

Evaluating Mediums and Formats

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Quick Review

Different mediums do different work. Compare what a chart, article, podcast, map, or video can show clearly and what each one may leave out.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Podcast or Data Dashboard?

A city transportation office releases two explanations of bus delays. The podcast features interviews with riders, drivers, and a dispatcher describing how delays affect daily routines.

The data dashboard shows delay times by route, hour, weather, and construction zone. Users can sort the data and compare one route with another.

The podcast is strong at showing human consequences: a nurse missing a shift change, a student arriving late to class, a driver explaining a detour. The dashboard is strong at showing patterns that no single interview can prove.

Neither format is complete alone. Together, they help the public understand both the scale of the problem and the way it feels to live with it.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Use the passage to answer each question. Choose the best answer and support short responses with evidence.

- Which sentence from the passage BEST supports the inference that The dashboard is better than the podcast for comparing patterns across routes.?
 - The podcast features interviews with riders.
 - Users can sort the data and compare one route with another.
 - A nurse misses a shift change.
 - Neither format is complete alone.
- Which statement BEST expresses the central idea or theme of the passage?
 - A podcast and a dashboard explain the same bus-delay issue differently, with one emphasizing lived experience and the other revealing patterns.
 - Podcasts are always more accurate than data.
 - Dashboards should replace public interviews.
 - Bus delays cannot be measured.



3. What does the word 'scale' most nearly mean as it is used in the passage?
 - A. a tool for weighing objects
 - B. a musical pattern
 - C. size or extent of the problem
 - D. a ladder
4. How does the structure or key detail identified in the passage contribute to meaning?
 - A. It tells the history of bus routes chronologically.
 - B. It argues that interviews are useless.
 - C. It explains how to build software.
 - D. The passage compares formats by naming the advantage and limitation of each.
5. Which conclusion is BEST supported by the whole passage?
 - A. The city should publish only one format.
 - B. The best understanding comes from combining quantitative patterns with personal experience.
 - C. The podcast proves construction causes every delay.
 - D. The dashboard reveals how each rider feels.
6. Which choice is the BEST objective summary of the passage?
 - A. The passage evaluates a podcast and a dashboard, explaining that interviews show effects on people while sortable data reveals broad delay patterns.
 - B. The passage claims all delays happen during bad weather.
 - C. The passage tells a fictional story about one bus driver.
 - D. The passage recommends canceling bus service during construction.
7. Which answer should be rejected because it goes beyond what the passage supports?
 - A. A podcast and a dashboard explain the same bus-delay issue differently, with one emphasizing lived experience and the other revealing patterns.
 - B. The best understanding comes from combining quantitative patterns with personal experience.
 - C. Podcasts are always more accurate than data.
 - D. The passage compares formats by naming the advantage and limitation of each.
8. Which detail would be MOST useful to quote in a written response about the passage?
 - A. The podcast features interviews with riders.
 - B. A nurse misses a shift change.
 - C. Neither format is complete alone.
 - D. Users can sort the data and compare one route with another.
9. In 2-3 sentences, explain how one quoted detail supports the idea that The dashboard is better than the podcast for comparing patterns across routes..



10. Write a one-sentence analysis of the passage's message or main idea. Then name one detail that supports it.



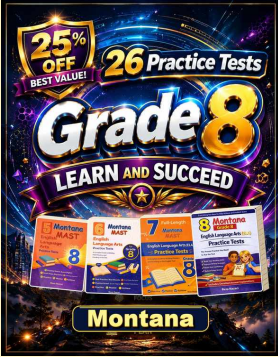
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Explanations	
1. B	The correct evidence directly proves the stated inference rather than merely mentioning the same topic.
2. A	The correct answer covers the whole passage, while the distractors are too narrow, too extreme, or unsupported.
3. C	The context around the word points to this meaning in this passage.
4. D	The correct answer explains the role the detail plays in the development of the text.
5. B	The correct conclusion follows from multiple details, not from a single isolated word.
6. A	A strong summary includes the main conflict or idea and the outcome without personal opinion.
7. C	This choice overstates or invents an idea that the passage does not prove.
8. D	This detail is specific enough to support analysis in a written response.
9.	Answer: A strong response quotes or closely paraphrases: Users can sort the data and compare one route with another. Then it explains how that detail proves the inference instead of only repeating it. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	Answer: A strong response states: A podcast and a dashboard explain the same bus-delay issue differently, with one emphasizing lived experience and the other revealing patterns. It supports the statement with a precise detail such as: Users can sort the data and compare one route with another. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.



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