Standards Focus

Objectives

Students will
- analyze consumer documents
- use context clues
- edit a business document

Review

Guided Practice

If necessary, use the side annotations to guide students in their reading before they answer the questions.

? Preview

What does the heading of the article indicate about its topic? ***Possible response:*** *the switch to digital television*

? Scan

Scan the article to find the choices that owners of analog TVs must make. ***Possible responses:*** buy a TV with an HDTV tuner, buy a converter box for each TV, or pay for cable or satellite services

Test-Taking Tip

Remind students to read directions carefully. Many test questions contain qualifying words like "best", "least", "always", and "never" that result in careless errors if overlooked.

Informational Skills Review

Analyzing Documents **Directions:** Read the following documents. Then, read and respond to the questions that follow.

All Channels Newsletter

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Going Digital: What's Your IQ on DTV?

"What transition to DTV?" In a recent consumer survey, participants were asked if they had heard of the upcoming switch to digital television (DTV) broadcasting. More than half reported that they had seen, read, or heard no information about the changeover. Yet this major change is scheduled for February 17, 2009.

After that date, digital broadcasting will replace the less efficient analog method. DTV signals will be sent from local transmitters to homes. Analog TVs will no longer receive signals. To continue broadcast service, analog households have three options:

- Buy a TV with an HDTV (high definition television) tuner, which receives programming in several digital formats.
- Buy a converter box for each analog TV in the home. Such devices convert digital signals into analog form.
- Pay for cable or satellite services. Cable and satellite companies provide signal conversion.

Nearly 20 million U.S. households rely on over-the-air television signals, so if they do not make plans beforehand, their TVs will go dark. Given this scenario, an immediate, national educational program is needed. Toward that end, legislation on consumer education has been proposed in the House of Representatives.

Instructions for Using Your New HDTV Cable Converter Box

To view HDTV, follow these steps.
The first includes an important safety precaution:

1. Read all steps before connecting to the power source. DO NOT plug the converter box into the power outlet right away.
2. Connect the cable from the wall into the connector marked CABLE IN on the back of your converter box.
3. Connect the HDTV set to your VCR, following specific diagrams for stereo and nonstereo models. If there is no VCR, connect the set directly to the cable box.
4. Now plug the converter into the wall outlet. Wait until the clock on the converter box shows the correct time.
5. Press POWER on the converter box. Wait until the cable signal loads. This can take up to 10 minutes.
6. Turn to channel 99 for remote control programming. Select "Video Input" to view HDTV programming on the set.

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- Analyze consumer documents.

Resources for Skills and Standards Review

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Differentiating Instruction, below-level Collection Summative Test

Teacher One Stop™, editable Collection Summative Test

Standardized Test Preparation Workbook: English/Language Arts Skills

ThinkCentral Online Assessment, Collection Summative Test

ThinkCentral Online Remediation

Holt Online Essay Scoring