



## Teen Speaks Out Against Cyber-Bullying

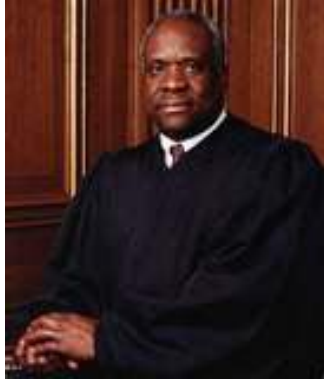
Cyber-bullying over the internet or other electronics is a fairly new and growing way of harassing others. It has led to families losing loved ones, and kids missing out on life because of depression. A major concern and reason I write about cyber-bullying is that it has led to far too many suicides and suicide attempts. One suicide is too many!

Allowing cyber bullies to ruin lives is unacceptable and outrageous. For example, Tyler Clementi was a college student who was a victim of cyber bullying. His roommate leaked information about a camera he was using to spy on Tyler as he and a male friend spent time alone. Tyler then jumped off a bridge after word had been spread about him being “gay.” This resulted from Tyler’s personal life being out in public.

Cyber-bullying is especially dangerous for younger people who have not yet learned to deal with the negativity that gets pushed toward them.

So I ask you all that are reading this student voice, to be kind and respectful to all, encourage and treat others how you would like to be treated. And like mama says, “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say it at all.”

1. How do the words “speaks out against” in the title relate to the information in the article?
2. Give two reasons why cyber bullying is dangerous and explain why. Discuss with the person next to you.



## Clarence Thomas

Born June 23, 1948, Pinpoint, near Savannah, Georgia, U.S.) associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1991, the second African American to serve on the court. Appointed to replace [Thurgood Marshall](#), the court's first African American member, Thomas gave the court a decisive conservative cast.

Thomas's father abandoned the family when Thomas was two years old. After the family house was destroyed by fire, Thomas's mother, a maid, remarried, and Thomas, then age seven, and his brother were sent to live with their grandfather. He was educated in Savannah, Georgia, at an all-African American Roman Catholic primary school run by white nuns and then at a boarding-school seminary, where he graduated as the only African American in his class. He attended Immaculate Conception Abbey in his freshman year of college and then transferred to Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1971. He received a law degree from Yale University in 1974.

Thomas was successively assistant attorney general in Missouri (1974–77), a lawyer with the Monsanto Company (1977–79), and a legislative assistant to Republican Senator John C. Danforth of Missouri (1979–81). In the Republican presidential administrations of [Ronald Reagan](#) and [George Bush](#), Thomas served as assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Education (1981–82), chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC; 1982–90), and judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal District in Washington, D.C. (1990–91), a post to which he was appointed by Bush.

1. Who was the first African American member to serve on the court?

2. Read the sentence below:

Appointed to replace [Thurgood Marshall](#), the court's first African American member, Thomas gave the court a decisive conservative cast.

What does the word appointed mean?

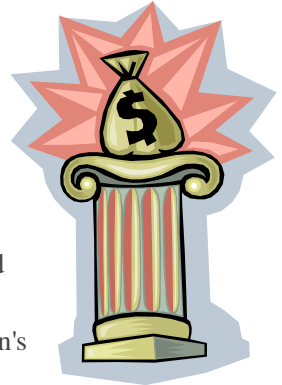
3. What could be another title for this passage?

## 195 Franchises You Can Start For Under \$50,000

The economic conditions of the last few years have caused a bit of a conundrum. More and more people are looking to take their careers into their own hands by becoming entrepreneurs, while less and less financing has been made available to help those dreams come true.

One solution? Businesses with startup costs low enough that they don't need financing. And the franchise world has been all too happy to provide such opportunities. In the following listing, you'll find 195 companies in categories ranging from automotive services to children's businesses, home improvements to travel agencies--all of which you can get off the ground for less than \$50,000

Keep in mind that this list is just a starting point, not a recommendation or endorsement of any particular company. No matter how easy an opportunity may be to buy into, you should always do your homework to make sure your investment will pay off. Carefully read the company's literature and legal documents, consult with attorneys and accountants and talk to as many franchisees as you can to get a feel for whether a franchise is a good fit.

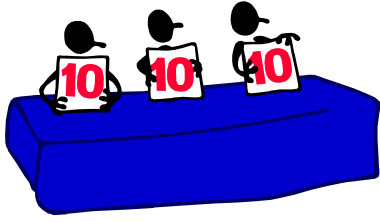


1. Why does the author suggest consulting with attorneys and accountants to get a business started? Do you agree? Why or why not?

2. In this passage, what does “entrepreneurs” mean? (Hint: Read the whole first paragraph)

3. The word conundrum means: a riddle whose answer is or involves a pun. In what way does the author imply a conundrum based on the information in the passage?

## Zagat Survey



**Zagat Survey** (pronounced Zuh-GOT) was established by Tim and Nina Zagat in 1979 as a way to collect and correlate the ratings of restaurants by diners. For their first guide, covering New York City, the Zagats surveyed their friends. As of 2005, the Zagat Survey included 70 cities, with reviews based on the input of 250,000 individuals reporting over the years. In addition to restaurants, Zagat guides rate hotels, nightlife and shopping, music, movies, theater and golf. The guides are sold in book form, as software for personal digital assistants and mobile phones, and by paid subscription on the Web. Car manufacturer Honda included Zagat information in the GPS-based navigation systems in some of their models available in the United States, including the Acura MDX and Honda Accord.

### ***Zagat Survey - Rating system:***

**The ratings are on a 30-point scale, covering food, decor, service, and cost.**

1. What are some reasons why a restaurant would NOT get a good rating?

2. Read the sentence from the passage:

*As of 2005, the Zagat Survey included 70 cities, with reviews based on the input of 250,000 individuals reporting over the years.*

What does the word *input* mean as used in the sentence above?

3. What is the main idea of this passage?

# Supreme Court Upholds Ariz. Law on Employing Illegal Immigrants

BY: NEWS DESK



| The Supreme Court has upheld a 2007 Arizona law that targets businesses that hire illegal immigrants. The court's 5-3 ruling means that states have leeway to punish employers and, by implication, not infringe on federal immigration law.

Reuters reports, "The high court's majority opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts rejected arguments by business and civil rights groups and by the Obama administration that the Arizona law conflicted with federal immigration law."

The decision to uphold the 2007 law comes as Arizona appeals a ruling that blocked critical portions of a second, more expansive immigration law.

1. The word implication means: *to involve as a consequence*
  - Give an example of an implication in your life. Have you ever been implicated?
2. What does the picture symbolize according to the article?
3. Rewrite the first sentence of the passage in your own words.

## HIV TESTS BECOME PART OF REGULAR CHECK-UPS

*Your next doctor appointment might include an HIV test due to new recommendations from the government agency for infectious diseases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

The CDC now recommends that health providers make voluntary HIV screening a routine part of medical care for all patients aged 13 to 64. The aim is to increase early diagnosis of the virus among the approximately 250,000 HIV-positive Americans who are unaware that they are infected. Early diagnosis is considered critical for people infected with HIV to live longer and to stop the spread of AIDS. There is sometimes a long period of time between when a person contracts HIV and when his or her immune system is so damaged by the virus that the person has the disease AIDS, which makes them vulnerable to deadly infections. Every year, new treatments, called anti-retroviral therapies, are being discovered that can extend the life of someone with HIV by decades. However, nearly 40 percent of individuals diagnosed with HIV are diagnosed within one year of developing AIDS -- too late for them to fully benefit from treatment. In addition, people who don't know they have HIV are much more likely to pass it on to others.

-- By Sehrish Shaban, NewsHour Extra



1. People who read this article will learn .....
2. What are some benefits of regular check-ups according to the passage?
3. Read the title "HIV Tests become Part of Regular Check-Ups." What is another word in the passage that means the same as REGULAR?

## *Web Design for the Creative Individual*

Web design is a constantly changing field that always seems to be growing. As technology advances, the means by which people access the Internet are constantly evolving. These new technologies need web pages built that are able to accommodate their own particular technology and existing web sites are constantly being redesigned, re-launched and re-imagined. For those who love IT but find the networking and security world a bit too procedural and technical, web design is a great option.

Web designers will also need to develop a basic knowledge of CSS, the most commonly used means of altering a sites basic color and font themes used in modern web design. This coding is usually done with the aid of a WYSIWYG, as well, though most designers find the code easier to manipulate manually. The language used is simple enough for a non-programmer to easily pick up.



Web design combines the better of two fields: programming and graphic design. Many individuals find web design a good way to learn the basics of coding pages and an excellent route toward moving into more advanced web technologies.

1. What two reasons does the author suggest are benefits for learning web design?

2. Read the sentence below:

*Web design is a constantly changing field that always seems to be growing.*

Find another word in the passage that means the same as *changing*.

## Homelessness, Hair Care and 12,000 Bottles of Tequila

*How John Paul DeJoria became a billionaire*



John Paul DeJoria  
Photo by Robert Gallagher

John Paul DeJoria has arguably achieved every entrepreneur's dream, parlaying a \$700 startup, Paul Mitchell Systems, into a \$900 million-a-year hair care heavyweight. The 65-year-old recently made Forbes magazine's list of global billionaires, thanks in no small part to the explosive sales of Patron tequila, a brand he co-founded 20 years ago with little idea that it would define a new, "ultra-premium" market for what was once seen as a bottom-shelf spirit.

### **You've been homeless.**

Twice. Once, when I was about 22 years old, and I was a victim of circumstances. And I had a son, a 2-year-old son. The other time was when I started John Paul Mitchell Systems in 1980. I wasn't getting along with my wife at the time. So I had left and given her all the money. We had a backer for Paul Mitchell Systems putting in a half-million dollars. That money was supposed to arrive that day. Never got a penny. So I just slept in my car. And I slept in my car for the first two weeks when I started the company. So we started with humble beginnings. The end result is we ended up with no partner. So we got it all to ourselves--my partner [Paul Mitchell] and I.

1. What does the author imply by stating "humble beginnings"?

2. Write another title for this passage.

3. Read this statement

The 65-year-old recently made Forbes magazine's list of *global* billionaires, thanks in no small part to the explosive sales.

What is another word that can be used instead of "global"? Discuss with a partner.



# Michelle Bernstein

From professional ballerina to gourmet chef, Michelle Bernstein is known for her flavorful Latin cuisine.



By Jennifer Treuting

Chef Bernstein actually began her career as a professional ballerina. The young dancer happened to enroll in a nutrition course, which was enough to whet her appetite for more. Soon, Bernstein would throw away her ballet shoes and enroll in cooking classes at the nearby Miami campus of Johnson & Wales University.

The rest is history. The chef began to cook at award-winning restaurants in Miami Beach, including Tantra and Red Fish Grill. Bernstein has opened her flagship restaurant, Michy's, in Miami, Michelle's, at Carysfort in Key Largo, and MB, in Cancun. These restaurants showcase the chef's Latina background, with fresh fruits from the Caribbean as well as other international influences.

Bernstein won the prestigious 2008 James Beard Award for Best Chef: South. She has also received many accolades from publications including *Food & Wine* and *Gourmet*. She was voted "One of the 15 Top Latinas in the Nation" by *Latina* magazine and "Top 10 Jewish Women in America" from the Jewish Woman International Federation.

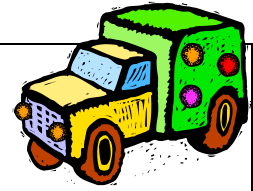
1. Read these two sentences:

- a. Bernstein won the prestigious 2008 James Beard Award for Best Chef: South.
- b. She has also received many accolades from publications including *Food & Wine* and *Gourmet*.

Circle one word in each sentence that has the same meaning.

2. If you were a newspaper reporter, what two questions would you ask Michelle Bernstein?

## Five Tips for Starting a Food Truck



Here's what you need to know about building a restaurant on wheels.

Fueled by Twitter and the nation's growing interest in innovative fast-food options, food trucks have proliferated over the past few years. While food carts serving pizza, chicken, hot dogs and ice cream have lined the streets of major U.S. cities like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago for decades, those generally generic carts have now evolved into eye-catching restaurants-on-wheels that travel to different locations throughout the day and boast sophisticated kitchens capable of producing high-quality meals, snacks and desserts.

Thanks to a growing foodie culture and the popularity of Food Network shows like *The Great Food Truck Race*, food trucks have become a desirable business option for savvy culinary [entrepreneurs](#). Indeed, launching a business on four wheels, without the need for a brick-and-mortar location, can be a much cheaper and more viable path.

That said, "Just because you like to cook doesn't mean you should operate a food truck," cautions Jackie Valent, owner of [The Fast Foodie](#), a food truck with an [eclectic](#) global menu that travels the streets of Milwaukee. The job entails a lot more than just peddling burgers or cupcakes -- just as with any business, marketing, bookkeeping and managing employees are all part of the process. And simply being out on the streets day in and day out to keep a food truck rolling takes a lot of physical [work](#).



1. Read the sentence from the article.

*The job entails a lot more than just peddling burgers or cupcakes -- just as with any business, marketing, bookkeeping and managing employees are all part of the process.*

What does the sentence above tell the reader about having a food truck business?

2. What kind of “restaurant on wheels” would you have? Why?

3. The word *eclectic* means: individual elements from a variety of sources, systems, or styles. How is the author using the word in the passage? It describes what?



## Jay-Z, Buffett and Forbes on Success and Giving Back

The rapper and the investor sit down in Omaha for a free-wheeling talk with Steve Forbes.

The first Forbes 400 Summit was surreal, amazing and, in the end, moving. We gassed up a Gulfstream 450 one warm September morning and flew one of the most successful

recording artists of all time, Jay-Z, to meet the most successful investor of all time, Warren Buffett, on the latter's home turf of Omaha, Neb. The intent was to capture their very different perspectives on success and wealth and to talk about the social obligations that come with each. They ended up finding out they had more in common than anyone would have expected between a 40-year-old rapper from the Brooklyn projects and the 80-year-old sage of compounded returns.

**Steve Forbes: You two are unique. In very different spheres you've each reached a level of success that's almost legendary.**

1. What does the author mean by “success that's almost legendary”? Discuss and compare your response with a partner.
2. What is the main idea of this article?
3. Give two examples of what Jay-Z and Buffet might have in common.

## Supreme Court to Decide Juvenile Death Penalty Case/ Roper v. Simmons Examines Constitutional Issue

By Charles Montaldo

Those who want to see the death penalty for juveniles abolished are looking toward the case of Roper v. Simmons, which the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the constitutionality of executing juvenile offenders. The court is expected to hear oral arguments in the case in October 2004 and possibly issue a ruling by spring of 2005. In the Roper v. Simmons briefs have been filed to support abolishing the death penalty for juveniles from everyone from the ACLU, to the American Medical Association, religious organizations, child advocacy groups, and even the Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation.

There are currently 72 juveniles on death row throughout the United States -- a third of them in Texas. Since 1985, 22 children who were under the age of 18 at the time of their offense have been executed in the U.S.

The Roper v. Simmons case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court after the Missouri Supreme Court reversed Christopher Simmons' death sentence saying the juvenile death penalty violates the Eighth Amendment's "evolving standards of decency" test, rather than basing their ruling on state constitutional grounds.



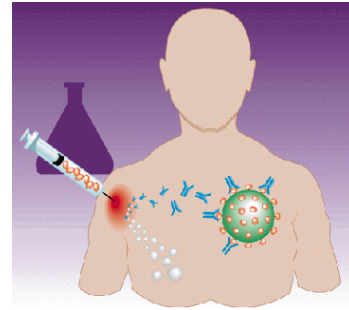
1. What is the meaning of abolished in the following sentence.

“Those who want to see the death penalty for juveniles abolished”?

2. How do you feel about the death penalty for juveniles? Do you Agree or Disagree? Why?

## How to Make Vaccines

Obviously, a live, virulent organism cannot be used as a vaccine because it would induce the very disease it should prevent. Therefore, the first step in making a vaccine is to separate the two effects of disease causing organisms. In practice, this means isolating or creating an organism, or part of one, that is unable to cause full blown disease, but that still retains the antigens responsible for inducing the host's immune response.



This can be done in many ways. One way is to kill the organism using formalin; vaccines produced in this way are called "inactivated" or "killed" vaccines. Examples of killed vaccines in common use today are the typhoid vaccine and the Salk poliomyelitis vaccine. Vaccines are effective in preventing disease not only in individuals, but also in communities. This type of protection is called "herd immunity." When a disease spreads from one human to another, it requires both an infected individual to spread it and a susceptible individual to catch it. Herd immunity works by decreasing the numbers of susceptible people. When the number of susceptible people drops low enough, the disease will disappear from the community because there are not enough people to carry on the catch-and-infect cycle.

1. Select 5 words from the passage that would describe the picture.
2. According to the passage, what is the reason for making vaccines?
3. Read the sentence from the passage.

Obviously, a live, virulent organism cannot be used as a vaccine because it would induce the very disease it should prevent.

What does the word *virulent* mean?

- a. sad    b. poisonous    c. healthy



## “The Authority on Cooking in America”

The American Culinary Federation, Inc. (ACF), a professional, organization for chefs and cooks, was founded in 1929 in New York city by three chefs’ organizations: the Societe Culinaire Philanthropique, the Vatel Club and the Chefs de Cuisine Association of America. Since our inception, little has changed in our principal goals. We are an organization based on promoting the professional image of American chefs worldwide through education of culinarians at all levels.

In 1976, ACF forever changed the culinary industry by elevating the position of the executive chef from service status to the professional category in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Dictionary of Official Titles.

Since this change, the culinary industry and our organization have grown tremendously. In fact, ACF is the largest professional chef’s organization in North America. We are made up of more than 20,000 members that belong to more than 225 chapters in [four regions](#) across the U.S. Today, the ACF provides accredited educational programs, certifications, competitions and networking designed to enhance professional growth for all current and future chefs and pastry chefs, our mission.

1. How do the words “goal” and “mission” relate to one another in the passage?
2. How do the words “The Authority on Cooking in America” in the title relate to the information in the article?
3. If you worked in the culinary field, what would you like to specialize in?  
Pastries, desserts...

**What is a PREFIX?** A prefix is a group of letters which you can add to the beginning of a root word\* to change the meaning of the word. e.g. mis + fortune = misfortune

\*A root word stands on its own as a word but you can make new words from it by adding beginnings (prefixes) and endings (suffixes).

Prefix meanings:

Every prefix has a meaning, for example:

The prefix 'un' means 'not'

The root word 'clear' means 'bright', 'free from difficulty'

**EXAMPLE-** un + clear = unclear which means 'not clear' or 'dim', 'difficult to see or understand'

**Directions:** Only 1 out of the 3 prefixes next to the root word is the right one for that word. Choose which one you think is correct and write the new word in the space provided.



Prefixes	Root Words	Correct Word
Example. <b>un</b> / dis / sub	<b>pick</b>	<b>unpick</b>
in / dis/ un	certain	
un/ in / mis	fortune	
re/ mis/ im	possible	
de / pre/ mis	behave	
un/ dis/ mis	afraid	
un/ dis/ re	honest	
dis/ de/ re	name	

## Engineering Design Graphics



### Draw Yourself a Future

Draw yourself a new future and add a good starting salary, growing career opportunities and excellent working conditions to the picture. What do you see? A future in Engineering Design Graphics.

Almost every construction project or manufacturing process begins as a drawing. Design graphics technicians produce the drawings that become the objects and buildings around us. They may produce layout, detail, electronic/electrical, mechanical assembly, arrangement, installation, schematic, piping, machine tool, patent, or working drawings for architecture, engineering or industry. Most design graphic technicians today use both computer aided drafting (CAD) and manual freehand drawing.

### Job Opportunities

Design graphics technicians have a broad range of career areas from which to choose: architecture, manufacturing, engineering, construction, government, and other users of graphic communication. As jobs vary, so do working environments. Most design graphics technicians spend their time indoors at a computer work station. If site investigation or verification is a responsibility, the design graphics technicians spend time outdoors or in a manufacturing plant. Nationally, as long as drawings are needed as a guide for manufacturing products and for building there will be a growing need for graphic design technicians.

1. What is the root word for each?

Responsibility = responsible (example)

Engineering = engineer (example)

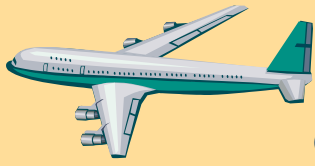
Manufacturing = \_\_\_\_\_ Installation = \_\_\_\_\_

Drafting = \_\_\_\_\_ Arrangement = \_\_\_\_\_

Communication = \_\_\_\_\_ Drawing = \_\_\_\_\_

2. How does the picture help the reader understand what the passage is about?





## OTTI: Forecast for International Travel

The Office of Travel and Tourism Industries (OTTI) issues a semi-annual forecast of tourism arrivals to coincide with two important annual travel conferences; the Discover America International POW WOW conference in May, and the Travel Outlook Forum in October.

The U.S. travel forecast is prepared by staff in the Department of Commerce/Office of Travel & Tourism Industries using economic/demographic/social factors, Commerce historical visitation trends, input from the DOC Commercial Service staff abroad, and other numerous and varied sources. The forecast is based on a country-level, bottom-up consensus approach by a four-member forecast team. Each team member develops independent country-level estimates for the top 40 visitor origin markets based on numerous quantitative data and qualitative information. These 40 markets account for 95 percent of total international arrivals. The final estimates are based on consensus among the four team members. The OTTI multi-person, multi-factor approach reflects the lack of a strong statistical relationship (correlation) between total annual traveler volume to the United States from a specific country and any specific piece of quantitative data for that country, such as changes in real gross domestic product or currency exchange rate levels. Because of the multi-factor, multi-staff consensus approach, it is not possible to isolate the impact of any one factor on a country's traveler volume forecast.

### 1. Prefix- Meaning

Semi- half or partial (ex. Semiannual)

Fore- to know before (ex. forecast)

Multi- consisting of more than one (ex. multi-person)

**Write three more words for each prefix.**

semi	fore	multi
1.semi	fore	multi
2. semi	fore	multi
3.semi	fore	multi

## High Blood Pressure

*Hypertension* is the term used to describe [high blood pressure](#). Blood pressure readings are measured in millimeters of mercury (mmHg) and usually given as two numbers. For example, 120 over 80 (written as 120/80 mmHg).

- The top number is your systolic pressure, the pressure created when your heart beats. It is considered high if it is consistently over 140.
- The bottom number is your diastolic pressure, the pressure inside blood vessels when the heart is at rest. It is considered high if it is consistently over 90.

Either or both of these numbers may be too high. Pre-hypertension is when your systolic blood pressure is between 120 and 139 or your diastolic blood pressure is between 80 and 89 on multiple readings. If you have pre-hypertension, you are more likely to develop high blood pressure. Most of the time, there are no symptoms. Symptoms that may occur include:

- [Chest pain](#)
- Confusion
- Ear noise or buzzing
- Irregular heartbeat
- [Nosebleed](#)
- Tiredness
- Vision changes



**1. If the definition of the prefix word *Pre* = coming before, what does pre-hypertension mean in the passage?**

**2. Explain how systolic and diastolic relate to your blood pressure.**

**3. What could be another title for this passage?**



## Giada De Laurentiis

Born in Rome, Giada grew up in a large Italian family where the culture of food was a staple in and of itself. As the granddaughter of film producer Dino De Laurentiis, Giada consistently found herself in the family’s kitchen and spent a great deal of time at her grandfather’s restaurant, DDL Food show. After graduating from the University of California in Los Angeles with a degree in anthropology, Giada’s passion for cooking remained. She eventually made the decision to commence a culinary career and began her professional training at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, specializing in both cuisine and pastry. She subsequently returned to Los Angeles, where her training included positions at the prestigious Ritz-Carlton Fine Dining Room and Wolfgang Puck’s Spago in Beverly Hills. She later founded GDL Foods, a catering company in Los Angeles.

Giada has dedicated her spare time to the international relief organization, Oxfam America, and enlisted as one of several celebrity ambassadors in the fall of 2008. Giada has focused her efforts with Oxfam on highlighting the struggles of the billion people around the world who are chronically hungry. Forty percent of the people on our planet live in poverty, many of them spending upwards of 70 percent of their meager income on food.

1. The suffix “ology” means the study of something. In the passage Giada has a degree in anthropology. Write 2 more words with the same suffix:

Ex. Sociology                      \_\_\_\_\_ology                      \_\_\_\_\_ology

2. Read the sentence

She eventually made the decision to commence a culinary career and began her professional training at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, specializing in both cuisine and pastry.

What does the word commence mean?

## Legacy & Value

### WITH STRENGTH COMES RESPONSIBILITY

Officers in the Army possess the skills necessary to lead others through the most challenging of circumstances.

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) was born when President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Defense Act of 1916. Since its inception, Army ROTC has provided leadership and military training at schools and universities across the country and has commissioned more than a half million Officers. It is the largest commissioning source in the American military.

Army ROTC is a diverse group of men and women with more than 20,000 Cadets currently enrolled. Women have been an integral part of Army ROTC since the first group of women was commissioned in 1976. Today, women constitute 20 percent of the Cadets. Army ROTC has a total of 273 host programs with more than 1,100 partnership and affiliate schools across the country. It produces approximately 60 percent of the Second Lieutenants who join the active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard. More than 40 percent of current Active Duty Army General Officers were commissioned through ROTC. Army ROTC provides Cadets with the character-building aspects of a diverse, self-disciplined civilian education with tough, centralized leadership development training.

### Prominent Army ROTC Alumni

- Colin Powell, former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- George C. Marshall, former Chief of Staff of the Army
- Samuel Alito, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court
- Samuel Walton, founder of Walmart
- Lenny Wilkens, most wins as NBA coach



1. What could be another good title for this article?

2. How can the reader prove the idea that joining the ROTC is the main idea of this passage?

3. Who is the author talking about when he refers to “Prominent Army ROTC Alumni”? Explain.

## What Recession? Miami-Dade Tourism Soars

MIAMI (CBS4) – In a down economy, tourism in Miami-Dade County bucked the odds in 2010 setting records in every area, according to figures released by the Greater Miami Convention and visitors Bureau. The numbers are impressive:

- Greater Miami and the Beaches hosted a record 12.6 million overnight visitors
- Tourists spent a record \$18.8 Billion on lodging, food, shopping, transportation and entertainment
- Visitors generated a record \$127 million in tourist-related taxes
- 29% of state sales taxes collected in the county were paid by tourists



The big year pumped renewed life into the area's life blood.

“Ultimately, that meant we added jobs, and in this economy, in this community with tourism being the number one industry, job creation is one of our top priorities,” said Rolando Aedo, executive vice-president of the visitors bureau. If 2010 was a good year, 2011 promises to be even better, according to the bureau.

**1. How does the writer support the idea that tourism soared in Miami-Dade?**

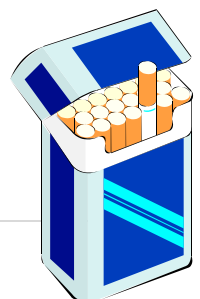
**2. What is the primary topic in the article?**

**3. Describe the picture in the passage. What do you see/feel when looking at it?**

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**Proposed Cigarette Product Warning Labels**

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**Overview**

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Control Act) requires that cigarette packages and advertisements have larger and more visible graphic health warnings.

FDA issued a [proposed rule](#)<sup>1</sup>, *Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements*, proposing to modify the required warnings that appear on cigarette packages and in cigarette advertisements. These new required warnings would consist of nine new textual warning statements accompanied by color graphics depicting the negative health consequences of smoking.

**Timeline for Final Regulations**

The Tobacco Control Act requires FDA to issue final regulations requiring these color graphics by June 22, 2011. It also specifies that the requirement for the new health warnings on cigarette packages and advertisements will take effect 15 months after issuance of this final rule.

**Placement Location on Cigarette Packages**

The Tobacco Control Act requires that the nine graphic health warnings appear on the upper portion of the front and rear panels of each cigarette package and comprise at least the top 50 percent of these panels.

**1. What is the essential message in the article?**

**2. Do you think placing more warning labels on cigarette boxes will deter people from smoking?**

**3. Create your own warning label for a box of cigarettes. What key words should stand out?**

Salmonella cases rise in United States, federal report shows

Food poisoning cases caused by salmonella have increased by 10 percent in recent years, despite widespread campaigns to educate consumers and food makers about food preparation and handling, according to new federal statistics that detail the stubborn presence of salmonella in the U.S. food supply. The findings are part of an annual [food safety report card](#) released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which since 1996 has tracked the prevalence of the nine most common food-borne pathogens. About one in six Americans gets sick from food poisoning every year, and 3,000 die, the government said. “The bottom line is that food-borne illness, particularly salmonella, is far too common,” CDC Director Thomas R. Frieden said during a conference call with reporters Tuesday. “We need to do more.” Last year, Congress gave the FDA sweeping authority to create a food safety system that would require food makers and farmers to prevent contamination from salmonella and other pathogens. But the agency’s ability to implement the new law is in question after House Republicans moved to cut the FDA’s budget for the next fiscal year.



By [Lyndsey Layton](#)

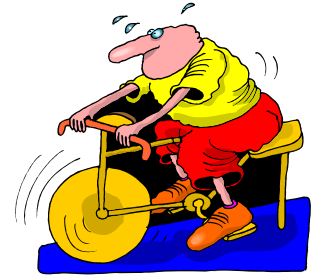
- 1. State the reasons given by the author why salmonella has increased throughout the years.**
  
- 2. According to the article, who gave the authority to create a food safety system?**
  - a. FDA**
  - b. NFL**
  - c. Congress**
  - d. President**
  
- 3. Write a 10 finger summary/ main idea about the passage. You must have 10 words in the sentence, no more or less.**

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## ***Active Teens Are Healthy Teens***

Exercise should be a part of teens' lives—a daily part. Teens should get at least 60 minutes of exercise every day, and for good reason. Of course exercise is good for the body and helps maintain a healthy weight and toned muscles. And exercise helps people stay healthier as they grow older. But it's also good for well-being. Kids who exercise may sleep better. And exercising produces chemicals called endorphins that make a person feel relaxed and positive. There are many ways to exercise. Aerobic exercise gets the heart pumping and the lungs breathing. It's good for the heart and the whole body, bringing oxygen to every cell. Examples of aerobic exercise include dancing, swimming, biking, running, hiking, skating, and playing sports such as tennis or basketball. Strength training is any kind of workout that builds muscle. Having muscle actually helps in weight control, as muscle burns more calories than fat when the body is at rest. Lifting weights is an obvious way to do this, but push-ups, squats, and sit-ups do the same. It's ideal to include all three types of exercise in your routine.



**1. How can the reader prove the ideas that exercise for teens is needed by reading this text? Use detail and information from the passage to support your answer.**

**2. What could be another title for this article?**

**3. Compare how an active teen will feel opposed to a non-active teen?**

**Active      vs.      Non-Active**

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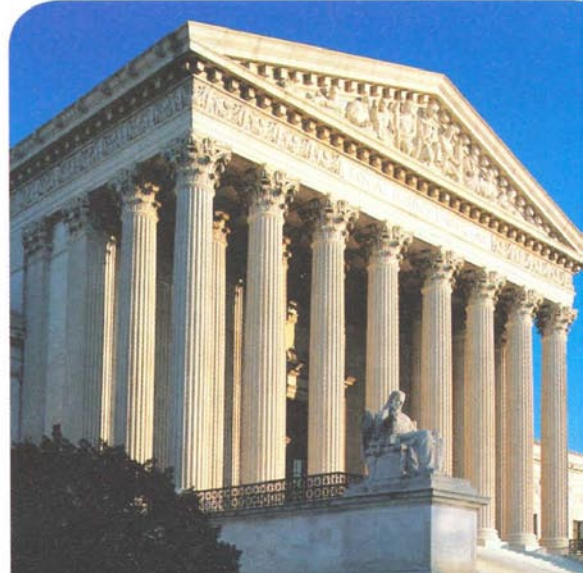
## Few Anesthesiologists Monitor Key Heart Signal

MONDAY, June 13 (HealthDay News) -- During high-risk surgery, only about one-third of anesthesiologists measure oxygen flow throughout their patient's body, even though this heart function can significantly affect recovery, according to a new survey. Researchers in Amsterdam surveyed 463 European and American anesthesiologists and found that 95 percent knew it was critically important that enough oxygen reach all parts of a patient's body during high-risk surgery, but only 35 percent were actually monitoring their patients' cardiac output. "If cardiac output is not measured there is no way to know whether oxygen is delivered appropriately to the tissues or not," said the study's lead author, Dr. Maxime Cannesson, associate professor of anesthesiology at the University of California, Irvine, in a news release from the European Anesthesiology Congress. Based on their findings, the study's authors called for the creation of national and international guidelines to ensure that cardiac output monitoring is carried out during and after all high-risk surgeries.

1. What argument does the author use to prove that doctors are not monitoring the patients cardiac output? Use details from the passage.
2. What is the main job description of the anesthesiologists?
3. Summarize this passage in three sentences.

## Who Should Be on the Supreme Court?

The president of the United States selects nominees for all federal judgeships, including the U.S. Supreme Court justices, “with the advice and consent of the Senate.” The Senate must approve all nominees before they are appointed. Once appointed, justices serve for life unless they resign or are impeached. When the Senate receives a nomination from the president, it sends the nomination to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration. The committee schedules a hearing on the nomination. After the hearing, the committee votes. If a majority votes in favor of the nominee, the nomination is sent to the full Senate for consideration. If the majority of the Senate also votes for the nominee, the nominee is confirmed.



1. People who read this article will learn that.....

2. Complete the steps of appointing a person for the Supreme Court.

First, \_\_\_\_\_

Second, \_\_\_\_\_

Third, \_\_\_\_\_

Last, \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA - LEGITIMATE USE OR LEGALIZED ABUSE?

This week, the U.S. Supreme Court is hearing arguments related to the legality of using marijuana for medical purposes. Currently, 11 states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington have passed state laws that allow patients to use marijuana to ease symptoms based upon doctor recommendation. Opponents argue that by legalizing marijuana, even for medical use, these 11 states jeopardize the current federal drug laws. Presently, the federal government -- the U.S. Congress -- has the power to pass laws related to broad sweeping topics such as taxation and interstate commerce. Over the past decade, the states have passed laws that modify federal laws, including gun control, marriage, violence against women, and the death penalty.

The controversy with states passing laws legalizing marijuana for medical use stems from the argument that legalizing this form of drug use could jeopardize all federal drug laws and result in people abusing the law and using marijuana for recreational v. medicinal purposes. In addition, the federal government argues that legalizing marijuana is an interstate commerce issue, thus the law should be established by the federal government, not the states.



1. According to the information in the article, which is the most valid argument for not legalizing marijuana?
2. How does the picture relate to the topic in the passage?
3. Discuss with a partner if you feel medical marijuana should be legalized/not legalized by each state or by the federal government. Why? Explain and support your argument with a valid reason.

## Mark Cuban: Three Tips for Startups



Quick rundown of Cuban's resume: He says he kicked off his entrepreneurial career at age 12 selling garbage bags (yes, really) door-to-door. Following a string of self-started ventures through college, Cuban launched a hardware and **software** integration company called MicroSolutions, which he sold to CompuServe in 1990. Within five years, he co-founded web radio company Broadcast.com, which Yahoo Inc. acquired in 2000 for nearly \$6 billion in stock. Today, at age 52, Cuban is known as the **often outspoken owner** of the Dallas Mavericks basketball team and chairman of cable network HDNet.

Cuban offers his top three tips for making it in the small-business world.

- 1. Treat your customers like they own you, because they do.*
- 2. Find your weaknesses before competitors do.*
- 3. The best startup capital is 'sweat equity.'*

1. What leads readers to believe that Mark comes from humble beginnings?

2. Synthesize the three tips Mark Cuban suggests. Which do you feel is most important and why?

## How a New App Is Helping Hotels Fill Rooms

**A new mobile app helps the manager of an upstart New York City hotel fill empty rooms with travelers on the fly.**

That is especially true in New York City's Times Square, where throngs of hotels vie for the consumers rushing past their doors daily. Hotel operators like Jason Mancuso, general manager of Room Mate Grace, may not appear to be gnashing teeth over the challenge, but the pressure is there. "We're a **new hotel**, and there's a lot of competition," he says. "So, anything we can do to fill empty rooms, even just for that night, is a benefit."

Mancuso, whose hotel is one of the first U.S. outposts of Madrid-based Room Mate Hotels, was looking for an edge--and found it--when **information** on a new iPhone app called **HotelTonight** crossed the desk of the hotel's revenue manager.

HotelTonight, founded by serial entrepreneur Sam Shank of travel discount site DealBase.com fame, rolled out the app in January. The company developed Hotel Tonight after looking at ways to apply DealBase.com's sensibilities to the mobile world. "What people wanted most was last-minute hotel booking," Shank says.



Hotel Tonight is available exclusively as a mobile app and, for now, only on Apple devices (including the iPad and iPod Touch). It lets users book discounted, same-night reservations at one of three different hotels, classified by the categories basic, hip and elegant. New deals are posted every day at noon.

By [Dan O'Shea](#)

1. Based on all information given, how does each part add to the idea that technology advancement plays a key role in the hotel business?

2. If you were to create your own app for a mobile phone, what would it be? Explain its function.

3. What is the central idea of this article?



## Micky Arison

*Net Worth \$5.9 Billion As of March 2011*

The CEO and chairman of cruise operator Carnival Corp. Arison also bought the the NBA team the Miami Heat, in 2010. Micky Arison was born in Israel in 1949 and dropped out of college in Miami to start working in the sales department at Carnival, which was founded by his father, Ted Arison, in 1972. Arison became president in 1979, helped the company go public in 1987, and became chairman and CEO in 1990. He

has lead Carnival through the acquisitions of several other cruise lines, including Holland America, Seabourn, Cunard, Costa Cruises and Princess, which expanded the company into the luxury cruise market and gave it approximately a 50% market share. He has also helped Carnival's cruises to frequently operate at full occupancy, increasing the company's profitability.

1. What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the highest-ranking executive in a company or organization, responsible for carrying out the policies of the board of directors on a day-to-day basis. What other businesses and major corporations have CEO'S? List five. (Ex. Papa John's Pizza, Sony Records)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## Helping Students Put Their Education to Work



Eugene A. Ludwig is helping to provide young people with the tools to achieve their own success in college and in the workplace. Through his family foundation, Mr. Ludwig has committed more than \$1 million to the National Academy Foundation (NAF), a New York-based nonprofit organization that prepares students from low and moderate-income neighborhoods for college and professional careers.

Academies operate in 41 states either within a public high school or, occasionally, as stand-alone schools. Academies have a career theme with specialized curriculum in finance, hospitality and tourism, engineering or technology. Within their chosen field, students participate in real-world work experiences, work with a mentor and have classroom lectures by professionals. "It works because it's a combination of a good curriculum—students really learn something about their academic area—and then an opportunity to actually experience the work," says Mr. Ludwig.

Mr. Ludwig, 65 years old, is the founder and chief executive of Promontory Financial Group, a financial-services consulting firm based in Washington, where he resides. Mr. Ludwig was born in the Flatbush area of Brooklyn.

"The more we can take advantage of young minds and all the talents they have, rich and poor, the better a country we're going to have," says Mr. Ludwig.

The Wall Street Journal- By **MELANIE GRAYCE WEST**

1. What is the author's *point of view* about education? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

2. Read the statement

*Academies have a career theme with specialized curriculum in finance, hospitality and tourism, engineering or technology.*

Which academy are you most interested in? Why?

## Street Law visits the White House to promote its Community College initiative

March 31, 2011 | Washington, DC



Street Law, Inc. and its publishing partner, McGraw-Hill Higher Education, are preparing a new community college text—*Street Law: Understanding Law and Legal Issues*—that will be released summer 2011. The text and its accompanying supplementary materials will be used in community college classes beginning in the 2011–2012 school year. Professor Patrick O’Guinn is championing the course at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD, and the seven-campus Chicago Community College system has also agreed to implement the program.

Under President Obama there has been increased attention to the role that [community colleges](#) will play in preparing a globally competitive workforce for the 21st century. A team from Street Law met with the President’s director of public engagement to discuss how the new law-based civics course can complement the White House community college initiative.

[www.streetlaw.org/en/Index.aspx](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/Index.aspx)

Street Law, Inc. Executive Director Lee Arbetman, Board Member Judge Vanessa Hall, and Professor Patrick O’Guinn from Howard (MD) Community College

meeting with Will Jawando, director of the Office of Public

Engagement at the White House, to discuss Street Law’s new community college initiative.

**1. Explain how the Street Law Organization uses information and new advances to persuade readers to join and sign up for their classes.**

**2. Find and circle the statement in the passage that persuades the reader to believe how President Obama feels.**



## American Retailers Try Again in Europe



Ed Alcock for The New York Times

PARIS — On a recent Sunday afternoon, the Champs-Élysées was packed with people enjoying this city’s most famous boulevard — window shopping, sipping wine at sidewalk cafes and strolling toward the river with [ice cream](#) cones.

Then there were the 150 people waiting to get into an American retail chain store. And that was one of the shortest lines since the store, [Abercrombie & Fitch](#), opened here last month.

Abercrombie is the latest in a stampede of American retailers opening in Europe. The expansion is based on a major shift in how young Europeans think about American fashion. In countries where protests against globalization were common a decade ago, American retailers are being welcomed by screaming fans and their credit cards.

Nonetheless, there were still worries that globalization was erasing cultural heritage. Walking past the Abercrombie store on opening day, Anne Marie and Roland Pujol, a French couple in their late 50s, paused. “American culture is O.K., but we still must safeguard the French culture,” Mrs. Pujol said. “We have traditions that are very important.”

1. What is the author's purpose for saying “The expansion is based on a major shift in how young Europeans think about American fashion”? Explain.

2. Do you think every culture has their own style/fashion? Why?

3. What could be another title for this article?

## The True Cost of Tomatoes

By *MARK BITTMAN*



Mark Bittman on food and all things related.

Mass-produced tomatoes have become redder, more tender and slightly more flavorful than the crunchy orange “cello-wrapped” specimens of a couple of decades ago, but the lives of the workers who grow and pick them haven’t improved much since Edward R. Murrow’s revealing and deservedly famous [Harvest of Shame](#) report of 1960. The process, not to put too fine a point on it, is awful, but the demand is there — Florida ships about a billion pounds of tomatoes a year — and the main question has not been quality but fairness to the workers.

Most of us eat or buy industrially produced tomatoes, and it doesn’t seem too much to ask that the people who pick them for us be treated a little more fairly. Speak to your supermarket manager or write to the head of the chain you patronize. Supermarkets, I expect, are as susceptible to public pressure as fast-food chains.

There are few places in the country where migrant and immigrant farm workers are treated well; in Immokalee, at least, they’re being treated better. Bit by bit.

1. What is the writer’s attitude towards tomato farming? Use details from the article to support your response.

2. Discuss with a partner and make a list of other produce (fruits/vegetables) that are grown in Florida.

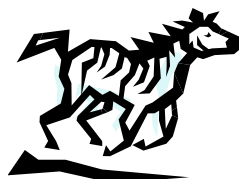
3. What was the main idea of this article?

## Speed of Animals



Most of the following measurements are for maximum speeds over approximate quarter-mile distances. Exceptions—which are included to give a wide range of animals—are the lion and elephant, whose speeds were clocked in the act of charging; the whippet, which was timed over a 200-yard course; the cheetah over a 100-yard distance; humans for a 15-yard segment of a 100-yard run; and the black mamba, six-lined race runner, spider, giant tortoise, three-toed sloth, and garden snail, which were measured over various small distances.

Animal	Speed (mph)
Cheetah	70.00
Pronghorn antelope	61.00
Wildebeest	50.00
Lion	50.00
Thomson's gazelle	50.00
Quarter horse	47.50
Elk	45.00
Cape hunting dog	45.00
Coyote	43.00
Gray fox	42.00
Hyena	40.00
Zebra	40.00
Greyhound	39.35
Whippet	35.50
Rabbit (domestic)	35.00
Mule deer	35.00
Jackal	35.00



1. Explain how the chart aids the reader's understanding?

2. Write another title for this article.

3. Identify the animal that has the fastest / slowest speed.

## What is the Census?

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities. *Source:* U.S. Bureau of the Census. Web: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

### Population of the United States by State, 2005

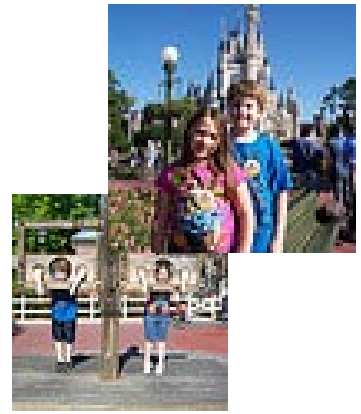
State	July 2005 pop. <sup>1</sup>	July 2004 pop.	Pop. rank, 2004	July 2003 pop.	Pop. rank, 2003
Alabama	4,557,808	4,530,182	23	4,500,752	23
Alaska	663,661	655,435	47	648,818	47
Arizona	5,939,292	5,743,834	18	5,580,811	18
Arkansas	2,779,154	2,752,629	32	2,725,714	32
California	36,132,147	35,893,799	1	35,484,453	1
Colorado	4,665,177	4,601,403	22	4,550,688	22

1. What information does the graph give you?
2. People who read this article will learn that.....
3. Which state ranked second highest in July 2004?

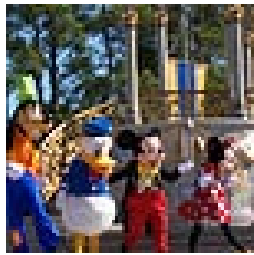
# Visit Orlando.....



Once a quiet farming town, Orlando now welcomes more visitors than any other place in the state. The reason, of course, is Walt Disney World, which, along



with Universal Orlando, SeaWorld Orlando, and a host of other attractions, of varying degrees of quality, attracts millions of people a year to a previously featureless plot of scrubland. Most of the hotels are found along International Drive, Hwy-192 or in and around



Disney World, all of which lie several miles south of the downtown area, which has the city's best nightlife.



1. What is the author's attitude towards visiting Orlando? Explain and support with detail from the passage.

2. From the pictures of the article, the reader can conclude that.....

3. What does the author imply by stating "varying degrees of quality"? Explain.

## Pandora hits high note on Wall Street debut

by Germain Moyon, On Wednesday 15 June 2011, 21:06 EST

Shares in Pandora soared in early trading on Wall Street on Wednesday before paring gains at the close of trade as the Internet radio star made its debut amid investor enthusiasm for technology stocks.

Pandora, which is trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "P," was priced at \$16 and surged to \$26 shortly after the opening bell.

Pandora eventually ended the day at \$17.42, a gain of 8.9 percent.

Pandora, which creates personalized radio stations for users based upon their favorite artists or songs, raised \$235 million with its initial public offering and had a market value of \$2.55 billion at its offer price. A total of around six million shares were offered by Pandora while some 8.7 million were presented by selling stockholders.



*Headphones are displayed on computer screens.  
Shares in Pandora soared on Wednesday as  
the Internet radio star made its debut on Wall  
Street amid investor enthusiasm for technology stocks.*

1. How do the photograph and caption help the reader understand what Pandora is all about?
2. After reading the article, how does the title relate to the information given?
3. Draw a conclusion based on the article if Pandora will continue to be successful.

## Snacks That Burn Fat By Lucy Danziger and the staff at SELF



**Carbohydrates** used to be the bad guy if you were trying to eat right and lose weight, but now researchers are saying that the right carbs—low glycemic ones such as **whole-grain** cereal and **whole-wheat** bread—just might be your ticket to slim. The reason? Low-GI carbs digest more slowly than high-GI ones, so they don't elevate levels of insulin, a hormone that helps control blood sugar levels. And that allows your body to focus on fat torching. In fact, women in one study who ate low-glycemic-index carbohydrates burned a whopping 55 percent more fat during exercise than those who ate high-GI ones, according to a study in *The Journal of Nutrition*. To blast fat faster, try one of these tasty low-GI bites pre-workout:

### Cherry-Almond-Yogurt Parfait

Mix 1 cup nonfat plain yogurt with 1 tsp honey. Top with 1/2 cup bran cereal or whole-grain flakes cereal (like Nature's Path Heritage Flakes), 1/2 cup cherries, 1 tbsp sliced almonds and a splash of skim milk.

### Broccoli-and-Cheese Breakfast Burrito

Fill a 6-inch whole-wheat tortilla with 1 **egg** and 2 egg whites (scrambled), 3 tbsp reduced-fat shredded cheese, 1/4 cup each chopped broccoli and onion sautéed in 1 tsp olive oil and 1/4 cup fresh salsa. Season with salt and pepper.

1. Based on the passage, write a brief caption that could relate to the food pyramid picture.

2. Based on the article, why is it that eating the right carbohydrates aids in weight loss?

***Correctional officers*** . . . . . also known as *detention officers* when they work in pretrial detention facilities, are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or who have been convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve time in a jail, reformatory, or penitentiary.

The jail population changes constantly as some prisoners are released, some are convicted and transferred to prison, and new offenders are arrested and enter the system.

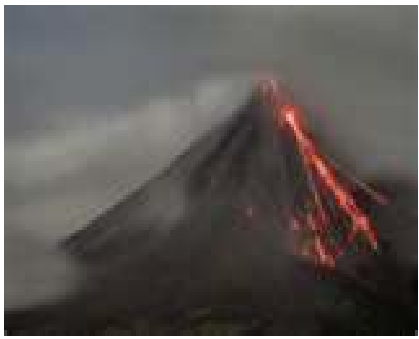



Correctional officers in local jails admit and process about 13 million people a year, with nearly 800,000 offenders in jail at any given time. Correctional officers in State and Federal prisons watch over the approximately 1.6 million offenders who are incarcerated there at any given time. Correctional officers report orally and in writing on inmate conduct and on the quality and quantity of work done by inmates. Officers also report security breaches, disturbances, violations of rules, and any unusual occurrences. They usually keep a daily log or record of their activities.

Occupational Title	SOC Code	Employment, 2008	Projected Employment, 2018	Change, 2008-18	
				Number	Percent
Correctional officers	—	518,200	566,500	48,300	9
First-line supervisors/managers of correctional officers	33-1011	43,500	47,200	3,700	9
Bailiffs, correctional officers, and jailers	33-3010	474,800	519,400	44,600	9
Bailiffs	33-3011	20,200	21,900	1,700	8
Correctional officers and jailers	33-3012	454,500	497,500	42,900	9

1. What reasons are given in the passage as to why jail population is constantly changing?
2. Based on the chart, what occupational title will have an increase in employment from 2008 to 2018?
3. Compare and discuss the difference in numbers between a bailiff and a correctional officer. What are some of the differences found?



**Directions- Write 5 descriptive words for each picture.**

	<p>1. hot (example)</p> <p>2. clouds</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>
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**What do ALL the pictures above have in common?**

## Tour of Brooklyn's Highlights



Photo: Hugh Stewart and David Nicolas

The first thing you need to know about Brooklyn is that it is huge: New York's most **populous** borough, home to nearly a third of its citizens. An independent Brooklyn would be the nation's **fourth-largest city**. Brooklyn is a **vast** metropolis blessed and cursed to lie 500 yards from Manhattan. The second thing you need to know about Brooklyn is that it is small. Big in breadth and **attitude**, but intimate in the height of its buildings, the modesty of its storefronts, the compactness of its communities. Defined by the stoop, the bodega, the bocce or basketball court, Brooklyn has an **enduring** neighborhood-ness.

1. Explain how the bold-print words throughout the article helps the reader's understanding?

2. Draw a conclusion from the picture. How does it relate to the passage?



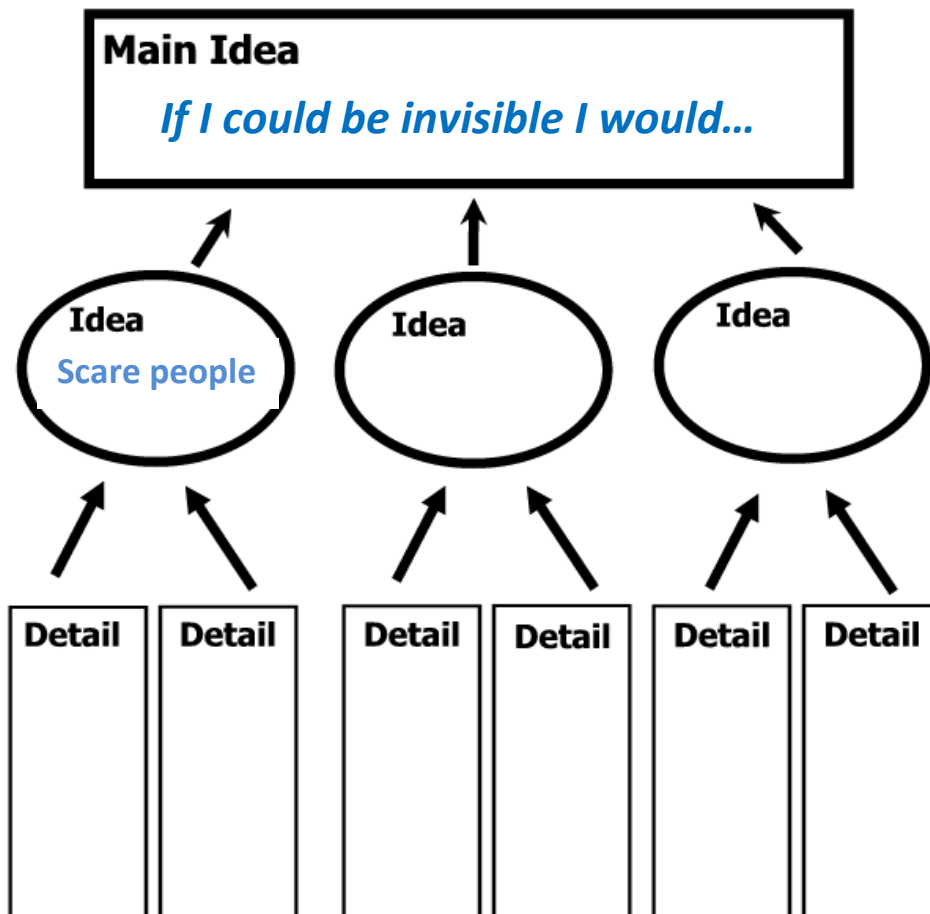
## QUICK WRITE # 1

# *If I could become invisible I would ...*

Remember... Ideas and Content:

As you begin your paper you generate ideas. Your ideas and content are the reasons for writing a paper. Every paper should convey a message and be easy to follow. Some thoughts to get you going:

Let's start with using a graphic organizer.....



## Fight Breaks Out Among Spectators At Anthony Trial

ORLANDO (CBS4) – Tickets for the Casey Anthony trial are so hot, spectators got into another brawl Friday morning. The Orlando Sentinel reports that two men tried to cut in line early Friday, sparking a brawl and shouting match as others in line fought back.

Spectators line up outside the courthouse each morning, hoping to secure seats in the courtroom where 25-year-old Anthony is standing trial for the murder of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. Many arrive at the courthouse in the wee hours of the morning to get in line.

The fight broke out as the crowd was moving to a location closer to the courthouse entrance. Twenty-seven-year-old Jessie Dorris says she was shocked when the men “just cut in front of us.”

The defense is entering its second day of calling witnesses as Casey Anthony’s murder trial resumes. More of the prosecution’s forensic witnesses are expected to be called to the stand Friday after questioning several crime scene investigators and FBI evidence analysts on Thursday about the evidence they collected and examined.



Casey Anthony is charged with first-degree murder in the death of her daughter Caylee nearly three years ago. Anthony has pleaded not guilty and faces a death sentence if convicted. The prosecution contends she was suffocated by duct tape being placed over her nose and mouth. The defense says the toddler drowned in her grandparents’ above-ground swimming pool.

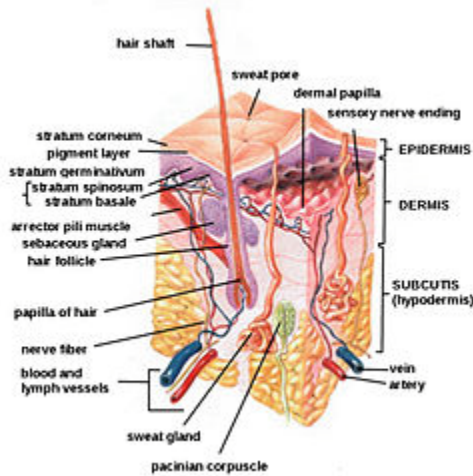
Her skeletal remains were found in December 2008.

1. From the picture of the article, the reader can conclude that.....
2. Who is the author talking about when he refers to the “prosecution”?
3. Find another word in the article that has the same meaning of “*fight*”.

**Skin cancer**.... is the uncontrolled growth of abnormal skin cells. If left unchecked, these cancer cells can spread from the skin into other tissues and organs. There are different types of skin cancer. Basal cell carcinoma is the most common. Melanoma is less common, but more dangerous.

### *Causes, incidence, and risk factors*

The outer layer of skin, the epidermis, is made up of different types of cells. Skin cancers are classified by the types of epidermal cells involved:



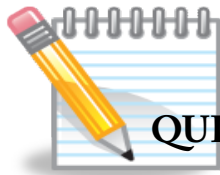
- **Basal cell carcinoma** develops from abnormal growth of the cells in the lowest layer of the epidermis and is the most common type of skin cancer.
- **Squamous cell carcinoma** involves changes in the squamous cells, found in the middle layer of the epidermis.
- **Melanoma** occurs in the melanocytes (cells that produce pigment) and is less common than squamous or basal cell carcinoma, but more dangerous. It is the leading cause of death from **skin disease**.

Skin cancer can develop in anyone, not only people with these risk factors. Young, healthy people -- even those with dark skin, hair, and eyes -- can develop skin cancer.

1. How does the picture help the reader understand the article? Use details and information from the article.

2. Write another title for this article.

3. What is the cause of skin cancer?



## QUICK WRITE # 2

**Instructions:** In a paragraph, Please respond to the following quick write...

### ***The strangest dream I ever had....***

1. Remember... Plan your ideas for 2 minutes first

2. Ideas and Content:

As you begin your paper you generate ideas. Your ideas and content are the reasons for writing a paper. Every paper should convey a message and be easy to follow. Some thoughts to get you going:

- 📌 What is my message and is it focused and clear?
- 📌 Did I include important details relevant to my topic?
- 📌 Did the reader learn something new?
- 📌 Is my paper interesting and easy to understand?

# Bobby Flay

Chef and restaurant owner. Born Robert William Flay on December 10, 1964 in New York City, and raised on Manhattan's Upper East Side by divorced parents Bill and Dorothy Flay, Irish-Americans who bestowed red hair and freckles upon their son. From a young age, Flay showed a talent for cooking. He arranged his mother's grocery lists; whipped up complex after-school snacks; and even requested an Easy-Bake Oven as a Christmas gift. Flay bounced around several parochial schools before dropping out of high school at the age of 17.

After a brief, and unfulfilling, stint as a stockbroker's assistant on Wall Street, Flay went to work for a



series of New York restaurants, most notably those of restaurateur Jonathan Waxman. Flay was fascinated by Waxman's use of spices and flavors from the American Southwest—a region Flay had never visited—and Southwestern cooking soon became Flay's signature food.

Flay became a household name, and not only because of his restaurants. He made his first appearance on the Food Network in 1994, and soon became a television fixture in the vein of fellow celebrity chefs Mario Batali, Emeril Lagasse and Rachael Ray. Flay has hosted several Food Network shows, such as *Grill It! With Bobby Flay* and *Throwdown With Bobby Flay*, and also appeared in dozens of other specials. His frequent appearances on the Food Network have now made him

one of America's best known chefs.

**1. Bobby Flay has many accomplishments in his life....list 3 accomplishments you have had.**

**2. Write a 10 finger summary/ main idea about the passage. You must use 10 words in the sentence, no more or less.**

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## Marine Aviators Using iPads in Afghanistan

Marine Corps aviators in Afghanistan are using Apple iPads to access maps and other data to ensure precision strikes on the enemy. The 1.33 pound electronic tablets can carry up to 500 charts that would traditionally weigh up to 40 pounds (photo right). The iPads can be configured for use with multiple aircraft, including AH-1W and UH-1Y helicopters, AV-8B Harriers and the Harvest Hawk



equipped KC-130J. Captain Jim "Hottie" Carlson, an AH-1W Cobra pilot, is credited with coming up with the idea.



**1. Based on all the information given, how does each piece contribute to the idea of how technology helps the military?**

**2. List 5 ways technology has helped you in school.**

**3. What is the central idea of the passage?**





### QUICK WRITE # 3

**Instructions:** In a paragraph, Please respond to the following quick write...

### *If I could be wealthy I.....*

1. Remember... Plan your ideas for 2 minutes first
2. Ideas and Content:

As you begin your paper you generate ideas. Your ideas and content are the reasons for writing a paper. Every paper should convey a message and be easy to follow. Some thoughts to get you going:

- 📌 What is my message and is it focused and clear?
- 📌 Did I include important details relevant to my topic?
- 📌 Did the reader learn something new?
- 📌 Is my paper interesting and easy to understand?

# Who is Pablo Picasso?



Pablo Ruiz Picasso (full name Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Clito Ruiz y Picasso) was born on the 25th October, 1881 in Malaga in Spain. His father was a painter and a professor of art at the School of Crafts and the curator of a local museum. Picasso learnt the basics of art from his father. Picasso also attended the Academy of Arts in Madrid, but dropped out within a year of joining it.



He made his first trip to Paris in 1900 and loved the city. He lived with a friend Max Jacob who was a journalist and a poet. Max worked in the day and slept in the night, while Picasso slept during the day and worked during the night. Those were hard times for Picasso and he burned many of his paintings to keep himself warm.

All the paintings by Pablo Picasso are usually classified into various 'periods' based on the moods and styles of the paintings. These, in turn, were largely affected by his personal and love life.

His real work and career as a painter is said to begin around 1894 with a painting called 'The First Communion' which showed his sister Lola, and the more famous painting by Pablo Picasso called 'Portrait of Aunt Pepa'. In 1897, his realistic style of painting became influenced by Symbolism and came across in a series of landscapes where he used violet and green tones in the colors.

Pablo Picasso died on the 8th of April, 1973 while he and his wife Jacqueline were entertaining friends for dinner. His last words were: 'Drink to me, drink to my health, you know I can't drink anymore.'

**1. What word(s) best describes the artist?**

**2. Based on the painting (top right), explain how the reader will have a better understanding of the artist's work.**

**3. Analyze the statement 'Drink to me, drink to my health, you know I can't drink anymore.' What do you think it means?**