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Bubble Burst!

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Now there's a bubble gum for everyone!

Serious bubble blowers will bubble over with joy when they try our *new* Monster Bubble® gum. It's the official gum of the Tri-State Bubble-Blowing Contest. No artificial flavors or softeners, just serious bubble gum for monstrously big bubbles.

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Casual bubble blowers love our classic Bubble Burst®, now available in 22 wacky flavors. Try *new* Guava Grape, Evergreen Winter, Fizzy Cola, and Jalapeño Holiday!

No matter what kind of bubble you're in the mood for, you can print this coupon for special Summer Savings!

Save \$1

Expires September 15, 2007

On any THREE (3) multipacks of Bubble Burst® or new Monster Bubble®.

Good only in the United States. Only at participating stores. One coupon per purchase. Cash value of this coupon is 1/100 of 1 cent. This coupon is not valid if sold, transferred, or reproduced, and wherever it may be prohibited by law.

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Summer 2007

Three Top Tips for Tip-Top Bubbles

Our Bubble Bulletin investigative reporters spoke to some of the country's top bubble blowers to get their advice on how to blow better bubbles. Here are their three steps to bigger bubbles:

Step 1—Choose your chew

Most modern bubble gums are not made for serious bubble blowing. If you are looking for tasty flavors and easy chewing, choose a gum like Bubble Burst. But the biggest bubbles call for a harder, stickier gum with fewer flavorings, like new Monster Bubble.

Step 2—Mind your mouthful

Don't fill your mouth. Big bubbles do take more gum, but more gum is harder to chew and just gets in the way.

It takes awhile to get your gum ready to blow. Chew the sugar and flavors out, because they can make your bubble prone to popping. Your gum also has to reach the right temperature. If it's too cold, it won't stretch well, but if it's too warm, the bubble won't hold its shape.

While you're at it, move indoors and close the windows: breezes and bubbles don't mix!

Step 3—Blow slow

Slow, even breaths of air are better than lots of fast huffing and puffing. Also, don't pucker up tightly like you would do while whistling. Loose lips allow you to pump instead of pop!



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- 1** In the e-mail "Bubble Burst," which is an example of comparison-and-contrast organization?
- Ⓐ saying that there are 22 different flavors of Bubble Burst
 - Ⓑ saying you can save money with the coupon
 - Ⓒ talking about the differences between Monster Bubble Gum and Bubble Burst
 - Ⓓ saying that Monster Bubble Gum is the official gum of the Tri-State Bubble-Blowing Contest

Skill *Comparison-and-Contrast Organization*

- 2** The reader can most likely conclude that
- Ⓐ it is best to chew two pieces of bubble gum at a time.
 - Ⓑ it is easier to blow bubbles in the winter.
 - Ⓒ new flavors of Bubble Burst are added every year.
 - Ⓓ the Tri-State Bubble-Blowing Contest is held indoors.

Skill *Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions*

- 3** You should chew your bubble gum for awhile before blowing bubbles because
- Ⓐ chewing stretches your jaw muscles.
 - Ⓑ chewing removes the sugar and flavors from the gum.
 - Ⓒ chewing lets you get used to the taste of the gum.
 - Ⓓ chewing lets you use more pieces of gum.

Skill *Cause-and-Effect Organization*

- 4** Which of the following is an opinion expressed in the passages?
- Ⓐ "It's the official gum of the Tri-State Bubble-Blowing Contest."
 - Ⓑ "It takes awhile to get your gum ready to blow."
 - Ⓒ "Casual bubble blowers love our classic Bubble Burst®, now available in 22 wacky flavors."
 - Ⓓ "Big bubbles do take more gum, but more gum is harder to chew."

Skill *Fact and Opinion*

- 5** What should a bubble blower do next after chewing the gum for awhile to get it ready?
- Ⓐ Use slow, even breaths to blow the bubble.
 - Ⓑ Make sure to chew Monster Bubble gum.
 - Ⓒ Print the coupon to save \$1 on the gum.
 - Ⓓ Make sure to have just the right amount of gum.

Skill *Sequence Organization*

- 6** For which bubble-blowing problem is Monster Bubble gum a solution?
- Ⓐ Breezes can interfere with your bubble blowing.
 - Ⓑ Big bubbles need a harder, stickier gum with fewer flavorings.
 - Ⓒ Gum chewers need more and better flavors from which to choose.
 - Ⓓ Big bubbles need more gum, but it's harder to chew more gum—getting the right amount is tricky.

Skill *Problem-and-Solution Organization*

- 7** Do the passages have a bias in favor of using Monster Bubble Gum to blow bubbles? Identify two examples from the passages that support your answer.

Skill *Bias and Exaggeration*