

# Strategy 4: Evaluating Questions

## STRATEGY 4: PRACTISE

**Compare** your observations with a student's. You will notice that only questions 2 and 4 are evaluation questions.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The effect of television on the boy's development is **most appropriately** described as

"most appropriately" tells me that the there will be more than one possible answer, but one will be more "appropriate" than the other. With no reference to specific lines, I have to consider the whole poem.

- A. exciting
- B. enriching
- C. paralyzing
- D. patronizing

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The use of **metaphor** to illustrate the long-term effect of television on the boy is **most dramatically** conveyed in which of the following lines?

"most dramatically" suggests that the answer will have dramatic phrasing to make the effect seem like a big deal. All the alternatives have line numbers, so I have to read each of them closely to make sure they illustrate the long-term effect and contain a metaphor.

- A. "his parents plugged/his umbilical cord/into a living room outlet/and sat him in a corner" (lines 3–6)
- B. "They didn't worry,/for in their hectic days,/they needed their child to be/the way he was" (lines 27–30)
- C. "From the first minute of silence,/the boy missed television" (lines 39–40)
- D. "His mind was a scrapbook/of images that did not connect,/his present was simply/where he was now, and/his future was/empty of possibilities" (lines 54–59)