

Word Bank

grow up

typical

buy

cheap

expensive

study

learn

similarities

differences

community

library

near

far

favorite

health

healthy

unhealthy

seasons

weather

recently

thank

fix

enjoy

who

what

when

where

why

Speaking and listening

Describe things you like better than other things and why "I like summer better than winter because I love to swim"

Clarify by asking to hear something again "Can you repeat that please?"

Speaking and listening (cont)

Describe people or objects using contrasting adjectives "I think studying on the computer is easy, but studying the book is hard because . . ."

Clarify by asking to hear something again "one more time please?"

Describe similarities with linking details "the schools here are similar to the schools in California, because . . ."

Clarify by asking to hear something again "excuse me, what did you say? wash or watch?"

Describe differences "transportation here is very different from transportation in New York, because here . . ."

Clarify by asking the speaker to reduce their speed "could you speak more slowly?"

Describe what you see "I think this video is about a family celebration because . . ."

Clarify by asking for the letters in the word, "can you spell that please?"

Describe typical activities you engage in regularly "I typically wash clothes every Sunday." "I typically get up every morning at 5:30 a.m."

Clarify by pointing or showing "is this right? is this what you are looking for? like this?"

Describe your likes and dislikes "My favorite ice cream flavor is coconut, I don't really like chocolate"

Clarify by restating with different words "does that mean to move quickly?"

Testing Tips for the Reading and Writing Exam

On this assessment, it is better to guess than not answer a question.

In multiple choice questions, you can only choose 1 answer. If you think 2 or more are correct, you should reread and select the answer you think is best.

Read directions carefully. Are you on topic? Are you meeting all specifications such as what to include, how long your answer should be, etc.

If asked to write a letter, be sure you have included 3 parts. You must have a greeting, the body or message, and a closing.

Look for key words or information when reading to help you understand.

Read every answer choice before deciding on the correct answer. Eliminate answers you know are incorrect.