

Expository Passage Categories

The Walrus	The French Fry
<p>Walruses are extremely social animals and live in large groups. They move around in herds except when males and females form separate herds during the non-breeding season. Walruses show power and authority to other walruses through non-verbal body language using their tusks and their large bodies. The largest walruses are the most aggressive, defending their mates and their space. These marine mammals are extremely sociable, prone to loudly bellowing and snorting at one another in order to communicate.</p> <p>The well-known-looking walrus with the huge tusks is most often found near the Arctic Circle, lying on the ice with hundreds of other walruses. Pink and wrinkled brown hides along with their long white tusks, stiff whiskers, large flippers, and soft, blubbery bodies make the walrus a unique animal with its own set of features. Since their favorite meals are shellfish living near the dark ocean floor, walruses use their extremely sensitive whiskers as detection devices after diving down to locate this food.</p>	<p>Most people would assume that there were maybe three ingredients in McDonald's French fries: potatoes, oil, and salt. That seems pretty simple and basic for french fries, but it's actually completely wrong! Here's a list of all the ingredients used in McDonald's French Fries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Potatoes (7% of all the U.S.'s potatoes are used to make these fries)-Canola oil (greasy)-Hydrogenated soybean oil (gotta have more oil)-Safflower oil (not sure why there has to be so much oil)-Sugar (balances out the taste of all the oil)-Sodium acid pyrophosphate (helps keep the fries that yellow color)-Citric acid (preserves the crunch and texture of the fries forever)-Dimethylpolysiloxane (a chemical used in bathtub or sink sealants)

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New Words	Laughter
<p>One common question people repeatedly ask about dictionaries is how a new word gets added! The answer is simple: The word gets used.</p> <p>Dictionary editors analyze the words and language people are currently using along with how often they use the words and in what situations they use the words. They also have to consider the meaning of the word and how that word impacts all of our society.</p> <p>First, these editors discover new words by reading current books, newspapers, magazines and online sources to look for new words that are appearing everywhere over and over again.</p> <p>When editors notice a new or interesting word—or even a common word used in a whole new way— they make a note of it and begin gathering information that explains how it is used, where it is used, and what it means.</p> <p>Next, editors record that word in a digital file along with information like where it was used and what it means. They also have to include examples of how it is being used, like what it sounds like when people speak, write, or talk.</p> <p>Then the editors have to start keeping track of how often that new word appears all throughout our society. They have to consider whether it's common or uncommon. It's almost like a contest to decide which new words are the most popular and the most often used in order to figure out what will make it into the dictionary.</p> <p>Thus, the process of adding a new word to the dictionary can take quite a while because of all the steps involved in making the final decision.</p>	<p>Giggling, chuckling, cackling, snickering, chortling— these are all synonyms laughing— the healthiest way to forget your troubles and lessen your stress.</p> <p>The power of laughing is a proven health benefit. Scientific health researchers have actually shown how laughter really can be the best medicine.</p> <p>1. LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE</p> <p>People who lower their blood pressure and get their hearts pumping will reduce their risk of stroke and heart attack. There are real medicines that doctors prescribe for people with high blood pressure and heart issues, so pure, constant laughing can really have a positive benefit along with those medications.</p> <p>2. LOWERS SICKNESS</p> <p>By reducing the level of stress in your daily life, you're eliminating the kind of stress that negatively effects your body. Moreover, the reduction of stress in the body improves your immunity. It's like saying that happy people who laugh a lot are less likely to catch a cold because happy people are healthier.</p> <p>Laughing, then, is an excellent way to stay healthy not only mentally and emotionally, but physically as well. Laughing truly is a powerful way to stay healthy!</p>

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Complete the following activities about the four expository text reading passages.

- 1) Draw a box around the topic sentence in each passage.
- 2) Underline the most important supporting details that most clearly support the topic sentence.
- 3) Write a more interesting title for each selection that helps prepare the reader for the topic.
- 4) What is the purpose of each article? (Inform, persuade, explain, describe)
- 5) Circle examples of facts that you notice in each passage.
- 6) Underline examples of opinions you notice in each passage (does each passage contain opinions?).
- 7) Look back at your list of text features from yesterday's Power Point (if you were absent, it's find to look at classmate's notes). Choose one text feature that you would like to include in each passage (a different text feature for each one). Use any space available near or in the passages to create your text feature. Be sure to label each text feature you use.
- 8) Write a summary of each expository passage (2-3 sentences is plenty).