

ELA.06.SR.2.08.044 C2 T8

Sample Item ID:	ELA.06.SR.2.08.044
Grade/Model:	06/3
Claim:	2. Students can produce effective writing for a range of purpose and audiences.
Assessment Target(s):	8. LANGUAGE & VOCABULARY USE: Strategically use precise language and vocabulary (including academic words, domain-specific vocabulary, and figurative language) and style appropriate to the purpose and audience when revising or composing texts
Secondary Target(s):	n/a
Standard(s):	W-2d, W-3d, L-3a, L-6
DOK:	1, 2
Difficulty:	M
Item Type:	Selected Response
Score Points:	1
Key:	C
Stimulus/Passage(s):	See below
Stimulus/Text Complexity:	
Acknowledgement(s):	Testing Contractor
Item/Task Notes:	
How this task contributes to the sufficient evidence for this claim:	In order to respond to the prompt, students must select a more precise alternative to a vague word that has been highlighted in the stimulus text.
Target-Specific Attributes (e.g., accessibility issues):	Students will be required to manipulate a mouse and/or computer keyboard, and to read a grade-level text. Alternative formats and/or support may be required for visually- or physically-impaired students.

Stimulus Text:

The following is a paragraph from an informational essay about chewing gum. Read the paragraph, and then answer the question that follows.

Everyone knows how hard it is to get gum off your shoe when you step on it, and cities face the same problem with sidewalks. Chewing gum that people throw on the ground has become a serious problem for many towns and cities. One way to remove this gum is to chill it so it is easier to peel away. Another way to get rid of it is to put some oil on it to make it softer and easier to remove. But none of these **things** is perfect.

Item Stem:

Which word is the clearest and most specific substitute for “things”?

Options:

- A. efforts
- B. issues
- C. methods
- D. offers

Distractor Analysis:

- A. Incorrect: the word “efforts” does not adequately characterize the two techniques for removing chewing gum that are being referred to in the sentence.
- B. Incorrect: the word “issues” is vague, and does not accurately describe the techniques for removing chewing gum.
- C. Correct: the word “methods” is the best choice because it corresponds directly to the chewing gum removal techniques described in the previous sentence.
- D. Incorrect: the word “offers,” meaning “bids,” or “proposals,” does not appropriately describe the chewing gum removal techniques being referred to.