

Quiz for lesson: Technical writing: What's it all about?

1. In which of the following settings would you NOT find technical writing being used?
 - a. Inside or on the box for a medicine
 - b. In People magazine
 - c. In a scientific journal
 - d. In the prospectus for an investment

2. Which of these is one of the main considerations for planning your technical writing task?
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Clear
 - c. Complete
 - d. Concise

3. Which of the main considerations for technical writing takes into account the reader experience?
 - a. Purpose
 - b. Scope
 - c. Audience
 - d. Considerate

4. What is the most common purpose for technical writing?
 - a. To inform
 - b. To persuade
 - c. To entertain
 - d. All three are equally common

5. Technical writing is similar to other types of writing in that:
 - a. It requires a process of prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing
 - b. The organization is simple and strives for clarity and readability
 - c. The author is an expert
 - d. Language skills don't matter much

6. Technical writing is similar to other types of writing in that:
 - a. It doesn't take very long to accomplish the task
 - b. It requires research about audience, topic, and purpose
 - c. Figures, illustrations, and tables are expected
 - d. There are no set rules, conventions, or style requirements

7. Technical writing is different from other types of writing in that:
 - a. It takes time and effort
 - b. It requires a process of prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing
 - c. The language is free from specialized terms

- d. The audience is technologically savvy in the field of the main topic

- 8. Technical writing is different from other types of writing in that:
 - a. Information is objective, factual, accurate, unambiguous, free from emotion or opinion
 - b. The author is not necessarily a technical expert
 - c. It requires research about audience, topic, and purpose
 - d. It requires strong language skills

- 9. The purpose of technical writing is to entertain.
 - a. True, readers pick up technical writing to enjoy the language
 - b. True, although sometimes the purpose is to inform
 - c. False, technical writing must be boring and cannot be entertaining
 - d. False, certain readers might be entertained while reading it, but the purpose is not to entertain

- 10. Which of these is NOT one of the 8 C's of technical writing?
 - a. Correct
 - b. Complete
 - c. Confusing
 - d. Concise
 - e. Cohesive

Answer key:

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. A
9. D
10. C