

Eliminating wrong options

Master the
reading
strategy!



Beware that:

True statements contain only correct information.

False statements contain incorrect information.

Ideas from the passage may appear in different wording in the statements. So, pay attention to the words to see if they match those ideas.

- same meaning > TRUE
- opposite meaning > NOT true
- ideas not found > NOT true

Let's have a closer look!

Oscar Wilde was a famous writer and poet. He wrote short stories, plays and poems. He was born in Dublin, Ireland on 16th October, 1854. Both his father and mother, who were a doctor and a newspaper reporter respectively, were well-educated and made a good living. Oscar Wilde received a good education from his parents at a young age. He later went to Trinity College in Dublin and achieved good scores, which earned him scholarships and the chance to study at Oxford University.

According to the paragraph, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Oscar Wilde's parents were uneducated. (opposite meaning > ✗ incorrect)
- B. Oscar Wilde did not do well at school but he could enter university. (opposite meaning > ✗ incorrect)
- C. Oscar Wilde learnt from his parents when he was a child. (same meaning > ✓ correct)
- D. Oscar Wilde was famous for the comics he wrote. (idea not found > ✗ incorrect)

Let's practise!

Mosquitoes are flying insects. There are about 2,700 kinds of mosquitoes, and some of them can be found almost everywhere in the world. We all know that mosquitoes like warm places, but some of them can be found in freezing places such as Alaska. A mosquito has six legs, and its body is divided into three parts: head, thorax and abdomen.

According to the paragraph, which of the following statements is NOT true?

- A. The head, thorax and abdomen are the body parts of mosquitoes.
- B. Some mosquitoes can live in cold places.
- C. About 2,700 kinds of mosquitoes cannot fly.
- D. A number of mosquito species can be found in most places.