix
- C. both
- D. neither

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Read the sentence.

Nanny's red velvet cake tastes delicious!

How many syllables are in the word delicious?

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 1

Read the sentence.

Purple is William's favorite color in the crayon box.

Which word has the same vowel sound as the word box?

- A. forks
- B. pots
- C. scouts
- D. nose

Read the sentence.

Makayla's favorite part of the day is morning meeting.

Which word rhymes with part?

- A. card
- B. heart
- C. earth
- D. treat

Read the sentences.

Mrs. Chung said, "Our class will go over _____ for the next part of the field trip. Mr. Lopez's class is eating _____ lunch in the picnic shelter."

Which words make the sentences correct?

- A. there, their
- B. their, there
- C. they're, there
- D. they're, there

Read the sentence.

I _____ that when writing a friendly letter, I should include a greeting such as _____ Granddad.

Which pair of words makes the sentence correct?

- A. no, dear
- B. know, deer
- C. know, dear
- D. no, deer

Read the sentences.

The bus driver stepped on the _____ and opened the door for Noah. He had to pay \$4.25 for bus _____.

Which pair of words makes the sentence correct?

- A. break, fair
- B. brake, fare
- C. break, fare
- D. brake, fare

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Read the sentence.

Jonathan's mother gave him _____ dollars to buy _____ books at the Springfield Estates book _____.

Which pair of words makes the sentences correct?

- F. for, too, sail
- G. four, two, sail
- H. four, two, sale
- J. for, two, sale

Read the sentence.

The city put on a wonderful display of fireworks for the 4th of July **celebration**.

How should the word **celebration** be divided into syllables?

- A. cele-bra-tion
- B. cel-e-bra-tion
- C. ce-le-bra-tion
- D. cel-ebra-tion

Read the sentence.

Hamza _____ a beautiful _____ for his mother at the school's Basket Bingo event.

Which pair of words makes the sentence correct?

- A. one, flower
- B. won, flour
- C. one, flour
- D. won, flower

To find the meaning of the word "puzzled", a student should look in:

- A. an encyclopedia
- B. an almanac
- C. a dictionary
- D. an atlas
- E. a thesaurus

Which sentence is an opinion?

- A. The capital of Virginia is Richmond.
- B. The Nile River provided food, soil, water and transportation for the Egyptians.
- C. Ancient China had the oldest and best civilization in the world.
- D. The native language of ancient Rome was Latin, but the people spoke Greek as well.

Read this dictionary entry.

perform (p e r-fôrm') v. 1. To put on a show in public. 2. To take action on. 3. To complete a task. 4. To do something as promised.

Jasmin went to a concert with Genesis and saw Demi Lovata perform.

In this sentence, which meaning of perform is used?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

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Read this sentence.

Gerald grinned when Mrs. Jones said, "Go put 5 points on the board!"

Which word means the opposite of grinned?

- A. laughed
- B. gleamed
- C. argued
- D. frowned

Read this sentence.

Milat is excited about going on vacation to the beach with her family.

Which word is a synonym for excited?

- A. angry
- B. thrilled
- C. bored
- D. calm

Read this sentence.

Even though the night was cold, Victoria was warm and cozy in her bed.

Which word has the same vowel sound as cozy?

- A. soft
- B. coach
- C. box
- D. bloom

Which guide words would appear on a dictionary page containing the word "enjoy"?

- A. echo - eighty
- B. effort - either
- C. elbow - enter
- D. elephant - emotion

Select the meaning of rich as used in this sentence.

I could barely finish my slice of Nanny's rich red velvet cake.

rich *adj.* 1. Fortunate. 2. Expensive. 3. Flavorful. 4. Bright. 5. Funny

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5

Read this sentence.

We remembered to pack our toothbrushes for the sleepover.

Which words does ed mean the same as it does in remembered?

- A. red
- B. wondered
- C. seed
- D. teddy
- E. tapped
- F. need

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Read this sentence.

In the summer months, the temperature often goes above 90 degrees.

How should the word temperature be divided into syllables?

- A. temp-er-a-ture
- B. tem-per-a-ture
- C. temp-era-ture
- D. tem-per-ature

Read these sentences.

Ethan was very lucky and won a pizza party for Mrs. Adams class!

In which word does -y mean the same as in lucky?

- A. empty
- B. tiny
- C. thirsty
- D. cozy

Which word has 4 syllables?

- A. government
- B. ancient
- C. continent
- D. responsible

Which two words are synonyms?

- A. shared, discovered
- B. delicious, tasty
- C. began, ended
- D. still, again

Read these sentences.

“No, Kristen!” Nikki snapped. “It’s against the rules! I won fair and square.”

Read the dictionary entry.

snap (*snap*) v. **1.** To break apart instantly. **2.** To grasp something suddenly. **3.** To speak sharply. **4.** To move quickly.

Which meaning of snapped is used in the sentence?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Which two words are opposites?

- A. colorful, beautiful
- B. early, late
- C. top, front
- D. many, enough

Which two words are opposites?

- A. empty, hollow
- B. bright, clear
- C. sleep, awake
- D. rapidly, quickly

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The title of the story *The Amazing Soccer Match* tells us that it is probably about -

- A. how to play soccer
- B. an exciting soccer game
- C. why kids should play soccer
- D. what you need to play soccer

The book *Benjamin Franklin: An American Life* by Walter Isaacson is a biography because

- A. it is about the author's life
- B. it is about American history
- C. the author's purpose is to inform
- D. it is about a real person's life

Read this sentence.

The growling dog seemed ready to spring over the fence.

Read the dictionary entry

spring (*spring*) v. **1.** To split or crack. **2.** To stretch or bend. **3.** To jump quickly. **4.** To work loose.

Which meaning of spring is used in this sentence?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Read the sentence.

Mr. Gibson always tells us to review our work before we submit for grading.

In which word does re- mean the same thing as it does in review?

- A. rest
- B. restroom
- C. redo
- D. really

Read the sentence.

Natalie asked her mother for a stamp so she could send Jacinda a birthday card.

stamp (*stamp*) n. **1.** A small piece of paper put on an envelope for mailing. **2.** A shape formed by a machine. **3.** A mark that shows something is completed. v. **4.** To destroy.

Which meaning of the word stamp is used in the sentence?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Read the paragraph.

Orville and Wilbur Wrights' first attempts at inventing an airplane were failures. After years of hard work, they created a plane that could fly.

The word attempts means-

- A. tries
- B. mistakes
- C. wishes
- D. puzzles

Read the paragraph.

The students of Lincoln Elementary were thrilled with their new art rooms. The rooms were filled with light, supplies, and work spaces.

The word thrilled means-

- A. worried
- B. satisfied
- C. delighted
- D. startled

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Here is part of the table of contents from a nonfiction book about elephants.

Read and use it to answer the next three questions.

Chapter 1: The Largest Land Animal.....	3
Chapter 2: Elephant Habitats.....	12
Chapter 3: Baby Elephants.....	15
Chapter 4: Elephants in Danger.....	19
Chapter 5: Watching Elephants.....	22
Glossary.....	26

Which chapter comes right before "Baby Elephants"?

- A. "Elephants in Danger"
- B. "Elephant Habitats"
- C. Glossary
- D. "Watching Elephants"

Where will you most likely find out the length and weight of elephants?

- A. Chapter 1
- B. Glossary
- C. Chapter 2
- D. Chapter 5

According to the table of contents, the longest chapter in the book is titled-

- A. "The Largest Land Animal"
- B. "Elephant Habitats"
- C. "Baby Elephants"
- D. "Elephants in Danger"
- E. "Watching Elephants"

Here is part of the table of contents from a travel book about Honduras.

Read and use it to answer the next three questions.

Planning Your Visit.....	4
Restaurants.....	9
Activities.....	15
Transportation.....	22
Maps.....	26
Index.....	30

If you had 5 days to visit Honduras, which chapter would you use to help you plan a schedule?

- A. "Planning Your Visit"
- B. "Restaurants"
- C. "Activities"
- D. "Transportation"

A person that enjoys eating out would turn to page_____.

- A. 4
- B. 9
- C. 15
- D. 22
- E. 26

If the reader wanted to know how to get from the airport to their hotel, they would turn to page _____.

- A. 4
- B. 9
- C. 15
- D. 22
- E. 26

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Read the paragraph.

Scorpions have a long tail that ends in a venomous stinger. Scorpions use the stinger to protect itself. The stinger can pierce the skin of an attacker.

In this paragraph, the word pierce means:

- A. change
- B. go through
- C. touch
- D. moisten

Read the paragraph.

Pelé is a retired soccer player from Brazil. He scored 541 goals. Many people think that he is the most successful player in the world.

In this paragraph, the word successful means:

- A. unlucky
- B. outstanding
- C. quiet
- D. likeable

Read the paragraph.

To make pudding, you will need to combine the pudding mix with milk. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and put it in the refrigerator. In about an hour, the pudding is ready for you to eat it!

In this paragraph, the word combine means:

- A. separate
- B. mix
- C. measure
- D. divide

Read the paragraph.

An inclined plane is a ramp or slope that makes it easier to lift something heavy like a large rock. The ancient Egyptians used inclined planes to build the pyramids.

In this paragraph, the word inclined means:

- A. leveled
- B. sloped
- C. crooked
- D. fixed

In which pair do the words sound the same but have different meanings?

- A. stake, stack
- B. main, mean
- C. write, white
- D. peace, piece

Which two words have similar meanings?

- A. late, fast
- B. problems, troubles
- C. judges, friends
- D. gathered, scattered

Divide the word wonderful into syllables:

Divide the word government into syllables:

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Which 2 words have opposite meanings:

- A. great, special
- B. stared, looked
- C. first, last
- D. kept, asked

Which 2 words have similar meanings:

- A. awake, asleep
- B. hungry, full
- C. huge, enormous
- D. run, play

A student searches these websites to find information about **Ancient Rome**.

search: **ancient Rome**
Results: 4 of 6,892,356

History: **Ancient Rome** for Kids

Kids learn about the civilization and history of **Ancient Rome**.

Watering **Ancient Rome**

Find interesting facts about the aqueducts of **Ancient Rome**.

Ancient Roman Food

Rich people in **Ancient Rome** enjoyed their food. Find out what they ate.

Dangerous Games of Ancient Rome

Read about the gladiator contests held in the Colosseum of **Ancient Rome**.

Which website would **MOST** likely tell how the people of Ancient Rome got their supply of water?

- A. History: Ancient Rome for Kids
- B. Watering Ancient Rome
- C. Ancient Roman Food
- D. Dangerous Games of Ancient Rome

Which website would **MOST** likely tell about the daily life of ancient Romans?

- A. History: Ancient Rome for Kids
- B. Watering Ancient Rome
- C. Ancient Roman Food
- D. Dangerous Games of Ancient Rome

Read the paragraph.



Our class went on a field trip to Colvin Run to study simple machines. We were able to **try** the simple machines. We had to wait for our turn. While we waited, **our** tour guide warned us that the drawknife was very sharp.

Read the dictionary entry.

sharp (shärp) *adj.* **1.** Having an edge. **2.** Sudden. **3.** Fierce. **4.** Better than usual.

Which meaning of the word sharp is used in the paragraph?

- A. 1.
- B. 2.
- C. 3.
- D. 4.

Which of the following words rhymes with **try**?

- A. tray
- B. sigh
- C. why
- D. tie
- E. entry

The word **our** is a _____ for hour:

- A. synonym
- B. antonym
- C. homophone
- D. none of the above

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Read the sentences.

The parrot kept repeating everything the pirate captain said.

In which word does the re- mean the same as in repeating?

- A. really
- B. read
- C. review
- D. reason

Read the sentence.

Rahim made many friends in third grade. Sadly, some of them were moving to other schools over the summer.

In which word does the -ly mean the same as it does in sadly?

- A. only
- B. carefully
- C. sly
- D. ugly

All of these are compound words except:

- A. starfish
- B. doubtful
- C. nothing
- D. yearbook

A student wants to learn more about the water cycle. Which is the **best** resource to use?

- A. encyclopedia
- B. dictionary
- C. atlas
- D. thesaurus
- E. almanac

Which guide words would appear on the same page as "graduation"?

- A. gilded - golden
- B. glory - greeting
- C. grape - grate
- D. great - gull

In a book about rainforest animals, which is the **best** way to find out the meaning of the word "habitat"?

- A. use the glossary
- B. read the title page
- C. look in the index
- D. check each chapter

If Kimberly grows up to become President of the United States and writes her life story, it would be a-

- A. biography
- B. autobiography
- C. legend
- D. fable

Read the title of a theater group's flyer.

Come See the Amazing Musical *Annie*!

The author's purpose is to:

- A. inform the reader about a musical
- B. entertain the reader about the story of *Annie*
- C. persuade the reader to go to see *Annie*
- D. persuade the reader to sing songs from *Annie*

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