



**NeSA Text Dependent Analysis (TDA)
2015 Sampler Passage**

Grade 3

**Passage: Safe Slumber/Where Do Animals
Sleep?**

Scoring Guide

Prompt: Both "Safe Slumber" and "Where Do Animals Sleep?" tell about ways that different animals sleep. Explain why animals sleep in different ways. Write a well-organized responses using specific evidence from BOTH passages to support your answer.

Sample A

Animals sleep in different ways because they live in different places but no matter where they live they have to be safe. Animals need sleep like people.. Sleep helps our bodies rest.

Some ways animals sleep are on braches, in nest s in trees, upside down, in water and on flowers.

Anolis lizards sleep on leaves on ends of branches. If a leave shakes, the lizard will wake up and be safe form the snake or predator. Chimpanzees love to sleep. They build nests in trees. They build new nests everyday. They stay safe being up so high.

Some fishes bury themselves in mud to hide from their enemies they even sleep with there eyes open! So there are many ways to stay safe while being asleep.

Each animal has to find a way to keep themself save while they sleep Animals do not sleep the same way because some bottle nosed dophins even sleep with half a brain.

Even though all animals sleep they all sleep in thier own way.

Sample A Annotation

Score: 3

This response demonstrates effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses all parts of the task of explaining why animals sleep in different ways and provides specific, relevant analysis and text support for the idea that animals need a safe place to sleep. Errors in conventions seldom interfere with meaning.

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Sample B

Animals can spend a lot of time sleeping. They can spend more time sleeping than you or me. A brown bat sleeps about 20 hours each day. A sloth sleeps about 14 hours a day. That’s a lot of sleep! How do they stay safe all those hours of sleeping? There are many ways different animals find to keep safe when they sleep.

One way some animals sleep safely is making a sleeping bag or making there own beds. Parrotfish hide from predators by sleeping close to rocks in the cracks. They make a slime layer to cover there bodies just like a sleeping bag. Chimpanzees build a bed to sleep in. Scientist believe they chose a tree that is strong to build a nest in the tree.

Another way animals sleep safely is by sleeping where they spend there days. A bat sleeps hanging upside down. They sleep in caves, trees or even barns or attics. When they hang upside down they can fly away when there is danger. The sloth sleep upside down to. They hold on to tree branches by there toes or claws. They do this to hide from predators.

Also, these animals may spend more time sleeping than you or me but they find ways to keep safe when they sleep. Different animals find ways to do this. Some make sleeping bags or build there beds to get ready for quick flight and others hide in trees from predators.

Sample B Annotation

Score: 4

This response demonstrates exemplary analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses all parts of the task, thoroughly explaining why animals sleep in different ways. It also provides relevant analysis and thorough text support for the idea that animals need to stay safe while sleeping long hours. The response is well-focused on the theme of animal safety and demonstrates an appropriate organizational pattern. Precise word choice and content specific vocabulary from the text are evident.

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Sample C

Animals sleep in many diferent ways. lots a animals sleep in a tree for safety. Also some incecs sleep on flowers and use their colors to blend in and hide to stay safe.

What is really cool that a bootel nose dalphin sleeps with one eye open and half its brain on so it can be safe.

This is how animals in the wild is staying safe while they sleep.

Sample C Annotation

Score: 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response partially addresses the task of explaining why animals sleep in different ways and provides partial analysis and text support for the central idea of the need for safety. The response is partially focused on the idea of safety and includes with a partially effective introduction and conclusion. Some relevant textual evidence supports the claim that animals sleep in different ways to be safe.

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Sample D

All animals sleep. Some sleep in trees. Like birds. Some sleep in water. Like fish. Some sleep on the job. Chimpanzes build beds up in the trees to sleep. Sleep is good and healthy and safe.

Sample D Annotation

Score: 1

This response demonstrates minimal analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response minimally addresses the task, provides little evidence from the passage for support, and demonstrates minimal understanding of the text. The brief response has not demonstrated evidence of effective writing skills.

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Sample E

Why animals sleep in different ways. Many animals hide themselves from predators. Others have ways of protecting themselves while they sleep. Sleeping in a tree can help keep an animal safe. Hanging upside down helps sloths hide from predators. A butterfly and a bee sleep in a flower, or under leaves because they blend in very well and it helps protect them. Birds sleep on the water and it helps them look like sticks in the water. Fish hide and sleep in mud or sand. It can help fish to hide from their enemies. That's how animals protect themselves when they sleep.

Sample E Annotation

Score: 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response partially analyzes the texts by addressing explicit ideas primarily within the passage “Where Do Animals Sleep?” The response demonstrates partially effective use of evidence through the use of details and examples. The evidence is relevant and accurate and supports the idea that animals sleep in different ways to protect themselves. The evidence consists mainly of sentences directly copied from the text; attribution to the text is ineffective. The introduction, conclusion, and transitions, while present, are partially effective. Some errors in conventions interfere with meaning.

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Sample F

Animals sleep in different ways. First, some animals are big and some air small. Small animals sleep in trees and big animals lay down. Second, some animals sleep in sleeping bags. They are safe in them. Then, animals sleep in billdings. They have a job waen they sleep. Last, some sleep in water. They can lay in water. Clearly, there is 4 reasons that animals sleep.

Sample F Annotation

Score: 1

This response demonstrates minimal analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response minimally addresses the task to demonstrate minimal understanding of the texts. The response provides evidence from the section headings in the passages, primarily “Safe Slumber.” Evidence provided is not specific and/or not relevant to the task. The response includes a partially effective introduction, body, conclusion, and transitions. The response demonstrates minimal use of precise word choice and content-specific vocabulary from the text. Some errors in conventions interfere with meaning.

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Sample G

Animals need to sleep differently because animals need to protect themselves from being eaten by a predator or enemy. For example, a butterfly sleeps on a flower or plant that is the same color of themselves so they can blend in so the enemy will not see them. Another way an animal sleeps differently to protect themselves is a Parrotfish makes a slim layer of fat that keeps themselves safe from hungry predators. When an Anolis lizard sleeps, they sleep on a leaf on a branch so when a predator climbs up to get them it will wiggle the branch so the Anolis will feel the wiggle of the branch and can wake up and leap off the branch. What if you sleep on water? Well ducks put their feet in the water so their feet will look like sticks and trick the enemy.

Sample G Annotation

Score: 3

This response demonstrates effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. All parts of the task are addressed and the response demonstrates understanding of the text. The response also demonstrates effective analysis by addressing both explicit and implicit ideas from both texts. Specific evidence from both texts is integrated into the response. The evidence provided is relevant and accurate and supports the claim that animals sleep differently to protect themselves from being eaten by predators or enemies. The response is focused and includes a clear introduction/thesis and demonstrates an appropriate organizational pattern. A conclusion is absent. The response demonstrates clear use of paraphrases and utilizes precise word choice and vocabulary from the text. Errors in conventions seldom interfere with meaning.

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Sample H

The animals protect them self in 3 ways. the animials protect them selfs. Every animal has it's own way of sleeping. Even protecting them selfs to. The animals live in diffrent ways to. They protect in lot's of diffrent way's. They sleep in there own way's. They keep hetey by liveing in there own way's.

Sample H Annotation

Score: 1

This response demonstrates minimal analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The task is minimally addressed and the response demonstrates minimal understanding of the texts. The response uses few details and provides little specific, relevant, or accurate evidence from the texts. The response is minimally focused and repetitive. The response lacks a clear introduction/thesis, body, conclusion, transitions, and an appropriate organizational pattern. The response demonstrates minimal use of precise word choice. Errors in conventions interfere with meaning.

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Sample I

These books show different ways animals sleep. Here are some examples. From passage 1: a seabird called the sooty tern. Sooty terns nest on islands. When they are not nesting, they live for many years in the sky and on the surface of the sea. When and where can they sleep? Scientists believe that the sooty terns are able to sleep while they are flying. This allows them to rest while staying out of the reach of predators. and from passage 2: Some birds that live in on near water will sleep standing in the water. It is believed that sleeping on their feet allows these birds to take off quickly if they are in any danger. When birds sleep with only their feet in the water, it may help them to look like sticks in the water. This tricks predators into thinking they are sticks and not something the predators would like to eat. As you can see, animals sleep in different ways. The reason is probably because if all animals slept in the same way predator would know just how to sneak up on there pray.pray.

Sample I Annotation

Score: 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response demonstrates partial understanding of the text by addressing how birds sleep in different ways. The response partially analyzes the text by providing explicit ideas from both texts about how birds sleep. The implicit idea in the texts of why animals sleep in different ways is partially addressed in the conclusion statement. The evidence provided is relevant and accurate and partially supports the claim that animals sleep in different ways. The response is focused and includes an introduction/thesis, body, conclusion, and transitions. Paraphrasing and quoting are not utilized; the evidence provided is blocks of copied text. The evidence provided is explicitly attributed to the sources (“from passage 1”). The response occasionally utilizes precise word choice. Errors in conventions seldom interfere with meaning.

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Sample J

They all sleep in different ways because they are all different and have different structures. A big problem for animals that live in the wild is staying safe while they sleep. Animals take care of this problem in different ways. Every night, parrotfish usually sleep close to the rock in sheltered places like cracks. Anolis lizards sleep on leaves at the end of long branches. Sloths hold on by their toes or claws and hang upside down from tree branches. Many kinds of bats sleep in caves, trees, or barns or attics. There are many more animals that have different ways of sleeping, but that would take me to long to name them all. All animals sleep in different ways, ether from the ocean, or on land, their all different.

Sample J Annotation

Score: 2

This response demonstrates partially effective analysis of text, use of evidence, and writing skills. The response addresses some parts of the task to demonstrate partial understanding of the texts. The response partially analyzes the texts by addressing the explicit idea in both texts of how animals sleep in different ways. The response integrates specific evidence from the text. The evidence provided is relevant and accurate and partially supports the claim that animals sleep in different ways to stay safe. The response includes a partially effective introduction/thesis, body, and conclusion. Much of the evidence is copied text; paraphrasing and quoting are ineffective. Errors in conventions seldom interfere with meaning.