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ELA Incoming 8th Grade Summer Break Packet June 17- August 19, 2019

Expectations

- Please complete 2 assignments per week.
- Use pencil, blue ink, or black ink.
- Do your best work and attempt every question.



Suggested Date	Reading Assignment	Rubric			
Wook 1	1. Fortnite Reading Comprehension Questions 1 - 2	1	0.5	0	
Week 1 June 17-21	2. Fortnite Reading Comprehension Questions 3 - 4	1	0.5	0	
Week 2	3. Annabel Lee: Analyze the Poem Questions 1-3	1	0.5	0	
June 24-28	4. Annabel Lee: Analyze the Poem Questions 4 - 6	1	0.5	0	
Week 2	5. Annabel Lee: Word Meaning In Text	1	0.5	0	
Week 3 June 1-5	6. Grammer: Homophones	1	0.5	0	
Week 4	7. Susan B. Anthony Reading Comprehension	1	0.5	0	
July 8-12	8. Grammar: Comparatives	1	0.5	0	
Week 5	9. Character Traits and Black Beauty	1	0.5	0	
Week 5 July 15-19	10. Grammer: Grammar: Pronouns	1	0.5	0	
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Week 6 July 22-26	12. The Old Football (Part 2)	1	0.5	0	
Week 7	13. Professional E-Sports Questions 1 - 2	1	0.5	0	
July 29- August 2	14. Professional E-Sports Questions 3 - 4	1	0.5	0	
Week 8	15. Grammar: Sentence Fragments	1	0.5	0	
August 5- August 9	16. Grammar: Sentence Run-ons	1	0.5	0	
Week 9 August 12 - 16	Take this time to complete any work in this packet that is not yet complete	Total Ha	bits Score:	/16	
IMPORTANT DATES	Summer Jam for <u>NEW</u> to Alpha students begins on: August 12, 2019 Summer Jam for <u>RETURNING</u> students begins on: August 14, 2019				
	Regular School Begins for Everyone on: August 19, 2019				

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Fortnite Reading Comprehension Questions

Directions: Read the article about Fortnite. Then answer the questions that follow.

"Fortnite" climbs up most-wanted video game list for children, teens

By The Guardian, adapted by Newsela staff 04/08/2018



A new video game has millions of new fans. It's also causing headaches for some parents.

In February, one U.S. mom posted on her blog about how popular the online game "Fortnite" had become. The post was titled, "How I lost my kids to Fortnite."

Her post received hundreds of responses from other parents. One mother complained that her 10-year-old son had changed as a result of his "addiction" to the game.

A year ago, no one had heard of "Fortnite," the online game in which 100 players fight it out to be the last person standing. Now it is the biggest video game in the world. It has a huge fan base among children and teenagers.

iPhone Version Of Game Released

Previously the game was only available on computers and video game consoles. Last month, though, an iPhone version of the game was released. Within hours it topped the Apple iTunes app-sales chart in 13 countries. "Fortnite" made \$1.5 million for Epic Games, the game's creator, in its first three days, according to Sensor Tower. Sensor Tower gives advice to companies that want to make **mobile** apps.

What makes this even more astonishing is that Epic Games made all that money from a game that is free to download. Moreover, players could only access the app version through an email invitation.

Gamers Pay To Upgrade Characters' Outfits

Epic Games makes money when players make in-game purchases. People are frequently paying for their character to wear different outfits.

This success comes as no surprise to anyone who has followed the rise of the game. Epic Games redesigned what was previously a cooperative survival adventure game, and made it free to download.

In February, the computer, PlayStation and Xbox versions made a combined \$126 million in revenue, according to the research company SuperData. At any one time, there are 3.4 million people playing online. That puts it among popular titles such as "Counter Strike," "Dota 2," and the very similar "PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds," a game Epic was accused of copying.

"Only Game My Boys And Their Friends Play"

What is gaining most attention, though, is how popular the game is with children. Parents are voicing their concerns on Facebook and Twitter, with one mother stating: "[It's the] only game my boys and their friends play. 'FIFA' is forgotten all of a sudden as well as 'Call of Duty' for the older ones."

The popularity with children and teens is partly due to the fact that the game is free. Its bright cartoon-like visuals, **exaggerated** special effects and slapstick humor also set it apart from other titles. "Fortnite" also has a huge range of purchasable clothing items and "emotes," or digital ways of expressing feelings. Players can dress up as astronauts and superheroes, and perform dance moves and **mocking** gestures towards other players.

The rarest outfits are gained by purchasing a "battle pass," then by leveling up and progressing throughout the game. Such upgrades are the virtual equivalent of owning fresh Nikes or other trendy clothes.

PC-Like Game To "Play On The Go"

"'Fortnite' is the latest game to prove how powerful a free game offering can be," says James Batchelor of the website Gamesindustry.biz. "The **impressive** revenues Epic has generated show that people are more than willing to invest in an experience they enjoy." He also notes that mobile games are changing to **accommodate** serious gamers. "With smartphones becoming even more powerful, traditional gamers are seeking more PC-like and console-like titles to play on the go, and 'Fortnite' shows that companies no longer have to water down their games for mobile."

The download figures are impressive. Still, as pointed out by Piers Harding-Rolls, who works for business research company IHS Markit, there is plenty of room for growth. Mostly people in Western countries like the U.S. and United Kingdom are playing the game now, he says. There's still potential for more players in China, he said.

Rapper Drake Played Another Gamer On Twitch

Some "Fortnite" players stream themselves playing the game on the website Twitch. In March, the popular streamer Tyler "Ninja" Blevins played against the rapper Drake on Twitch. More than 600,000 people tuned in to watch. That was double the channel's previous record for views.

For all its success, however, "Fortnite" is likely to be subject to the ever-changing interests of its largely young audience. The last big crossover gaming craze, "Pokemon Go," hit 750 million downloads and more than \$950 million in revenue in its first year on sale. It has since dropped out of the top 50 iPhone game downloads.

A year ago, many people had never heard of "Fortnite." In a year's time, they may well be wondering what all the fuss was about.

1. Which selection from the article BEST introduces "Fortnite" to the reader?

- A. Previously the game was only available on computers and video game consoles. Last month, though, an iPhone version of the game was released. Within hours it topped the Apple iTunes app-sales chart in 13 countries. "Fortnite" made \$1.5 million for Epic Games, the game's creator, in its first three days, according to Sensor Tower.
- B. What makes this even more astonishing is that Epic Games made all that money from a game that is free to download. Moreover, players could only access the app version through an email invitation.
- C. Its bright cartoon-like visuals, exaggerated special effects and slapstick humor also set it apart from other titles. "Fortnite" also has a huge range of purchasable clothing items and "emotes," or digital ways of expressing feelings. Players can dress up as astronauts and superheroes, and perform dance moves and mocking gestures towards other players.
- D. Some "Fortnite" players stream themselves playing the game on the website Twitch. In March, the

popular streamer Tyler "Ninja" Blevins played against the rapper Drake on Twitch. More than 600,000 people tuned in to watch. That was double the channel's previous record for views.

2. Which group quoted in the article would be MOST LIKELY to agree with the idea that the popularity of "Fortnite" has NOT yet peaked?

- A. Epic Games
- B. SuperData
- C. Gamesindustry.biz
- D. IHS Markit

3. Read the following statement.

Many parents are concerned because their kids spend a lot of time playing "Fortnite."

Which of the following BEST explains HOW the author's perspective is different?

- A. The author believes that "Fortnite" might not remain as attractive to players as it is now. He points to "Pokemon Go" as an example of a game that was intensely popular for only a brief period.
- B. The author believes that "Fortnite" will continue to increase its hold over players with each update. He points to "Pokemon Go" as an example of a game that generated a large amount of revenue with its mobile version.
- C. The author believes that "Fortnite" will be forgotten by players in less than a year. He points to "Pokemon Go" as an example of a game that is likely to make a huge comeback with kids.
- D. The author believes that "Fortnite" will soon become a completely mobile game. He points to "Pokemon Go" as an example of a game that was more popular as a mobile app than on most video game systems.

4. HOW does the author illustrate the popularity of "Fortnite" in the article?

- A. by including statements from game creators about how they made the game appealing to young players
- B. by including data about how much revenue the game has generated and how many players it has
- C. by including quotes from kids about why they enjoy playing the game and how much time they spend playing it
- D. by including explanations of how the game is played and hints about how to win the game

Background: Edgar Allan Poe wrote "Annabel Lee" in 1849. It was his last complete poem and would not be published until after his death in October 1849. A sad poem, many scholars believe it refers to the death of his wife, Virginia, in 1847 at the age of 24.

Directions: Read the questions on the side of the page. Then read the poem. As you read, annotate for the answers to the questions.

It was many and many a year ago, In a kingdom by the sea, That a maiden there lived whom you may know By the name of Annabel Lee; And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love and be loved by me.	Questions 1. As well as rhyming words at the end of a line, Poe uses internal rhymes such as "beams" and dreams" in the last stanza. Find another example of internal rhyme.
I was a child and she was a child, In this kingdom by the sea, But we loved with a love that was more than love— I and my Annabel Lee— With a love that the wingèd seraphs of Heaven Coveted her and me.	2. What killed Annabel Lee?
And this was the reason that, long ago, In this kingdom by the sea, A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling My beautiful Annabel Lee; So that her highborn kinsmen came And bore her away from me, To shut her up in a sepulchre In this kingdom by the sea.	3. What is a sepulchre?
The angels, not half so happy in Heaven, Went envying her and me— Yes!—that was the reason (as all men know, In this kingdom by the sea) That the wind came out of the cloud by night, Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.	4. What is alliteration?5. What is an example of alliteration in the
But our love it was stronger by far than the love Of those who were older than we— Of many far wiser than we— And neither the angels in Heaven above Nor the demons down under the sea	poem?
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;	6. In the line, "But we loved with a love that was more than love," why does Poe repeat love/loved three times?
 For the moon never beams, without bringing me dreams Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride, In her sepulchre there by the sea— In her tomb by the sounding sea. 	

Annabel Lee: Word Meaning In Text

Directions: Read the following stanzas, paying special attention to the connotations associated with the underlined words. Then respond to the questions below.

⁷I was a child and she was a child,
⁸In this kingdom by the sea;
⁹But we loved with a <u>love</u> that was <u>more than love</u>¹⁰I and my Annabel Lee;
¹¹With a love that the <u>winged seraphs of heaven</u>
¹²Coveted her and me.

¹³And this was the reason that, long ago,
¹⁴In this kingdom by the sea,
¹⁵A wind blew out of a cloud, <u>chilling</u>
¹⁶My beautiful Annabel Lee;
¹⁷So that her highborn kinsman came
¹⁸And <u>bore her away</u> from me,
¹⁹To <u>shut her up</u> in a <u>sepulchre</u>
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Excerpt from Annabel Lee by Edgar Allan Poe

 Read the first stanza, paying attention to the underlined words. Do positive, negative, or neutral connotations come to mind?
 Why?

3. How does the author change the tone from the first stanza to the next?

Choose the Correct Homophone

Homophones are words that sound the same, but have different meaning. For example, a home can be for sale, while a boast can have a sail. The context of the word can help you decide which homophone to use.

Directions: Complete each sentence by selecting the correct homophone and writing it on the blank.

 After he was sick for several days, his factorial days, his factorial days. 	ace was(pail/pale).
2. She purchased a beautiful new gown	(for/four) the dance.
3. Walking down the(I'	Il/aisle/isle) to get married can be scary.
4. Glass containers have been	(band/banned) on the beach.
5. The baker systematically kneaded the _	(doe/dough) for the bread.
6. I'd rather receive my	(male/mail) electronically than on paper.
7. He was considered	(bald/bawled) because he had no hair.
8. We searched everywhere trying to	(fined/find) our lost dog.
9. My favorite stringed instrument is the _	(base/bass) because it is so big.
10. The fight(scene/	seen) in the movie was extremely exciting!
11. Though he was already tired, the farme	er had to(so/sew/sow) the seeds.
12. Annabella sat on the bottom	(stair/stare) without being noticed.
13. After running out of(fl	our/flower), the baker had to stop baking.
14. Fierce winds(blew	/blue) all night during the thunderstorm.
15. Rover sat and scratched the place when	re the(flea/flee) bit him.
16. The government has the right to	(sees/seas/seize) the stolen property.

-Susan-B. Anthony-and-the-Right-to-Vote-

On November 1872, women's rights activist Susan B. Anthony and almost 50 other women voted in Rochester, New York in the election for U.S. president. At the time, only men were allowed to vote in New York. Anthony was arrested for illegally voting.

Before her case came to trial, she traveled around the Rochester area giving speeches about her right to vote. Below is part of one of her speeches.

On Women's Rights to Vote (1873) by Susan B. Anthony

I stand before you tonight under indictment for the alleged crime of having voted at the last presidential election, without having a lawful right to vote. It shall be my work this evening to prove to you that me thus voting, I not only committed no crime, but, instead, simply exercised my citizen's rights, guaranteed to me and all United States citizens by the National Constitution, beyond the power of any state to deny.

The preamble of the Federal Constitution says:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union. And we formed it, not to give the blessings of liberty, but to secure them; not to the half of ourselves and the half of our posterity, but to the whole people - women as well as men. And it is a downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them provided by this democratic-republican government - the ballot.

Webster, Worcester, and Bouvier all define a citizen to be a person in the United States, entitled to vote and hold office.

The only question left to be settled now is: Are women persons? And I hardly believe any of our opponents will have the hardihood to say they are not. Being persons, then, women are citizens; and no state has a right to make any law, or to enforce any old law, that shall abridge their privileges or immunities. Hence, every discrimination against women in the constitutions and laws of the several states is today null and void, precisely as is every one against Negroes.



Susan B. Anthony in 1870.

What Does It Mean?

Answer the following questions about Susan B. Anthony's speech. 1. Explain the following quotation from the speech: "nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union."

2. Anthony says, "...it is a downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them provided by this democratic-republican government - the ballot." Why do you think is was so important to her to be able to vote?

Grammar: Comparatives

Directions: Complete the sentence with the correct comparative or superlative adverb. The words are listed in the word bank below.

	Well	better	best	badly	worse	worst
1.	Research real cartil		oped artificio	al cartilage tha	t performs	than
2.	You shou	ld ask Gavin fo	r directions; h	ne knows his wa	iy around	than I do.
3.	We've ha		nanics work (on our car, but	Mr. Harrell alwo	ays repairs it
4.	Tammy c	ould tell you the	e story, but h	er mom tells it _		
5.	Mrs. Prest who audi	-	ne solo becc	uuse he sang it t	he	of everyone
6.	6. Of all the jeans I've tried on, this pair fits the					
7.	7. In our craft club, Maria paints extremely well, but she sews the					
8.	8. I've never met anyone who draws than I do!					do!
9.		hat of the four nemistry exam.	final exams h	ne took last sem	ester, he did th	ne
10		d cooks the nner for everyo		of all m	ny roommates,	and he often

Character Traits and Black Beauty

Background: Black Beauty was written by Anna Sewell and was published in 1877. It is the story of a black horse called Black Beauty. Using personification*, the story is told from the horse's point of view. Below is a passage from the novel. Beauty is talking to another horse named Ginger.

Directions: Read the passage. Highlight dialogue that helps you identify Ginger's character traits. Then answer the questions on the right.



ne day when Ginger and I were standing alone in the shade, we had a great deal of talk; she wanted to know all about my bringing up and breaking in, and I told her.

"Well," said she, "if I had had your bringing up I might have had as good a temper as you, but now I don't believe I ever shall."

"Why not?" I said.

"Because it has been all so different with me," she replied. "I never had any one, horse or man, that was kind to me, or that I cared to please, for in the first place I was taken from my mother as soon as I was weaned, and put with a lot of other young colts; none of them cared for me, and I cared for none of them. There was no kind master like yours to look after me, and talk to me, and bring me nice things to eat. The man that had the care of us never gave me a kind word in my life. I do not mean that he ill-used me, but he did not care for us one bit further than to see that we had plenty to eat, and shelter in the winter. A footpath ran through our field, and very often the great boys passing through would fling stones to make us gallop. I was never hit, but one fine young colt was badly cut in the face, and I should think it would be a scar for life. We did not care for them, but of course it made us more wild, and we settled it in our minds that boys were our enemies. We had very good fun in the free meadows, galloping up and down and chasing each other round and round the field; then standing still under the shade of the trees. But when it came to breaking in, that was a bad time for me; several men came to catch me, and when at last they closed me in at one corner of the field, one caught me by the forelock, another caught me by the nose and held it so tight I could hardly draw my breath; then another took my under jaw in his hard hand and wrenched my mouth open, and so by force they got on the halter and the bar into my mouth; then one dragged me along by the halter, another flogging behind, and this was the first experience I had of men's kindness; it was all force. They did not give me a chance to know what they wanted. I was high bred and had a great deal of spirit, and was very wild, no doubt, and gave them, I dare say, plenty of trouble, but then it was dreadful to be shut up in a stall day after day instead of having my liberty, and I fretted and pined and wanted to get loose. You know yourself it's bad enough when you have a kind master and plenty of coaxing, but there was nothing of that sort for me.

	List 10 character traits of Ginger.
	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
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	8
	9
	10
1	What are 3 character traits of the men and boys that Ginger talks about?
	1
	2
2	3
1	What is personification?*

Grammar: Pronouns

Directions: Circle or highlight the best pronoun to complete the sentence. Try saying both options out loud to hear which one makes sense.

A pronoun is used as a substitute for a noun. A noun is a person, place, or thing. Examples of pronouns: he, she, it, they, someone, who.

After the game, the tennis player criticized for his weak serves. itself	2. The taxi driver tried not to insert into his passengers' conversations.
3. I can't wait to acquaint with all that this city has to offer. memyself	 The common iguana defends by using its sharp tail as a whip. itself yourself
5. A job candidate must find some way to distinguish from the rest of the pack. ourselves herself	6. In the subway station, a lost tourist asked for directions to the flea market. myself ourselves me
7. To protest the logging of old growth forests, demonstrators stationed outside the capitol building. herself themselves itself	8. They appointed the lead architect of the new sports arena. myself him himself
9. She excused from the dinner table to take an important phone call. themselves myself herself	10. To observe the poor working conditions firsthand, the reporter disguised as one of the factory workers. herself themselves
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13. When Uncle Spencer and I make hamburgers, we broil for three minutes on each side. himself them	14. She's still sick, so we will try to discourage from going to the party. themselves herself
15. Before the neighborhood association meeting begins, we should introduce	16. Although Jeff and Porter are quite young, they express very well. themselves yourselves himself

Directions: Read the poem. Next read the statements about the poem below. Cite 2-3 examples of textual evidence to support each statement. Then draw a star next to the strongest text support. Be prepared to explain why you chose this as the strongest support.

My Old Football by John Milton Hayes (Part I)

'You can keep your antique silver and your statuettes of bronze,

²Your curios and tapestries so fine,

³But of all your treasures rare there is nothing to compare

⁴With this patched up, wornout football pal o' mine.

⁵Just a patchedup wornout football, yet how it clings!

⁶I live again my happier days in thoughts that football brings.

⁷ It's got a mouth, it's got a tongue,

⁸And oft when we're alone I fancy that it speaks

⁹To me of golden youth that's flown.

¹⁰ It calls to mind our meeting,

"Twas a present from the Dad.

- ¹²I kicked it yet I worshipped it,
- ¹³ How strange a priest it had!
- ¹⁴And yet it jumped with pleasure

¹⁵When I punched it might and main:

Remember to highlight or underline the text supports you find.

1. The speaker loves his football.

2. The tone of the poem is nostalgic (bittersweet longing for things of the past).

Directions: Read the text below and answer the questions about figurative language and tone that follow.

My Old Football by John Milton Hayes (Part 2)

¹⁶And when it had the dumps ¹⁷It got blown up and punched again. 18It's lived its life; ¹⁹It's played the game; ²⁰It's had its rise and fall, ²¹There's history in the wrinkles of that wornout football. ²²Caresses rarely came its way in babyhood 'twas tanned. ²³It's been well oiled, and yet it's quite teetotal, understand. ²⁴It's gone the pace, and sometimes it's been absolutely bust. ²⁵And yet 'twas always full of bounce, ²⁶No matter how 'twas cussed. ²⁷He's broken many rules and oft has wandered out of bounds, ²⁸He's joined in shooting parties ²⁹Over other people's grounds. ³⁰Misunderstood by women, ³¹He was never thought a catch, ³²Yet he was never happier ³³Than when bringing off a match.

Follow these steps:

Ask yourself if the word is literal or figurative. Literal language is intended to mean exactly what it says. Figurative language creates an image in the reader's mind that appeals to the senses.
 Remind yourself that the words an author chooses to use in a story create its meaning and tone. To understand what we read, we have to consider the connotations (additional meanings connected to a word besides its literal definition) associated with the words the author uses. Words can have positive, negative, or neutral connotations that create the overall tone of the text.

1. What is the deflated football compared to in the underlined part of line 16?

2. What is the football compared to in the underlined part of line 27?

3. Which words and phrases in this part of the poem create a humorous tone? Find two examples and write them on the lines below.

Breaking into professional esports requires a lot of hours and seclusion

By USA Today, adapted by Newsela staff 03.27.19



Image 1. 100 Thieves founder Matthew "Nadeshot" Haag (left) and Canadian rapper Drake. Photo from: 100 Thieves/USA Today

These athletes work hard and make a great deal of money. Player Xmithie, pronounced "ex-myth-ie," practices Tuesday through Friday, with games and tournaments on the weekend. Days start around 9:30 a.m. and end around midnight. Xmithie and other players are not playing football, basketball or baseball. They are playing for Team Liquid, an esports team that competes in "League of Legends," the popular online game. It is made by Riot Games.

A League Of Legends

Pro matches of "League of Legends" pit teams of five against one another. They need to work together to destroy their opposing team's base and defend their own. Team Liquid has teams competing in popular games, including "Fortnite." Several esports companies compete in "League of Legends." Its League Championship Series in North America began its new season January 26. Professional players at the highest levels in this league average \$320,000 a year. That tops the average pay for surgeons and lawyers. "League of Legends" teams often live together in a house or apartment building.



Image 2. Jake "Xmithie" Puchero at the 2018 North American LCS Finals. Photo by: Colin Young-Wolff/Riot Games, Inc./USA Today

Taken Care Of

Some teams, like one named Cloud9, practice out of their Los Angeles-area homes. Others have practice facilities. Team Liquid owner Steve Arhancet said players get their own room and money for furniture. They live in an apartment building provided by the team, which has 65 athletes competing in 14 games. A chef provides meals, coaches and others to help players stay sharp. For these players, gaming is full-time work, even more so than many jobs. Often, they are working on their game for six or seven days a week. Xmithie's real name is Jake Puchero. He is a pro player for Team Liquid in the North American League of Legends Championship Series. Puchero has been a pro "League of Legends" gamer for six years. He is 27 years old and is the oldest player in the league. Like others in his field, Puchero never finished college. Having won other gaming tournaments, he dropped out of college to become a pro around the age of 21. Today, some colleges offer scholarships for "League of Legends" players.

Getting To The Top

Puchero has been playing computer games since he was a boy, he said. He started "League of Legends" when he was 21 years old. He quickly became a top player. Puchero said he works six days a week during the regular season. Although the hours are long, he plans to play a few more years. The team gets a break on Monday. "Usually, that's when we try to go out and have a social life," Puchero said, noting that some people spend that time practicing. "We just pretty much breathe and play 'League of Legends' all day."

Building A Winning Team

Jack Etienne is the leader of Cloud9. With over 80 players on the team, he has seven houses in the Los Angeles area where they can live and work. Gamers often find each other online. They form teams that enter events. This is how Zach "Sneaky" Scuderi, now 24 years old, began as a pro esports player. He started when he was 18 years old. After playing "League of Legends" online, Scuderi was offered a spot on a team. The team of five competed in online tournaments, splitting the prize money. One tournament had a prize of \$2,500 for first place and about \$1,200 for second. Scuderi's team was second. He used his prize money to buy more games. Scuderi did not meet his teammates until a "League of Legends" tournament in 2013. Riot flew the team out for the event in California. One of his team managers recommended him for the team that later became Cloud9. So Scuderi switched teams. He moved from Florida to California and dropped out of college when he was 19 years old.

Scouting New Talent There are other ways that players can be discovered. Scouts for teams study the game's leaders looking for new talent. Riot Games hosts a competition for the top online players. There are drafts, trades and more, as in basketball or baseball. Jarred Kennedy is a leader at Riot Games. He hopes the idea of gaming as a job becomes more accepted with time.

Directions: Read the questions and circle the correct answer choice.

1	Read	the section "Taken Care Of."
		selection from this section supports the conclusion that pro esports players put a lot of effort hat they do?
	(A)	Some teams, like one named Cloud9, practice out of their Los Angeles-area homes. Others have practice facilities.
	(B)	Team Liquid owner Steve Arhancet said players get their own room and money for furniture. They live in an apartment building provided by the team, which has 65 athletes competing in 14 games.
	(C)	For these players, gaming is full-time work, even more so than many jobs. Often, they are working on their game for six or seven days a week.
	(D)	Like others in his field, Puchero never finished college. Having won other gaming tournaments, he dropped out of college to become a pro around the age of 21.
2	Read	the section "A League Of Legends."
		t the paragraph from the section that shows that playing esports as a job can lead to big ds for a few people.
	(A)	Pro matches of "League of Legends" pit teams of five against one another. They need to work together to destroy their opposing team's base and defend their own.
	(B)	Team Liquid has teams competing in popular games, including "Fortnite." Several esports companies compete in "League of Legends." Its League Championship Series in North America began its new season January 26.
	(C)	Professional players at the highest levels in this league average \$320,000 a year. That tops the average pay for surgeons and lawyers.
	(D)	"League of Legends" teams often live together in a house or apartment building.
3	Which	sentence from the article supports a main idea from the article?
	(A)	These athletes work hard and make a great deal of money.
	(B)	A chef provides meals, coaches and others to help players stay sharp.
	(C)	Puchero has been playing computer games since he was a boy, he said.
	(D)	Today, some colleges offer scholarships for "League of Legends" players.

4	Read the paragraph from the article.				
	an tin	ne team gets a break on Monday. "Usually, that's when we try to go out ad have a social life," Puchero said, noting that some people spend that ane practicing. "We just pretty much breathe and play 'League of agends' all day."			
	HOW does this paragraph support the main idea of the article?				
	(A)	It proves that professional video gamers make a lot of money for their hard work.			
	(B)	It gives an example of how much time professional video gamers spend on their games.			
	(C)	It describes the steps that people take in order to become a professional video gamer.			
	(D)	It shows that very few people have been able to turn into professional video gamers.			

Directions: Write an opinion piece that answer the question below. Use evidence from the text to support your claim.

Do Professional E-Sports players make enough money to make the long hours of practice and seclusion worth i?

Grammar: Sentence Fragments

Directions: Circle the sentence that is a fragment. A fragment sentence is incomplete and missing a part.

Example: Graded the papers in red ink. **Why is this a fragment?** The sentence lacks a subject. We do not know who is grading the papers.

1.	2.
The manager announcing Justin as the grocery store's employee of the month.	For breakfast, this restaurant serves eggs with biscuits and gravy.
The interior designer styled our living room with fashionable new decor.	Luke being such a big help around the house.
3.	4.
Made both of the pie crusts with lard instead of butter.	Can expect warmer temperatures and partly cloudy skies, with a chance of thunderstorms.
The junior soccer league commences its new season in January.	Sancho texted me the page numbers for the homework assignment.
5.	6.
Mrs. Herman carefully buttoned up her coat.	The most hideous dress in the department store window.
More than fifty reviews of the new video game console.	In August 2012, the <i>Curiosity</i> rover landed on Mars.
7.	8.
Gestured for me to join him at his table.	Sugar and salt dissolve easily in water.
Vivian replaced the broken fuse in the fuse box.	Mrs. Hensley giving several of her old coats to the charity drive.
9.	10
Aesop's fables present important life lessons, often in a humorous way.	American badgers construct burrows underground for protection.
Had not ridden a horse before going to summer camp last year.	Received a warning due to the heavy snowstorm expected to hit tomorrow.

Grammar: Run-on Sentences

Directions: Circle the sentence that is a run-on. A run-on sentence occurs when two or more independent clauses (also known as complete sentences) are connected improperly.

Example: I love to write papers I would write one every day if I had the time. **Why is this a run-on sentence?** There are two complete sentences in the above example. The sentences should be separated with a period.

1.	2.
Our dog, Ginger, watches the mail carrier warily she sometimes growls at him.	A leap year typically occurs every four years.
We trekked up the mountain with thirty-pound packs on our backs.	Mr. Swift clips coupons from the newspaper, he always finds bargains.
3.	4.
We forgot to pack utensils, I will run to the store.	Multiplying fractions and decimals isn't hard I can show you how.
Lichens flourish in some of the most extreme environments on Earth.	Sometimes my upper left eyelid twitches for several minutes.
5.	6.
Ronnie is going to college he'll register in the fall.	Mrs. Baxter rummaged through the medicine cabinet for the thermometer.
The coach criticized the referee for his bad call.	Emir was tackled at the fifty yard line he was fortunately unhurt.
7.	8.
Rachel wept during the movie, it had an emotional ending.	The waiter ladled potato leek soup into our bowls.
Red-green colorblindness affects far more men than women.	I had a vivid dream last night you were in it.
9.	10
The infant slumbered in his mother's arms.	The windows in the kitchen vibrated during yesterday's mild earthquake.
Kira will recite this poem, it was written by Emily Dickinson.	The explorers ventured into the jungle, they battled dense vegetation.