Calling on the Expert in the Room with Text Dependent Questions

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Session Goals

• Help learners navigate level-appropriate complex text and its related academic language.

• Identify, adapt and create strategic text dependent questions that deepen learners’ knowledge of text and require higher level thinking.

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Identity Theft hurts Job Hunters!

Melissa Goza wanted a credit card. She couldn’t get one. Then she wanted a new job. She applied at Target but she didn’t get the job. Later she found out the reason. She was the victim of identity theft.

"Three different people used my Social Security number," Melissa said.

Some employers check credit reports before they hire people. They also use background checks. Target checked on Melissa’s credit. They found a problem. Target did not hire her. They gave her a reason. Her credit score was low. Melissa was surprised. She always paid her bills. She looked at her credit report and saw the problem. Someone was using her credit cards.

Jennifer Shaw is a workplace lawyer. She says that credit reports help employers hire good people. The reports find dishonest or unreliable people.

Now Melissa knows about her identity theft. She can solve her problem. She must order copies of her credit reports. Then she must make corrections and send them back. A law says that credit companies must give people credit reports for free. They have to do this once a year. Consumers can order these reports online.

Melissa may have some good news. Target will interview her for the job again. She has to give them a letter from the Social Security Office. The letter has to verify who she is. Then she may be able to get a job after all.

Adapted from http://www.cdlponline.org

Questions for Demonstration Reading

1. Why does Melissa have bad credit?
2. How did Target find out Melissa was the victim of identity theft?
3. What does unreliable mean?
4. What can Melissa do now to solve her problem?
LEARN ABOUT WEB DEVELOPERS

A

They are web developers.

B

They can make $32.00 an hour.

C

Look at the job outlook!


Script for Questions

1. Look at part A. Find the words: web developer. Circle the words: web developer. How many pictures of web developers do you see on the page?
2. What do web developers do?
3. Is $32.00 an hour good?
4. Look at part C. Will there be more web developer jobs in the future? How do you know?
5. Look at the maps in part C. Find the difference between the number of web developer jobs in 2014 and the number of jobs in 2024.
LEARN ABOUT WEB DEVELOPERS

- Web developers work on websites.

- The pay is good.

  $32.00/hr

- The job outlook is great!


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**Low Beginning Script:**

1. Underline the job in the title of this text.
2. Look at the first sentence and the photos. What do web developers do for websites?
3. What types of things do you create?
4. Look at the second sentence: “The pay is good.” What is another way to say, “the pay”?
5. Is this a good job? Why or why not?
Web developers **design** and **create** websites. They also **maintain** them. They can make a good **wage**, around $32.00 an hour or $62,500 a year. The job outlook for web developers is great! By 2024 there will be many more web developer jobs in the U.S.

**QUICK FACTS ABOUT WEB DEVELOPERS**

| 2014 Median pay              | $63,490 per year  
|                             | $30.52 per hour  
| Education                   | Associate's degree  
| Job outlook                  | 27% (Much faster than average)  

**Source:** U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition,

**QUESTIONS (printed)**

1. What job are you learning about in this text?
2. What do web developers do for websites?
3. Do you prefer to create things or maintain them?
4. Look at the paragraph.
   Underline the words that explain the term “job outlook”.
5. Is this a good job? Explain your answer.
Quick Facts: Web Developers

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What do Web Developers Do?
The work on websites. They design and create them. They also maintain them.

Where do Web Developers Work?
Many are self-employed. Others work in computer design companies.

How to Become a Web Developer
Web developers need an Associate's Degree (AA). They need to know computer programming and graphic design.

How Much Do They Make?
In 2014, many web developers made about $30.00 or more per hour. That is about $63,000 per year.

What is the Job Outlook?
In 2014, there were 150,000 web developers in the U.S. There will be more and more web developers in the future. In the next 10 years, the number of web developer jobs will grow by 27%.


QUESTIONS:
1. What do web developers do?
2. According to the article, what education do they need?
3. Look at the chart. Is web developer a good job? Give three reasons.
4. What does self-employed mean?
5. Why will there be more web developers in the future?
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**What do Web Developers Do?**
They work on websites. They create, design, and maintain them. They are also responsible for how the website performs.

**Work Environment**
About 1 out of 7 of web developers are self-employed. The others work in computer design companies and related services industries. They do not require on-the-job training.

**How to become a Web Developer**
Web developers usually need an Associates Degree (AA). They also need knowledge of both computer programming and graphic design.

**Pay**
In 2014, many web developers made $30.00 or more per hour. That is about $63,000 per year.

**Job Outlook**
Employment of web developers is projected to grow 27 percent from 2014 to 2024. This growth is much faster than the average for all occupations. The job growth is due to the growing popularity of mobile devices and ecommerce—the selling of products or services online.


**QUESTIONS**
1. Reread the text. What does the author want the reader to understand?
2. Do all web developers have a college degree? Use the text to support your answer.
3. Would you like to be a web developer? Why or why not?
4. What key detail(s) from the article indicates that this might be a good career?
5. What does ecommerce mean?
Web Developers

What Do Web Developers Do?
Web developers design, maintain and create websites. They are responsible for the look of the site. They are also responsible for the site’s technical aspects, such as its performance and capacity. Performance and capacity are measures of a website’s speed and how much traffic the site can handle. In addition, web developers may create content for the site.

Work Environment
About 1 in 7 of web developers were self-employed in 2014. The other web developers work primarily in the computer systems design and related services industry.

How to Become a Web Developer
Web developers typically require an associates degree (AA) in web design or a related field. They need knowledge of both programming and graphic design.

Pay
The median wage for web developers was $63,490 in May 2014. The hourly salary was $30.52.

Job Outlook
Employment of web developers is projected to grow 27 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. The growing popularity of mobile devices and ecommerce is responsible for the expected job growth.

Employment of Web Developers by State

### General Understanding

**What is the “gist” of the text?**

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<td>Read the text again. What did you learn about [idea, situation, event]?</td>
<td>What 3 things did you learn after rereading this text?</td>
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<td>What is the most important part of the text? Star the [sentence, phrase, part]. Use the author’s ideas to explain your answer.</td>
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<td>[Possible answer: ________ is the most important part, because the author says ___________.]</td>
<td>What is the big idea or theme of this text? Provide two details from the text to support your answer.</td>
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<td>According to the text, what conclusion can you draw about [idea/concept/event]? Provide information from the _________ text to support your conclusion.</td>
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### Key Details

**Look in the text for information that supports or gives examples of the main idea. These may answer the questions who, what, where, when, why which, and how.”**

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<td>Reread the text. Which facts would you choose to support the main idea?</td>
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<td>Read paragraph ______. Find [word/idea]. Explain [word/idea] in your own words.</td>
<td>Locate the [idea/concept/event] in paragraph #________. Restate it in your own words.</td>
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<td>Look at the text again. Can you recall 2 important details about [person/event]?</td>
<td>What key detail is the author [describing/explaining/discussing] in paragraph #____?</td>
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<td>What supporting details does the author include to help you learn about [idea/concept/event]?</td>
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<td>Restate the key idea in paragraph #____. How does this key idea support the main idea of the text?</td>
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TDQ Support
Questions, Frames, Prompts

Note: Replace text below with the term most appropriate for your learners. [e.g. paragraph, story, article, etc.] Replace bracketed bold, underlined text with appropriate text content.

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<td>Find what [person’s name] said about the [idea, concept, event]. Highlight his/her words in the text. In your own words, explain his/her idea[s].</td>
<td>What does [person’s name] say about [idea, concept, event] in the text?</td>
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<td>Explain why [idea, concept, event] happened in the text. How do you know?</td>
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<td>Which paragraph explains why [idea, concept, event] happened? Restate the explanation in your own words.</td>
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<td>The author states that the reason for ______ is ______. Find three examples in the text where s/he supports this view.</td>
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<td>Which words are key to understanding the main idea [s] and key details? Focus on academic, abstract, multiple meaning words, and word families</td>
<td>What does [word / phrase] mean in this text?</td>
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<td>Mark the [word/phrase] in the text. What does [word/phrase] mean here?</td>
<td>Examine paragraph #____. What do you notice about the words the author uses to describe [event/person].</td>
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<td>Reread paragraph #<strong><strong>. Circle the [word/phrase] in the sentence #</strong></strong>. What does the [word/phrase] mean?</td>
<td>What is the meaning of [word/phrase] in paragraph #____? Explain [word / phrase] as it is used in this text.</td>
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<td>Look at paragraph #____. Find [word/phrase]. Circle the word below that means the same. [Teacher provides three words.]</td>
<td>What word [s] could the author have used in paragraph #____ instead of [word, phrase, idiom]?</td>
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<td>The author uses [word] in paragraph #_____. Name a word that means the same thing as the word in the text.</td>
<td>Why did the author [word/phrase] instead of [word/phrase]? Why do you think the author chose to use the word _____ in this text?</td>
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<td>What changes when we put that word _____ in the sentence?</td>
<td>What context clues tell you what [word/phrase] means in the text?</td>
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Online sites to access informational texts
California Distance Learning Project, Adult Learning Activities.
LINK http://www.cdponline.org

CSAL, Library of Web-Based Texts.
LINK: http://csal.gsu.edu/content/are-you-teacher

News in Levels (3 levels of readings)
LINK: http://www.newsinlevels.com

World Education. The Change Agent, An Adult Education Magazine for Social Justice,
LINK: http://changeagent.nelrc.org

NBC Universal. Breaking News
LINK: http://www.nbcbnews.com

NEWSELA (CCRS leveled news articles)
LINK: http://www.newsela.com

NDP Group Market Research (Interesting pieces on trends)
LINK: https://www.npd.com/wps/portal/npd/us/home/ or

PEW Research Center
LINK: http://www.pewresearch.org/

USA Learns – Intermediate reading texts.
LINK: http://www.usalearns.org/
Textbooks with Reading and Writing Activities


Videos
Classroom Instruction videos linked to Common Core Standards: https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/

Standards


CASAS Reading Content Standards Correlation with CCR Reading Standards

Webinars


Key Documents and Tools
Academic Wordlist www.uefap.com/vocab/select/awl.htm
Lexile Analyzer https://lexile.com/analyzer/
Readability Scoring (Flesch–Kincaid Reading Ease) https://readability-score.com/
Reading Maturity Metric (Pearson) http://readingmaturity.com/rmm-web/#