

## Inferences

### How to Answer SAT questions on Inferences

Osaka is one of Japan's most exciting cities. It is famous for its street food, friendly people, and busy shopping areas. Many visitors say the food in Osaka is even better than in Tokyo. **Every year, millions of tourists travel to Osaka to try dishes like takoyaki and ramen.**

Which choice best describes what can be inferred from the passage?

- A) Osaka is a quiet city with few tourists.
- B) Food is an important reason why people visit Osaka.
- C) Tokyo has better food than Osaka.
- D) Osaka is not popular with foreign visitors.

**Prove It:** The underlined sentence says tourists travel to Osaka specifically *to try* food. This proves that food is a reason people visit — we can see it directly in the text. If you cannot find the words in the passage that support your answer, it is wrong.

**Answer: B**

### Exercise 1

Q1 **Answer: (B)**

(A) is an opinion/extreme, and (C) is contradicted by the text (it changed immediately).

Q2 **Answer: (A)**

(B) is a trap because "more difficult" is subjective.

Q3 **Answer: (C)**

(B) and (D) require guessing into the future or outside the text, which the SAT heavily punishes.

### Exercise 2

Q1 **Answer: B** — The passage says visitors travel to Osaka specifically to try its food, and that many people think the food is better than in Tokyo. This strongly suggests food is a key reason people choose to visit.

Q2 **Answer: C** — The passage describes both the appeal of entrepreneurship and its dangers. We can infer that the attractive freedom also brings significant risk.

Q3 **Answer: C** — The passage states that jazz influenced pop and rock. We can infer that jazz's impact reached well beyond its own category of music.

Q4 **Answer: C** — The passage presents both the benefits of travel and its costs. We can infer that while travel supports personal growth, it is not without significant trade-offs.

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