

TOEFL - Bug #2952

Error in question

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Description

In Question 3 of TOEFL Reading Timed Test 2, the highlighted portion referred to in the question is incorrect. A single word, "ingenious," is highlighted in the passage, while the actual text to be highlighted is a whole sentence. The details are accurate in the TOEFL template (The third question in this document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SOa711HWMRTOxbNX-d8UNFBHiWUKxAgdr_-FGfFVIPE/edit) so it is unclear why this issue is occurring on the platform.

There is another recurring issue as well. We have had students complaining that in some questions, an extra option appears as Option A and is marked "undefined". We reported this issue earlier (Bug #2746 and #2895), and it is yet to be resolved.

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Explanation

Detailed Explanation

In this question, we are asked to choose the sentence that best expresses the important information in the highlighted part of the passage.

Let us take a look at the highlighted portion:

"Spallanzani repeated and improved on the experiments of Jurine, and obtaining similar results, concluded that the bats' hearing was an important component of the bats' orientation and obstacle avoidance capabilities, but he could not explain how or why, because the bats appeared to be totally silent"

This is the crux of the highlighted portion. It states that the conclusions made by Spallanzani through the improved experiments of Jurine suggested that bats' hearing played an important role in their orientation and other abilities. However, he could not explain why this was the case because the bats were mute.

We have to choose an option that corresponds to this idea.

Option A aptly captures the idea of the sentence, and hence, is the correct answer.

Option B states that Spallazani was unable to draw any conclusion from his experiments. This is not true, because the sentence clearly states that he did come up with a conclusion, but he could not provide any reasonable explanation. Therefore, this option can be eliminated.

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Select ONE correct answer.

Which of the sentences below best expresses the essential information in the highlighted sentence in the passage? Incorrect choices change the meaning in important ways or leave out essential information.

Paragraph 2 is marked with an arrow →

- A

undefined
- B

Spallanzani made further developments in the experiments of Jurine and confirmed the importance of bats' hearing capability, without being able to provide a reasonable explanation.
- C

Spallanzani couldn't reach a conclusion and failed at the developments he tried to bring to Jurine's

→ Research on animal sonar can be traced back to the work of the Italian scientist Lazzaro Spallanzani in the 1770s. In 1773, Spallanzani observed that bats could fly freely in a dark room where owls were helpless. This observation served as a starting point for a number of ingenious experiments in which Spallanzani studied the orientation capabilities of bats. He was amazed to observe that bats that had been blinded could fly and avoid obstacles as well as those that could see. Spallanzani's experiments inspired Charles Jurine, a Swiss scientist, to conduct a number of experiments in which the ears of bats were plugged with wax. Jurine (1798) found that the bats became helpless and collided with obstacles. Spallanzani repeated and improved on the experiments of Jurine and obtained similar results. He concluded that the bats' hearing was an important component of the bats' orientation and obstacle avoidance capabilities, but he could not explain how or why, because the bats appeared to be totally silent. His findings were ridiculed, rejected, and forgotten for more than a hundred years.

History

- #1 - 06/07/2024 12:22 PM - Sindhuja QA
- Status changed from New to Resolved
 - factor Unclear / Missing / Incorrect product Requirements added

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