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**What is Text Evidence?**

What do my teachers mean when they ask me to support my answer with “textual evidence”?

* Text Evidence is words, dialogue or phrases that come \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the text.
* We use text evidence to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our thoughts, ideas and answers.
* Text evidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_why we wrote the answer we did.

What is my teacher looking for when they ask for text evidence?

* For you to copy lines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from the text.
* For you to put \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ around the lines you copied
* For you to cite your source, by using a page number (if given).
* Use a sentence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
   “For example…”  
   “ In the text it states…”   
   “ I know this because….”

**Example or Non-Example**

**Directions:** Read the following examples and determine if the answer given is an “Example” of text evidence being used or a “Non-Example” of text evidence being used. If text evidence is used, highlight or underline it.

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| Question | Passage | Example or Non-Example | Does the text evidence prove the answer |
| Use text evidence to support your answer that Andrew is a prankster. | Andrew is a prankster. I know he is a prankster because one time he tricked his dad when his boss was there. Playing pranks are funny. |  |  |
| Use text evidence to support your answer that Andrew is a prankster. | I believe that Andrew from Licked is a prankster. When his dad was having an important dinner meeting, Andrew decided to use his most disgusting table manners since he knew it would make his dad mad. For example “I snap a chicken bone in half and suck out the middle. It is hallow and I can see right through it. I suck and slurp and swallow. Dad is going red in the face. Little veins are standing out on his nose. But he still does not crack.” (pg3). Andrew knows eating the chicken like that will make his father mad. |  |  |
| Find a piece of **text evidence** to prove the following statement: *Scientist must continue researching whether or not worms help allergies.* | Scientist must continue researching whether or not worms help allergies because there is still not enough evidence that proves it works. I know this because it states the following in the text, “Parker recently published a study on people who treat themselves with worms. He said those using worms fall into two groups.” (pg 1) |  |  |
| Find a piece of **text evidence** to prove the following statement: *Scientist must continue researching whether or not worms help allergies.* | Scientist must continue researching whether or not worms help allergies because there is still not enough evidence that proves it works. Scientist have more to learn, they do not know how many worms you would have to eat. |  |  |

Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

**A Liger's Tale** by Readworks **found on page 15**

What do you get when you cross a lion with a tiger? A liger, of course! There are not a lot of ligers in the world, but one, named Hercules, made a big splash recently at Miami's Parrot Jungle Island. "It's not something you see every day," the animal's owner, Bhagavan Antle, told New York's *Daily News*. How did Hercules, who weighs 900 pounds, come to be? Three years ago, his father, a lion, and his mother, a tiger, spotted each other at Antle's South Carolina animal preserve. It was love at first roar. "We have a big free-roaming area at the preserve," Antle told the *New* *York Post*. "Sometimes lions and tigers are allowed to go out there and, lo and behold, one particular lion fell in love with one particular tiger and we had babies." Four, to be exact: Hercules has three brothers—Vulcan, Zeus, and Sinbad. What do ligers look like? A liger has a thick mane like that of a lion and stripes like those of a tiger. Hercules can consume 100 pounds of raw meat a day. He is able to run as fast as 50 miles per hour. At 3 years old, he's only a baby. Does Hercules roar like a tiger or a lion? He has his dad's voice, although he swims like his mom. Like most lions, his dad doesn't enjoy the water. Hercules is special because there are no ligers in the wild. Several have been born in captivity, including one last year in a zoo in Russia. That liger's name is Zita. Ligers are rare because tigers and lions don't usually get along. "Normally the lion will kill the tiger," Antle said.

1. Why are ligers rare?

Step 1: Skim the text to find the answer to the question and write the answer down.   
Step 2: Find a piece of text evidence that supports your answer and highlight it.   
Step 3: Use one of the sentence starters from the notes to begin your sentence   
Step 4: Write down the text evidence word for word.   
Step 5: Make sure you have quotation marks around your answer. Write down a citation for where you found the evidence.   
  
Answer:

Text Evidence to support your answer

2. What does a liger look like?   
*Make sure you follow the steps from above!*

Answer:

Text Evidence: