

# Smarter Balanced Sample Test Item

Grade 7

ELA



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**Directions.** Share this test item with your parent. Read the passage and write a response to the given prompt. Ask your parent to sign the paper to show that you worked together on this test item.

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A student is writing a report for her English teacher about beneficial relationships between people and animals. Read the draft of the introduction to the report and the directions that follow.

The bond between people and animals has remained strong throughout history. In the past, tamed animals have helped humans with work such as hunting, farming, and transportation. More recently, animals have served people who are blind or have other disabilities. Today, people depend upon animals more for companionship than for work. One important benefit of such companionship for humans with pets is improved health.

The student took these notes from reliable sources:

Taking dog to dog park = chance to be with others

Engaging with others = healthy mind

Researchers studied people, pets more than 25 years

Strong relationship with pet = less stress

Lowering stress = lower blood pressure

Children with pets = fewer allergies to furry animals

Dog owners who walk dogs healthier = walking is good exercise

Taking care of a pet—walking, grooming, playing—helps a person think of others.

Using information from the student's notes, write **one** paragraph developing the idea in the last sentence of the introduction.

**Parent Information.** The Smarter Balanced assessment is an online summative assessment that measures a student's progress toward college/career readiness and is administered at the end of the grade level. This page includes one example of a test item that is found in the **seventh grade** Smarter Balanced Practice test. To experience other test items, visit the Smarter Balanced Practice test website at the following link: <http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test>. **Note:** Some of the topics presented in the practice test may not have been taught in your student's class yet.

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