

Designing Quiz Questions

Every Juice story can be categorized as providing “informational text” and our quiz questions subsequently assess an associated skill. In doing so, our content, vocabulary choices, and quiz questions address three dimensions of reading proficiency.

Identifying and Recall

Our questions typically focus on information contained in relatively small amounts of text in either a sentence or a paragraph. The students’ performance provides feedback on basic reading comprehension skills. This information establishes the necessary building blocks upon which critical thinking is based.

Analysis

Quiz questions might ask students to form generalizations about informational text or make statements about how one element relates to another. Other stems might require interpretation, for example, of an organization’s motivations or of a person’s reasons for attempting to persuade others about an issue. Other questions might ask for alternative actions that a person might have taken or an inference one can make from the information given.

Evaluation

These quiz stems might ask about the likelihood of something, the plausibility of an argument, or the adequacy of an explanation. Questions may also ask students to focus on language choices (for example, nuances expressed in a metaphor) or the entire text (for example, evaluating the structure of an article or the order in which information was presented). To answer these questions, students must draw on their knowledge of text, language, and how language and ideas can be deployed to achieve certain ends.

Every question from a daily issue of The Juice is aligned with a grade-level specific standard for reading information text that falls under one of our three dimensions for reading proficiency. Every question is based on an article that has been appropriately leveled.

In order for teachers or guardians to confidently assess a student’s proficiency against these standards, we estimate a student will need to complete roughly 20 issues of The Juice and answer about 100 questions. Once accomplished, enough reliable data will exist to help determine strengths and weaknesses. This information appears in the teacher portal.