

## Questions First

### Read and answer

#### Armed robbery

I am a disabled person; blind. Yesterday, I heard a noise in my neighbor's apartment. Some people were screaming. "Did the apartment collapse? Did anyone get hurt? What is exactly going on over there?" Some questions ran through my head. With my guide dog, I ran into my neighborhood. I heard two people whispering. One of them said; "don't worry, he can't see us." I realized that something serious is going on. So, I pretended as useless as that person thought of me. My dog woofed, but I just pat on him and quickly left the apartment. It was as I expected; an armed robbery. I can easily identify the criminals. They were two. One is tall and young, and the second was short and smelly. Well, I could know because.....

**Q. Which pet did the man have?**

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- B. Dog
- C. Rat
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**Answer:** B. Dog

**TOEFL® tip:**

Generally speaking, you need to read the questions before reading the passage. In this way, you save time. First, read the question to find key words (nouns, pronouns, numbers, dates, verbs, or adjectives). Then go back to the reading passage, find the same key words or synonyms (similar-in-meaning word), and then you will find the answer to the question.

**English tip:**

Different words for the same type of question could be: 'According to', 'stated', 'indicates', 'mentions'.

**Fun English:**

Teacher: How can we get some clean water?

Student: Bring the water from the river and wash it!

## Practice

### Ants

Ants are known to defend themselves by biting, stinging, injecting, or spraying chemicals, depending on the type of ant. Many people know that Fire Ants are known to have painful bites, but the most painful sting of any insect is actually caused by the Bullet Ant, which is located in Central and South America. In addition to defending themselves against predators, ants also have to protect their colony. Their nests need to be protected from physical **threats** like overheating and flooding, and this can be done through elaborate nest architecture. A type of ant known as the Cataulacus Muticus lives in plant hollows. They actually deal with flooding by drinking water from inside the nest and then spitting it outside. Alright, so besides defence, can anyone suggest another important characteristic of ants?

*Passage adapted from: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ant>*

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  - B. Communication
  - C. Defence
  - D. Teamwork
- Q2. The speaker talked about all of the following types of ants except?
- A. Fire
  - B. Bullet
  - C. Predator
  - D. Cataulacus Muticus
- Q3. What does the writer ask the readers to do at the end of the passage?
- A. Read more about ants
  - B. Observe ants
  - C. List another type of ant
  - D. Add to the discussion
- Q4. What is the meaning of “threats”?
- A. Nature
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Answer is on the next page.

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- A. Rowling's publications
- B. Successful fantasy novels
- C. Dark magic
- D. School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

Q2. What does "chronicle" mean?

- A. Chronological
- B. Record
- C. Write
- D. Play

Q3. What does "they" refer to?

- A. Multiple languages
- B. The series
- C. World wide
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Q4. Harry Potter is a ....

- A. British author
- B. Young wizard
- C. Dark wizard
- D. None of the above

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- E. April 1997
- F. May 1997
- G. June 1997
- H. July 1997

Q6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about Harry Potter books?

- A. The books have been translated in multiple languages.
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