



## 2017 STAAR Grade 4 Reading Rationales

Item #	Response A/F	Response B/G	Response C/H	Response D/J
13	A is correct because paragraph 2 states that Ricochet liked to chase birds, which caused her to fail service dog training.	B is incorrect because getting on a surfboard was not a skill Ricochet needed to learn in order to become a service animal.	C is incorrect because learning how to open doors was not what prevented Ricochet from becoming a service animal.	D is incorrect because receiving attention from people did not prevent Ricochet from becoming a service animal.
14	F is incorrect because the author did not write this article to convince the reader to support the work that dogs do for others.	G is correct because the author informs the reader about how one dog is using her special talents to raise funds that help both people and animals.	H is incorrect because the author does not explain the process of how a dog becomes a service animal.	J is incorrect because the author does not teach the reader how to train dogs to surf.
15	A is correct because paragraph 6 lists some of the causes Ricochet has helped.	B is incorrect because paragraphs 6 and 7 do not describe how Ricochet learned to surf.	C is incorrect because paragraphs 6 and 7 do not explain why Ricochet could not be a service dog.	D is incorrect because paragraphs 6 and 7 do not tell a story about the first time Ricochet surfed to raise money.
16	F is incorrect because this summary only lists a few details of some of the causes that Ricochet has helped.	G is incorrect because this summary addresses only one section of the article.	H is incorrect because this summary addresses only the first time Ricochet surfed to raise money.	J is correct because this summary is a brief statement of the main details of the article from beginning to end.
17	A is incorrect because definition 1 does not match the way "common" is used in paragraph 1.	B is correct because definition 2 best matches the way "common" is used in paragraph 1.	C is incorrect because definition 3 does not match the way "common" is used in paragraph 1.	D is incorrect because definition 4 does not match the way "common" is used in paragraph 1.
18	F is incorrect because there is no evidence to support the conclusion that McDermott thinks horses are better guide animals than dogs.	G is incorrect because there is no evidence to support the conclusion that McDermott helps others find guide animals.	H is incorrect because there is no evidence to support the conclusion that McDermott believed Confetti needed more training.	J is correct because the reader can conclude that McDermott misses Confetti but is happy that the horse can help Spencer.
19	A is incorrect because paragraph 4 does not explain what Confetti does when she is not working.	B is incorrect because paragraph 4 does not demonstrate that Confetti is a friendly guide horse.	C is correct because paragraph 4 describes what Confetti's life is like living with Spencer.	D is incorrect because paragraph 4 does not show that Confetti is able to take care of herself.
20	F is incorrect because there are not enough details to support this as the main idea.	G is correct because the title and the details in the selection support that Confetti has become a wonderful guide animal.	H is incorrect because there are not enough details to support this as the main idea.	J is incorrect because there are not enough details to support this as the main idea.
21	A is incorrect because both Ricochet and Confetti help a person with special needs.	B is incorrect because both Ricochet and Confetti have owners that care about them.	C is correct because Ricochet's "energetic activity" made her unfit at becoming a guide animal.	D is incorrect because both Ricochet and Confetti obtained their special skill by learning it first before helping others.
22	F is incorrect because neither selection expresses the importance of making animals famous.	G is incorrect because although both animals made a new friend in the people they helped, it is not expressed as important in both selections.	H is incorrect because neither selection expresses the importance of teaching about animals.	J is correct because the overall importance of both selections is caring for those with special needs.
23	A is incorrect because both Ricochet and Confetti did require special training in order to help others with special needs.	B is correct because Ricochet raises money for many causes that help both people and animals, while Confetti is a full-time guide for one person.	C is incorrect because both Ricochet and Confetti spend time outdoors helping people with special needs.	



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36	F is incorrect because this section tells the meaning of <i>papel picado</i> and not about when it is displayed.	G is incorrect because this section tells how <i>papel picado</i> is made and not when it is displayed.	H is correct because paragraph 5 provides examples of when <i>papel picado</i> is used	