

Heat Advisory Voice

Analyze how an explanatory text maintains a practical public-information style.

9-10W2f “Establish and maintain a style appropriate to the writing task.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words or phrases that make the passage sound like a clear public health guide, and number the sequence words that organize its advice. These choices help the writer keep an informative, practical style for residents.

Cooling a Hot Neighborhood

- ① On a summer afternoon, pavement can make a neighborhood feel far hotter than a nearby park. Dark roofs and streets absorb sunlight, then release heat slowly after sunset. This urban heat island effect matters because high nighttime temperatures give bodies less time to cool down. City health departments therefore issue heat advisories that explain risks in plain language. Residents can check local forecasts, drink water regularly, and visit air-conditioned public buildings when temperatures remain high. These practical steps are especially important for older adults, young children, and people who work outdoors.
- ② To reduce heat over time, cities can expand tree canopy, protect parks, and use lighter-colored roofing materials. Trees provide shade, and water released by their leaves can cool the surrounding air. These strategies also serve other community needs: parks offer places to exercise, while lower indoor temperatures can reduce air-conditioning demand. Still, planting a tree is not an instant fix. Young trees need water and care, and neighborhoods with little open space may need rooftop gardens or shade structures instead. A useful plan matches each solution to local conditions.
- ③ During a heat advisory, preparation should be calm and specific. First, review the forecast and learn where nearby cooling centers are located. Next, check on neighbors who may have difficulty traveling or using air conditioning. If you must be outside, schedule demanding work for cooler hours, wear light clothing, and take frequent water breaks. Do not rely on a fan alone when indoor air is extremely hot, because a fan moves air without lowering its temperature. By combining immediate safety choices with long-term neighborhood improvements, communities can limit heat-related harm.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What audience does the passage address, and what does it help that audience do?

2 Quote one phrase that makes the passage sound clear and useful for the public rather than highly technical for specialists.

3 How does the word "Still" in paragraph 2 help the writer maintain an accurate explanatory style?

4 Why is the sentence beginning "Do not rely on a fan alone" appropriate for this passage's style and purpose?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write an 80 to 100 word notice for students about new bottle-filling stations at school. Explain what will change, why it matters, and what students should do. Keep a calm, clear public-information style.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline words or phrases that make the passage sound like a clear public health guide, and number the sequence words that organize its advice. These choices help the writer keep an informative, practical style for residents. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What audience does the passage address, and what does it help that audience do?	It addresses community residents and helps them understand heat risks, prepare during advisories, and support long-term cooling solutions.
2	Quote one phrase that makes the passage sound clear and useful for the public rather than highly technical for specialists.	Answers may include "explain risks in plain language," "practical steps," or "preparation should be calm and specific."
3	How does the word "Still" in paragraph 2 help the writer maintain an accurate explanatory style?	It introduces a limitation, showing that tree planting can help but is not an instant solution.
4	Why is the sentence beginning "Do not rely on a fan alone" appropriate for this passage's style and purpose?	It gives direct, specific safety guidance and briefly explains the reason, which fits a practical public health guide.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Beginning Monday, the school will open three bottle-filling stations near the cafeteria, gym, and library. The stations provide filtered water and can refill reusable bottles quickly. This change should reduce the number of disposable bottles placed in trash and recycling bins each day. Bring a clean reusable bottle if you have one, but students may still use drinking fountains. Please keep the areas clear during passing periods so everyone can reach the stations safely. The school will review use of the stations after the first month.

Accept responses that identify the resident audience and explain how plain language, direct guidance, qualifications, and logical transitions fit the purpose. For the open task, accept varied details if the notice remains explanatory, audience-aware, and within 80 to 100 words.