

What is Matching Headings?

Worksheet

Matching headings involves reading each paragraph and selecting its best heading from multiple options. Success requires identifying topic sentences and ignoring supporting details.

Questions

1. When matching headings, which part of the paragraph is most important?
A) Examples and statistics
B) Topic sentence and main idea
C) Detailed descriptions
D) Concluding sentences only
2. You have 8 headings and 5 paragraphs. How many headings will you use?
A) All 8
B) 5
C) 3
D) Varies each time
3. A heading says 'Benefits of solar energy.' The paragraph discusses installation costs and government subsidies. Match it?
A) Yes, it's about solar
B) No, it focuses on costs/policy, not benefits
C) Only if benefits are mentioned later
D) Yes, always match if keywords appear
4. Best strategy to save time in matching headings?
A) Read every heading first, then paragraphs
B) Skim paragraph topic sentences first
C) Match in order without planning
D) Read all paragraphs twice
5. Paragraph: 'The Industrial Revolution transformed manufacturing in the 1760s, introducing machines and factories.' Best heading?
6. Paragraph: 'Contemporary data centers consume enormous amounts of electricity, leading governments to impose carbon taxes and efficiency standards.' Best heading?
7. Paragraph: 'Over 200 startups now compete in the electric vehicle space, with Tesla, Nio, and BYD leading global market share.' Best heading?
8. Define: What is the matching headings technique?
9. Define: Why are extra headings provided in matching tasks?
10. Define: How many paragraphs match each heading?

Answer Key

1. B) Topic sentence and main idea — Headings describe main ideas, not supporting details. Focus on the topic sentence.
2. B) 5 — You match one heading per paragraph, so 5 headings are used; 3 remain unused.
3. B) No, it focuses on costs/policy, not benefits — Headings must match the overall theme, not just keywords. This paragraph's main idea is costs/policy, not benefits.
4. B) Skim paragraph topic sentences first — Skim topic sentences and headings to build a mental map before matching. This prevents rereading.
5. Identify main idea: historical origin and major change Eliminate 'Modern technology' (it's historical) Select: 'The birth of mechanized industry' or 'Origins of industrial manufacturing'
6. Main idea: environmental/policy impact Eliminate 'History of computing' Select: 'Environmental impact of data centers' or 'Policy response to energy use'
7. Main idea: competition in a growing industry Eliminate 'History of cars' Select: 'Rising competition in EV market' or 'Major players in electric vehicles'
8. A reading skill where you choose the correct heading for each paragraph from a list of options.
9. To increase difficulty and test your ability to distinguish between main ideas and similar-sounding topics.
10. Each heading matches exactly one paragraph; some headings are not used.

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