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Identifying Audience

Every author writes with an **audience** in mind. The audience might be one person, a special group of people, or all people. For instance, the article about Chicago was most likely written for all people. **Identifying audience**, or who the author is writing for, helps you to understand the author's purpose.

Read the passage. Then answer the question that follows.

There are many tricks you can do with a yo-yo. The Spinner and Walking the Dog are great tricks when you are first starting out. Tie the string of the yo-yo onto your middle finger. Then follow the directions below.

To do the Spinner, hold the yo-yo in your hand with your palm up. Now flick your wrist so that the yo-yo flips off your hand. When the yo-yo is off of your hand, do not move. Let the yo-yo hang at the end of the string. It will spin there for a little while. Then slightly yank the yo-yo back up. Catch it in your hands. You just did the Spinner.

To Walk the Dog, you start with the Spinner trick. Next, lower the yo-yo close to the floor. Let the yo-yo just hit the floor lightly. Then let it "walk" in front of you while it is still spinning. Show off your tricks to your friends. Teach them if they want to learn, too.

Who is the author's audience for this passage?

- A** school teachers
- B** kids who like yo-yos
- C** toy companies
- D** stores that sell yo-yos

Identifying Audience

The author's purpose is to instruct readers how to do tricks with a yo-yo. The author most likely wrote the passage for people who have an interest in yo-yos. The directions are easy enough that a kid can follow them. A schoolteacher, toy companies, and stores that sell yo-yos are *not* likely to need these directions. So choice B is correct.

3 The author's audience is—

- A** any reader who like dogs
- B** doctors who help dogs
- C** readers who want to groom dogs
- D** owners of dog daycare centers

4 Which of the following is an opinion?

- A** Many families love their pet dogs.
- B** But dogs have not always been used as pets.
- C** Through history, dogs have been used for hunting, guarding, safety, and friendship.
- D** There are over 300 kinds of dogs that people have as pets.

Distinguishing
Fact from
Opinion

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Dogs love to take walks with their owners. This keeps them healthy and happy. Try to walk your dog twice a day for at least 15 minutes.

Taking a dog for a walk is not easy. If your dog is over 50 pounds, your pooch may pull you. This is no fun. Follow these steps. Then you should be able to keep your dog beside you as you walk.

First, grab some dog treats. Put them in your pocket so that the dog doesn't see them. Put your dog on the leash, and start walking. If your dog pulls on its leash, stop walking. Make the dog come back to you. Give him a treat when he comes back. Start walking again. If your dog stays by your side, give him another treat. If he pulls, stop walking again. Repeat the cycle.

Sometimes dogs like to sniff the grass. That is okay. But when you want him to keep going, pull lightly on his leash. He should come back to you. If he doesn't, bait him with a treat again.

- 1 What is the *main* purpose of this selection?
- A to persuade readers to walk their dogs
 - B to give instructions on how to walk a dog
 - C to tell a fun story about a boy walking his dog
 - D to express the author's feelings about walking his dog

- 2 Who *most likely* is the author's audience?

- A dog owners
- B dog store owners
- C dog doctors
- D dog groomers

Identifying Audience

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- 3 Which *best* describes the author's tone?

- A funny and silly
- B factual and dry
- C friendly and kind
- D angry and sour

Point of View and Tone

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- 4 Which is the *best* summary of the author's point of view?

- A It is important to walk your dog, but do not let your dog pull you.
- B Dogs need your love and patience to stay healthy.
- C Walking a dog is hard work, but it is also good for you.
- D A dog will not do much without giving it treats.