Preview Detectives

Spot introductions that show what comes next.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.6-8.2a "Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables)..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

TOPIC WITH PREVIEW

This introduction names a topic and tells the reader the main parts or ideas that will follow. It helps the reader see the plan.

This guide explains how to prepare for a camping trip, including packing safely, choosing a site, and leaving no trash.

MISSING PREVIEW

This introduction may name a topic, but it does not tell the reader which main parts or ideas will follow. The reader cannot see the plan yet.

Skateboarding has a long history.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle PREVIEWS or MISSING for each introduction, then choose two items and explain how each one does or does not preview the parts that follow.

1.	This article explores how honeybees support farms, focusing on pollination, hive jobs, and threats to colonies.	PREVIEWS MISSING
2.	The report describes three ways storms affect coastlines: erosion, flooding, and habitat loss.	PREVIEWS MISSING
3.	Many people enjoy visiting national parks.	PREVIEWS MISSING
4.	This essay explains why sleep matters for teens by examining mood, learning, and physical health.	PREVIEWS MISSING
5.	Music can bring people together in powerful ways.	PREVIEWS MISSING
6.	Robots are becoming more common in daily life.	PREVIEWS MISSING
7.	This guide shows how to care for a library book, from checking it out to returning it on time.	PREVIEWS MISSING
8.	The article investigates the causes, warning signs, and treatment choices for heat exhaustion.	PREVIEWS MISSING

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new introduction for PREVIEWS and one new introduction for MISSING.

PREVIEWS _____

MISSING _____

CHALLENGE

Create a heading and write a two-sentence introduction that names a topic and previews three sections of an informational piece.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	This article explores how honeybees support farms, focusing on pollination, hive jobs, and threats to colonies.	**PREVIEWS**	Names the topic and previews three main parts.
2	The report describes three ways storms affect coastlines: erosion, flooding, and habitat loss.	**PREVIEWS**	Names the topic and lists the parts to be explained.
3	Many people enjoy visiting national parks.	**MISSING**	Names a topic but gives no preview of main parts.
4	This essay explains why sleep matters for teens by examining mood, learning, and physical health.	**PREVIEWS**	Names the topic and previews three areas of discussion.
5	Music can bring people together in powerful ways.	**MISSING**	States an idea but does not show what parts will follow.
6	Robots are becoming more common in daily life.	**MISSING**	Names a topic but gives no plan for the information.
7	This guide shows how to care for a library book, from checking it out to returning it on time.	**PREVIEWS**	Names the topic and previews the process that will follow.
8	The article investigates the causes, warning signs, and treatment choices for heat exhaustion.	**PREVIEWS**	Names the topic and previews three main sections.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PREVIEWS**: This article explains how a bill becomes a law by tracing its proposal, votes, and final approval.
- **MISSING**: The ocean covers most of Earth.

Challenge: How Bridges Stand This article explains how bridges hold heavy loads. It examines strong shapes, building materials, and the forces that act on a bridge.

Sort answers: 1 PREVIEWS, 2 PREVIEWS, 3 MISSING, 4 PREVIEWS, 5 MISSING, 6 MISSING, 7 PREVIEWS, 8 PREVIEWS. For Part 2 and Part 3, accept responses that accurately identify or create a topic plus a specific preview, or identify or create an introduction without a preview; the challenge also needs a heading and three previewed sections.