

Many struggling readers dread taking a state test. The reason for this is because they have difficulty concentrating and comprehending what they have read. The Alpha Plus method can help ensure – when practiced and used correctly – that students will receive proficient scores on state reading tests. [Example on back.]

1. Students should first **read for fun.**
 - a. The student simply reads through the story or passage once to see what it is about.
2. Students then **read for information.**
 - a. After reading each paragraph, students will **make notes** to summarize the paragraph.
3. Students should then **read** over their **notes**, or summary.
4. Then, students should **read the question.**
5. Students should **find the answer to the question in the story or passage.**
 - a. Students should **circle/underline/highlight the answer to the question** and write the number of question next to it.
6. Next, students **read the possible answer choices.**
7. Using a Test Procedures/ Best Answer Worksheet, the student will **eliminate the wrong answers.**
 - a. When the students read the answer choices, they will **determine the two distractors**, and write the distractor answers in the non-plausible box.
 - b. Then, the students will be left with **two plausible answers**, and should write the two plausible answer choices in the plausible box.
8. Based on what they have marked in the passage, students will then pick the best answer that fits the question and mark it under “Best” and then record that answer on the test or test answer sheet.

Would You Believe?

by Jan Stratton

Two boys watched a TV show about a scary monster.

- 1 The two boys scream when they see the monster on their favorite TV show. It is gray with brown spots on its face. Its ears are covered with fur. **Big teeth protrude out of its mouth, sticking out of its mouth like pencil points.** It moans a strange, weird sound as it walks closer to the corner where the little girl is hiding.

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The monster broke everything in its path.

- 2 The monster breaks a table that is in its path. It hurls the doll on the floor as though it was throwing a ball, and then it looks around. It is dark in the house, but the monster keeps going. It walks past the bookshelf that is in the path.

The lights went off. The boys were scared. Their mom had a flashlight so they could go back to bed.

- 3 Just then, the lights go off; the boys are sitting in a dark house. The TV went off when the lights went off. The two boys scream again and run toward the kitchen. They cannot see where they are going. Ouch! They run into the stove. They bump into each other. The kitchen door squeaks, and a small beam of light comes through the door. Slowly the boys begin to back away from the light. A voice says, "Are you two boys all right?" Mom is carrying a flashlight, "The power went off so I got the flashlight to help you find your way to bed."

The boys went back to bed thinking of the monster on the TV show.

- 4 "Thanks, Mom," the boys say gratefully as they take the flashlight. They walk slowly to the bedroom, trying not to look at the creepy shadows on the wall. Every shadow looks like a furry monster. How are they going to ever get to sleep tonight?

1. In paragraph 1, the word protrude means

- (A) grows in.
- (B) sticks out.
- (C) breaks off.
- (D) moves about.

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