


Activity R8A: Determining Rhetorical Purpose

WARM-UP ACTIVITY

Materials

Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL iBT® Test

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Activity Sheet R8A on page A 175

The purpose of this activity is to introduce Reading Skill 8: INFER RHETORICAL PURPOSE QUESTIONS.

Before class:

Prepare handouts of **Activity Sheet R8A** on page A 175. You will need one handout for each student.

In class:

1. Put students in groups of 3–4 and give each student a handout.
2. Explain that purpose questions are asking *why* something appears in a reading passage.
3. Have the groups discuss the purpose of each of the expressions in **bold** in the passage and then match their responses with the purpose answers following the passage.
4. Review the answers as a class.

Answers

- (1) D
- (2) A
- (3) H
- (4) F
- (5) B
- (6) E
- (7) C
- (8) G