

PART 4 · 10 QUESTIONS · 13 MIN

Reading for Viewpoints

An article with several opinions, five questions about it, then a reader's comment with five blanks.

- 01 As you read, list each person named and their position: for, against or mixed. Thirty seconds of notes saves five minutes later.
- 02 Opinion signals tell you whose view it is: argues, critics say, supporters claim, the author believes.
- 03 Separate the writer's own view from the views they report. Questions test exactly that difference.
- 04 Before the comment's blanks, decide whether the commenter agrees or disagrees with the article. Every blank follows that stance.

TRAP An opinion that appears in the article, but belongs to a critic the author is arguing against.

THE METHOD

- Questions before text. Read the stem, pick out its keyword, then scan for it.
- Expect paraphrase. "The office will not reopen until spring" becomes "It is closed for the winter."
- Prove it before you click. Find the sentence that makes the option true.
- For a blank, read the whole sentence, including the words after the gap. Grammar alone often removes two options.
- Each part has its own clock. Unused time does not carry over, so use it all on that part.
- A wrong answer costs nothing. Never leave a question blank: eliminate, then guess.