

READ THE INTERVIEW

Think about the information that the interviewer is trying to learn from Janette Flores.

Planning a Beautiful Day

Janette Flores is a wedding planner in Baltimore, Maryland. **Bubbly Bride** magazine wanted to find out what it takes for a professional to plan one of the most important days of someone's life.

Bubbly Bride: What happens in a typical day for a wedding planner?

Janette Flores: Planning a wedding involves much more than the wedding day itself. I start at least six months in advance, calling catering companies and arranging flower deliveries and dress fittings.

Bubbly Bride: What do you do on the day of the wedding?

Janette Flores: I make sure everything goes smoothly. No matter how carefully you plan, there can often be last-minute problems or surprises.

Bubbly Bride: Have you planned any weddings that you think are especially memorable?

Janette Flores: Every wedding I plan is memorable for a different reason. One couple, both scuba divers, wanted to get married under water. Another couple wanted to exchange vows on the train where they had met. The best weddings reflect the couple's personalities.



STRATEGY PRACTICE

Summarize the tasks that Janette Flores does in her job.

SKILL PRACTICE

Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. According to the interview, which is *not* a job for a wedding planner?
☐ Ⓐ calling catering companies
☐ Ⓑ arranging flower deliveries
☐ Ⓒ solving last-minute problems
☐ Ⓓ sewing wedding dresses
2. What is the purpose of the text between the title and the first question?
☐ Ⓐ to tell where the interview takes place
☐ Ⓑ to explain when the interview takes place
☐ Ⓒ to describe who is being interviewed
☐ Ⓓ to name the magazine in which the interview appears
3. Who would probably be most interested in reading the interview?
☐ Ⓐ a florist
☐ Ⓑ a scuba diver
☐ Ⓒ a couple that is engaged
☐ Ⓓ a married couple
4. When does Janette start planning a wedding?
☐ Ⓐ the day of the wedding
☐ Ⓑ at least six months before the wedding
☐ Ⓒ after calling catering companies
☐ Ⓓ no more than six months in advance

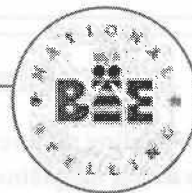
Determine Important Information**READ THE PASSAGE**

Read the passage and study the chart.

Confidence

What is your *guerdon* (meaning “reward”) for studying spelling? If you’re Sameer Mishra, winner of the 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee, knowing how to spell *guerdon* meant a reward of scholarships, cash prizes, and the title of the best speller in the United States.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee has challenged students since 1925. Students under the age of 15 train year-round for a chance to show their spelling skills to the world. Round 1 of the spelling bee is a written test. All other rounds are oral competitions. In the final rounds, spellers have one chance to spell a word correctly before elimination. It’s an event that requires a lot of c-o-n-f-i-d-e-n-c-e.



Year	Winning Word	Champion
2001	succedaneum	Sean Conley
2002	prospicience	Pratyush Buddiga
2003	pococurante	Sai R. Gunturi
2004	autochthonous	David Scott Pilarski Tidmarsh
2005	appoggiatura	Anurag Kashyap
2006	Ursprache	Kerry Close
2007	serrefine	Evan M. O’Dorney
2008	guerdon	Sameer Mishra
2009	Laodicean	Kavya Shivashankar
2010	stromuhr	Anamika Veeramani

STRATEGY PRACTICE

How might the chart be helpful to students who want to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee?

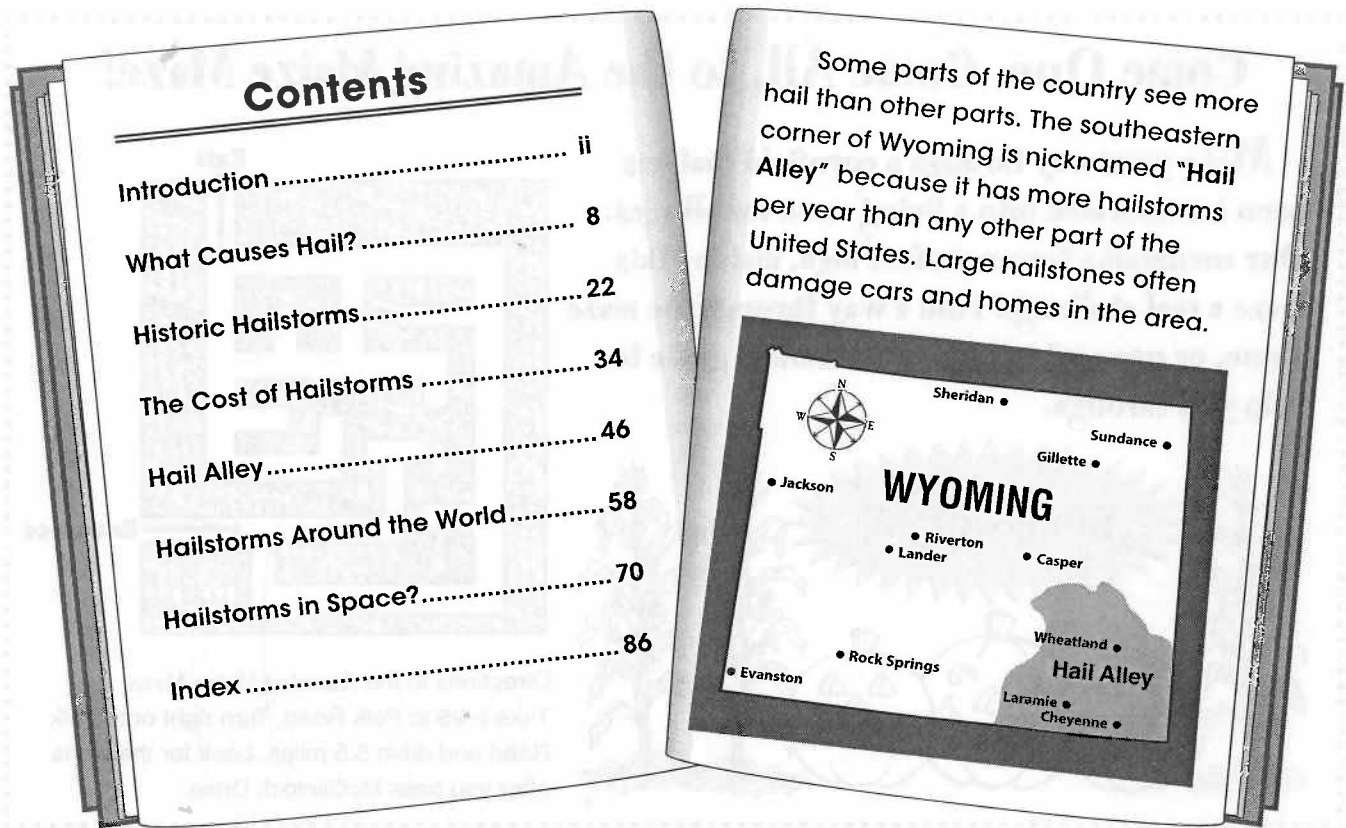
SKILL PRACTICE

Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- Which final word did Sean Conley spell correctly to become champion in 2001?
 - pococurante
 - appoggiatura
 - guerdon
 - succedaneum
- To compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, a student must be _____.
 - 14 years old or younger
 - at least 15 years old
 - 16 years old or younger
 - at least 17 years old
- Which student won in 2007 by spelling the word *serrefine*?
 - Kerry Close
 - Evan M. O’Dorney
 - Sameer Mishra
 - Sai R. Gunturi
- How does the title apply to the passage?
 - Confidence* was a winning spelling word.
 - Confidence* means the same as *guerdon*.
 - To win, spellers must have confidence.
 - Only champion spellers have confidence.

READ THE INFORMATION

Think about the information that these pages tell you about the book.



STRATEGY PRACTICE

In which section of the library would you most likely find this book? Explain.

SKILL PRACTICE

Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

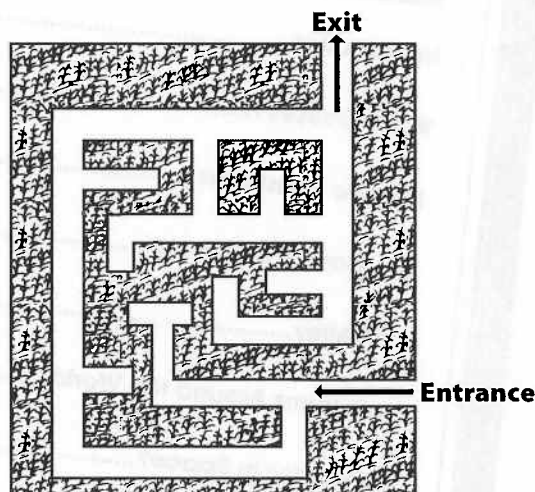
- In which chapter would you find the paragraph and map on the right?
(A) "Historic Hailstorms"
(B) "The Cost of Hailstorms"
(C) "Hail Alley"
(D) "Hailstorms Around the World"
- Which of these cities has the most hail?
(A) Cheyenne, Wyoming
(B) Evanston, Wyoming
(C) Casper, Wyoming
(D) Jackson, Wyoming
- The best title for this book would be _____.
(A) *Biggest Storms in History*
(B) *Hail: Nature's Strangest Storm*
(C) *Weather Around the Globe*
(D) *Hail, Tornadoes, and Floods*
- How would someone most likely use the map?
(A) to find cities where hail damage occurs most often
(B) to travel from Cheyenne to Casper
(C) to learn more about Wyoming cities
(D) to predict hail in the weekly weather

READ THE FLIER

Think about how the information in the flier is arranged.

Come One, Come All, to the Amazing Maize Maze!

Make your way through a cornfield that has been transformed into a living maze for all ages. Our cornstalks tower six feet high, making this maze a real challenge! Find a way through the maze alone, or use a whistle to call a trained guide to help you through.



Directions to the **Amazing Maize Maze**:
Take I-95 to Polk Road. Turn right onto Polk Road and drive 5.5 miles. Look for the signs after you pass McClintock Drive.

STRATEGY PRACTICE

What information is important to know for people who are worried about getting lost in the maze? Why?

SKILL PRACTICE

Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- What information can you determine from the map of the maze?
☐ A the location of the maze
☐ B the cost of admission
☐ C the best route to take through the maze
☐ D the height of the cornstalks
- Which of these would a visitor do first upon arriving at the maze?
☐ A use a whistle
☐ B pay admission
☐ C enter the maze
☐ D find the exit
- What makes the maze challenging?
☐ A the length of the path
☐ B the size of the field
☐ C the height of the cornstalks
☐ D not having any guides
- When should drivers start looking for signs for the Amazing Maize Maze?
☐ A while on I-95
☐ B after passing McClintock Drive
☐ C before turning onto Polk Road
☐ D while driving the 5.5 miles on Polk Road

READ THE INFORMATION

Study the table of contents and read the excerpt.

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Breaking Away	
From graceful ballroom dancing to rhythmic hip-hop, the modern world has had a big influence on the way we think about dance today.	
In the early 1900s, American dancers began to turn against the traditions of ballet. The movements and costumes were too strict, they thought. Instead, they wanted to move more freely—to dance in their bare feet. They wanted to express emotions with their movement. That's how modern dance was born.	

STRATEGY PRACTICE

Which chapter would be most important for someone who wants to research the history of dance? Explain.

SKILL PRACTICE

Read each question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

- From the excerpt, you could conclude that _____.
(A) modern music has changed dance
(B) hip-hop is older than ballroom dancing
(C) ballet has not changed since 1900
(D) the history of ballet began in 1900
- Which chapter could be added to this book?
(A) "Tap Dancing"
(B) "Classical Music"
(C) "History of Spain"
(D) "Satin Shoes"
- In which chapter would you most likely find the "Breaking Away" section?
(A) "Tango"
(B) "Ballet"
(C) "Modern Dance"
(D) "Dance Through the Centuries"
- Which style of dance *cannot* be found in this book?
(A) salsa
(B) belly dancing
(C) waltz
(D) tango