

# Community Message Board

## Reading Tip

- Follow the instructions in Parts 1 to 3 before you listen to and read the passage.
- A useful strategy for determining a purpose for reading is **previewing**. It means to skim or scan the text before reading.
- You can also **use prior knowledge** of the topic when previewing a text.

## Skill Overview

All meaningful reading needs a purpose. When readers understand the purpose for reading a particular text, they can select the appropriate reading strategies to help them meet their reading goals.



## Little League Tryouts This Saturday afternoon at 1:00.

Call Brad at 555-2941  
for more information.  
Bring your own glove.



**Choir Practice**  
7:30 every Wednesday night.  
Baptist Church, 10th Street.  
Meet in the Fellowship **Hall**.

I ♥ MUSIC

## Volunteer Firehouse Pancake Supper

Saturday, 5 P.M.–7 P.M.



## Vocabulary

### league

a group of sports teams that compete against each other

### choir

a group of people who sing together

### hall

a building or large room used for events involving a lot of people

### volunteer

a person who willingly does something, often to help other people, without being paid

### furniture

the thing such as chairs, tables, beds, etc.

### recycling

materials that can be made into something new

### curb

the border along the edge of a street

### defend

to fight off an attack in order to prevent harm or injury

SALE

### Moving Sale

56 East Grove Street.

Selling **furniture**, toys, clothes, a bike.

Washer and dryer, \$100.00 for both.



### Reminder

**Recycling** pickup day has been changed.

It is now Wednesday.

Be sure to put your recycling on the **curb** before 8:00 A.M.



# Dog Wash

## Dog Wash in Marlow Park

Bring your dog. We'll wash it!  
\$5.00 per dog. Flea dip extra.  
Call Lisa at 555-0971 for more information.



## KARATE CLASSES

Teacher has a black belt in karate.

Two classes weekly,

Wednesday and Thursday, 6 P.M.

Learn to **defend** yourself and have fun!



# Reading Skill Comprehension Practice

## Part 1

Think about all the texts you read in a single day. List them below.

newspapers



## Purposes for Reading

- to understand a specific viewpoint
- to follow directions
- to interpret information
- to solve problems
- for information
- for pleasure

## Part 2

It is important to understand how your purpose for reading and the type of text you choose are related. Describe one type of text you might read for each of the purposes below.

1 for fun or enjoyment

2 to understand a specific viewpoint

3 for information

4 to follow directions

5 to interpret information

6 to solve problems

## Part 3

Preview the passage, and then answer the questions below.

1. What did you learn about this text by previewing it?

2. What is your purpose for reading this text?

*My purpose for reading this text is*

# Comprehension Review

Fill in the best answer for each question.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1** Why do people typically read message boards?

- A to get someone's point of view
- B to get information
- C to learn how to do something
- D for entertainment

\_\_\_\_\_ **2** What information do you learn by reading about the moving sale?

- A where tryouts are being held
- B where the dog wash is being held
- C what to bring to the party
- D what items are being sold

\_\_\_\_\_ **3** Reading about recycling day will tell you \_\_\_\_\_

- A when to put recycling on the curb.
- B what to bring to Little League tryouts.
- C how much it costs to have your dog washed.
- D when the pancake supper will be held.

\_\_\_\_\_ **4** What information is *not* given about the dog wash in Marlow Park?

- A a telephone number to call for more information
- B the cost of the dog wash
- C the date of the dog wash
- D where the dog wash will be held

\_\_\_\_\_ **5** The moving sale will be held \_\_\_\_\_

- A at Marlow Park.
- B at 56 East Grove Street.
- C at the 10th Street Baptist Church.
- D on Saturday afternoon at 1:00.

\_\_\_\_\_ **6** Why are the washer and dryer being sold?

- A They are broken.
- B They are dirty.
- C The owners are moving.
- D They are the wrong size.

# Word Power

Choose the English word from the Vocabulary list that correctly matches the definition.



1

to fight off an attack in order to prevent harm or injury

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2

materials that can be made into something new

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3

a person who willingly does something, often to help other people, without being paid

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the border along the edge of a street

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Reading Tip

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- One effective way to preview material is to **skim** it.
- Picture clues** offer you another way to preview text.

# Harriet Tubman

## Skill Overview

Previewing helps readers get a sense of what is to come in a text and connect it to their background knowledge. When readers are able to anticipate topics and understand how information is organized in a text, they can choose appropriate strategies for reading the material.



When Harriet Tubman was born, around the year 1820, she was named Araminta Ross. Her nickname was Minty. When she grew up, Minty went by the name of Harriet, which was her mother's name. Her father was called Old Ben.

Harriet grew up on a **plantation** on the eastern shore of Maryland. Harriet and her parents were **slaves** on the plantation. Harriet was a slave because her parents were slaves. She had many brothers and sisters, some of whom worked for other farmers.

When Harriet was young, she played with the other children during the day. An elderly woman watched all the children while their parents worked in the fields.

At night, Harriet slept on the dirt floor of her family's cabin. Sometimes she listened to the adults talk about **freedom**. Although she did not know what freedom was, she thought





## Vocabulary

### plantation

an agricultural estate worked by laborers

### slave

a person who is legally owned by someone else and has to work for them

### freedom

the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want

### escape

to get free from something or someone

### convince

to persuade someone

### free state

a state in the United States in which slavery was not legal in the mid-1800s

### desire

to want something

### conductor

an organizer of the network of people secretly helping slaves escape to freedom, called the *Underground Railroad*

it sounded wonderful and wanted to learn more about it. At the age of seven, Harriet tried to **escape** from the plantation, but she did not succeed.

Harriet was curious when she heard the word *freedom*. When she was old enough to understand what it meant, she wanted it, too. Harriet tried to talk about freedom to her mother, but her mother was afraid to hear about it. However, Harriet's father was always willing to talk of freedom. Old Ben wanted to prepare his daughter to be free.

Harriet married John Tubman, a free man, in 1844. This made Harriet want freedom even more. John did not want Harriet to try to escape, but Harriet's father disagreed with John. Old Ben taught Harriet about living in the woods because he believed that she needed to know how to survive. He showed her how to follow the North Star and taught her how to swim and start a fire. She learned how to catch and skin animals to eat.

Harriet planned to run away several times, but she always turned back because the time was not right. In 1849, she found out that she might be sold. This **convinced** her that it was time to escape.

Many people helped Harriet along the way. After days of running and hiding, she finally made it to the **free state** of Pennsylvania. Harriet found a job in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She worked hard and saved her money. With a **desire** to help other slaves, she became the first female **conductor** on the Underground Railroad.

