

ALL Prose Literacy Sample Item

MEDCO Aspirin

MEDCO ASPIRIN 500

INDICATIONS: Headaches, muscle pains, rheumatic pains, toothaches, earaches. RELIEVES COMMON COLD SYMPTOMS.

DOSAGE: ORAL. 1 or 2 tablets every 6 hours, preferably accompanied by food, for not longer than 7 days. Store in a cool, dry place.

CAUTION: Do not use for gastritis or peptic ulcer. Do not use if taking anticoagulant drugs. Do not use for serious liver illness or bronchial asthma. If taken in large doses and for an extended period, may cause harm to kidneys. Before using this medication for chicken pox or influenza in children, consult with a doctor about Reyes Syndrome, a rare but serious illness. During lactation and pregnancy, consult with a doctor before using this product, especially in the last trimester of pregnancy. If symptoms persist, or in case of an accidental overdose, consult a doctor. Keep out of reach of children.

INGREDIENTS: Each tablet contains
500 mg acetylsalicylic acid.
Excipient c.b.p. 1 tablet.
Reg. No. 88246



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Question 1:

What is the maximum number of days you should take this medicine?

Correct Response

- Seven or 7.

Question 2:

List three situations for which you should consult a doctor.

Correct Response

- Mentions at least THREE of the following:
 - (Before giving medication to children with) chicken pox.
 - (Before giving medication to children with) influenza (Reyes syndrome).
 - (During) lactation.
 - (During) pregnancy.
 - If symptoms persist.
 - (Accidental) overdose.

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Clock Radio

RATINGS



Clock radios

Listed by types; within types, listed in order of overall score. Differences in score of 4 points or less were not deemed significant.

1 Brand and model. If you can't find a model, call the company. Phone numbers are listed on page 736.

2 Price. The manufacturer's suggested or approximate retail price, followed by the average advertised price.

3 Dimensions. To the nearest centimeter.

4 Overall score. A composite, encompassing all our tests and judgments. A "perfect" radio would have earned 100 points.

5 Convenience. This composite judgment reflects such things as the legibility of the display, the ease of tuning the radio and setting the alarm, and the presence or absence of useful features.

6 Performance. An overall judgment reflecting performance in our tests of: sensitivity and selectivity; tuning ease; capture ratio, the ability to bring in the stronger of two stations on the same frequency; image rejection, the ability to ignore signals from just above the band, resistance to interference from signals bouncing off aircraft and such.

7 Sensitivity. How well each radio received a station with little interference.

8 Selectivity. How well each radio received clearly a weak station next to a strong one on the dial.

9 Tone quality. Based mainly on computer analysis of the speaker's output and on listening tests, using music from CDs. No model produced high-fidelity sound.

10 Reversible time-setting. This useful feature makes setting clock and alarm times easy. If you overshoot the desired setting, you simply back up.

11 Dual alarm. Lets you set two separate wake-up times.

1 Brand and model	2 Price	3 Dimensions HxWxD, cm	4 Overall Score	5 Convenience	6 Performance	7 Sensitivity	8 Selectivity	9 Tone quality	10 Reversible time-setting	11 Dual alarm	Warranty/months	Advantages	Disadvantages	Comments
Full-featured clock radios														
RCA RP-3690	\$50/\$40	8x25x18	86	●	●	●	●	●	✓	✓	12	A,B,D,H,J,L,O,T,U	A	
Sony ICF-C303	50/45	5x20x15	84	●	●	●	○	●	✓	✓	12	C,E,F,I,N,T	C	
Panasonic RC-X220	50/45	10x28x13	82	●	●	●	○	✓	✓	✓	12	A,G,K,M,O,S,T,U	b,c	A
Realistic 272	50/30	5x28x15	79	●	○	●	●	✓	✓	✓	3	A,G,H,K,O,T	D	
Magnavox AJ3900	65/—	15x38x13	78	○	●	●	●	—	✓	✓	3	D,G,K,M,O,R,T	b,g	B
Emerson AK2745	39/20	8x28x15	70	○	●	●	○	✓	✓	✓	3	G,O	g	K
Soundesign 3753	20/20	8x23x13	62	○	●	●	○	✓	✓	✓	3	J,Q	d,h	J
Basic clock radios														
Realistic 263	28/18	10x20x10	74	○	●	●	○	—	—	—	3	A,D,H,O,P,U	h	—
Soundesign 3622	12/10	5x20x13	68	●	●	●	●	—	—	—	3	U	d	L
Panasonic RC-6064	18/15	5x20x13	67	●	●	●	○	—	—	—	12	—	b,c	—
General Electric 7-4612	13/10	5x20x13	66	●	○	●	○	—	—	—	12	A,D	a,g	—
Lloyds CR001	20/15	5x18x13	64	●	○	●	○	—	—	—	3	U	—	—
Sony ICF-C240	15/13	5x18x15	63	●	○	○	○	—	—	—	12	—	f,g	—
Emerson AK2720	19/10	5x20x13	61	●	○	●	○	—	—	—	3	O,T	e	K
Gran Prix D507	15/10	5x18x10	54	●	●	○	●	—	—	—	3	—	d	—
Clock radios with cassette player														
General Electric 7-4965	60/50	10x30x15	85	●	●	●	●	✓	✓	✓	12	A,D,G,H,K,O,S,T	—	B,E
Panasonic RC-X250	[1]	10x33x13	76	●	○	○	●	✓	✓	✓	12	A,G,K,O,R,U	b,c	A,H
Sony ICF-CS650	75/65	15x28x15	74	○	●	●	○	✓	✓	✓	12	G,R,T,U	c,f,i	A,F,H
Soundesign 3844MGY	40/30	13x30x13	62	○	●	●	●	—	—	—	3	G,K,J,S,U	—	F,G,I,M

[1] Discontinued. Replaced by RC-X260, \$79 list and \$60 average advertised sale price.

Features in Common

All: • Permit snooze time of about 8 min. • Retain time settings during short power failures. Except as noted, all have: • Battery backup for clock and alarm memory. • Red display digits 1 cm. high. • Sleep-time radio play for up to 60 min. before automatic shutdown. • Switch to reset alarm.

Keys to Advantages

A—Alarm works despite power failure.
B—Shows actual time plus up to 2 alarm times.
C—Twin alarms settable for 2 different stations.
D—Tone alarm has adjustable volume control.
E—Memory needs no battery.
F—Digital tuner with presettable stations.
G—Tuner can receive in stereo.
H—Battery-strength indicator.
I—Illuminated tuning dial.
J—Illuminated tuning pointer.

K—Earphone jack.

L—Nap timer.

M—Audio input for tape deck or CD player.

N—Display can show date and time.

O—Display has high/low brightness switch.

P—Display has larger digits than most.

Q—Night light—adjusts for room light.

R—Bass-boost tone control.

S—Treble-cut tone control.

T—Better than most in tuning ease.

U—Better than most in image rejection.

Key to Disadvantages

a—Possible to reset time by accident.
b—Controls for time-setting or dimmer inconveniently located on radio's bottom or rear.
c—Display dimmer than most in brightly lit room.
d—Radio volume must be turned completely down for alarm buzzer to sound.

e—Lacks alarm buzzer; radio is sole alarm.

f—Lacks indication alarm is set.

g—Lacks alarm-reset button.

h—Time-setting lacks fast reverse.

i—No slow forward, fast reverse for time setting.

Key to Comments

A—Display shows green digits.
B—Display shows blue digits.
C—Display uses LCD (liquid crystal) digits.
D—Terminals for external antenna.
E—3-position graphic equalizer.
F—Cassette player lacks Record function.
G—Cassette player lacks Rewind function.
H—Model permits wake-up to cassette play.
I—Cassette-deck flutter worse than most.
J—Warranty repairs cost \$3 for handling.
K—Warranty repairs cost \$3.50 for handling.
L—Warranty repairs cost \$6 for handling.
M—Warranty repairs cost \$10 for handling.

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Question 1:

Which full-featured clock radio is rated highest on performance?

Correct Response

- Magnavox and/or AJ3900.

Question 2:

What two features are not on any basic clock radio?

Correct Response

- Mentions BOTH of the following:
 - 10 and/or Reversible time setting.
 - 11 and/or Dual Alarm.

(Accept either feature name or feature number.)

Question 3:

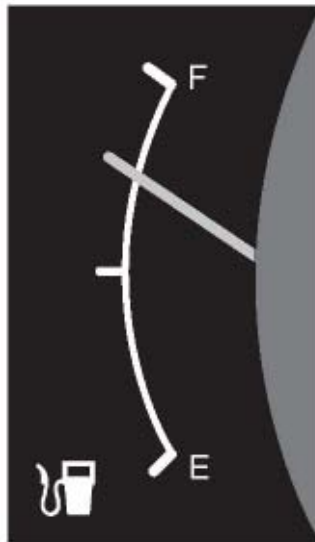
What is the average advertised price for the basic clock radio receiving the highest overall score?

Correct Response

- (\$18 or (\$18.00.

ALL Numeracy Literacy Sample Item

Gas Gauge



Question 1:

The gas tank in this truck holds 48 gallons.

About how many gallons of gas remain in the tank?

Assume the gas gauge is accurate.

Correct Response

- Any answer that falls in the range of 33 to 39 (gallons) (about or approximately).