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Based on the details in “Expiration Dates,” what is the main reason that “the clock starts ticking faster” after you open a package of food?

- (A) Some bacteria cause disease but have no noticeable effect on the food.
- (B) Opening the package puts the food into the bacterial “danger zone.”
- (C) Opening the package lets in bacteria and mold.
- (D) To open the package, you must take it out of the refrigerator.

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Why does the author of “Expiration Dates” say that you might not be able to see the bacteria that could make you sick or kill you?

- (A) To get readers to look more closely at their food
- (B) To scare readers into handling their food the right way
- (C) To describe the warning signs that will tell you the bacteria is there
- (D) To entertain readers with funny stories about expiration dates

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How is the information organized in the “Taste Versus Tragedy” section of “Expiration Dates”?

- (A) By cause and effect
- (B) By sequence
- (C) By time
- (D) By similarities and differences

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Which of the four dates described in “Getting the Most from Your Food” is the *least* important in knowing when to throw out your food?

- (A) Packed
- (B) Expires
- (C) Sell by
- (D) Use by



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Choose a text feature of “Getting the Most from Your Food.” Explain how that text feature helps the reader to understand the article. Use details from the passage to support your explanation.

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Explain why expiration dates are used even though they are not exact. Use details from both passages to support your answer.

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