

Text Example 1: Di Tri Berrese

Uans appona taim uas tri berrese: mamma berre, pappa berre, e bebi berre. Live inne contri nire foresta. NAISE AUS. (NO MUGHEGGIA.) Uanne dei pappa, mamma, e beibi go tooda bice, onie, a fughette locche di doore.

Bai enne bai commese Goldilocchese. Sci garra nattinghe tu do batte maiche troble. Sci puscie olle fudde doan di maute; no live cromme. Den sci gos appesterrese enne slipse in olle beddse. LEILEI SLOBBE!

Bai enne bai commese omme di tri berrese, olle sonnebronnde, enne send inne scius. Dei garra no fudde; dei garra no beddse. En ura dei goine do tu Goldilocchese? Tro erre inne strit? Colle Puissemenne? FETTE CIENZE!

Dei uas Italien Berrese, erne dei slippe onna florre.

Goldilocchese stei derre tri uicase; itte aute ausenomme, en guiste bicosse dei eshe erre tu meiche di beddse, sci sei, "No aye," enne runne omme criane to erre mamma, tellen erre aut bade berrese dei uer.

Uatsiuse? Uara iu goine du-go comleine sittiolle?

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Text Example 2:

Literal Findings:



Text Example 3 : The modern Olympics is very unlike the ancient Olympic games. Individual events are different. While there were no swimming races in the ancient games, for example, there were chariot races. There were no female contestants and all athletes competed in the nude. Of course, the ancient and modern Olympics are also alike in many ways. Some events, such as the javelin and discus throws, are the same. Some people say that cheating, professionalism, and nationalism in the modern games are a disgrace to the Olympic tradition. But according to the ancient Greek writers, there were many cases of cheating, nationalism, and professionalism in their Olympics too.

Text Example 4: The Olympic games began as athletic festivals to honor the Greek gods. The most important festival was held in the valley of Olympia to honor Zeus, the king of the gods. It was this festival that became the Olympic games in 776 B.C. These games were ended in A.D. 394 by the Roman Emperor who ruled Greece. No Olympic games were held for more than 1,500 years. Then the modern Olympics began in 1896. Almost 300 male athletes competed in the first modern Olympics. In the games held in 1900, female athletes were allowed to compete. The games have continued every four years since 1896 except during World War II, and they will most likely continue for many years to come.

Text Example 5: The Olympic symbol consists of five interlocking rings. In fact, the rings represent five of the seven continents. Continents such as Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America send athletes to compete in the games. They symbol is considered quite colorful and includes the colors black, blue, green, red, and yellow. At least one of these colors is found in the flag of every country sending athletes to compete in the Olympic games.

Text Example 6

Chemicals in Farming

Least Important Idea(s) and Information

If you had been alive in Canada 150 years ago, you would have probably been living on a farm. Even 50 years ago, over 20 percent of Canadians worked and lived on farms. Today the farm population is about 2.5 percent, feeding a much larger population and producing food exports for the rest of the world.

One reason for this change is mechanization. A farmer with a tractor and other machines can do the work that used to require dozens of farm hands. Another reason is chemicals, which can be used to produce crops with higher yields and less spoilage.

Key Point of this Reading:

Translation of “*Di Tri Berrese*”

The Three Bears

Once upon a time was three bears: mama bear, papa bear, and baby bear. Live in the country near forest. NICE HOUSE. (No mortgage.) One day papa, mama, and baby go to the beach only they forget to lock the door.

By and by comes Goldilocks. She got nothing to do but make trouble. She push all the food down the mouth; no leave crumb. Then she goes upstairs and sleeps in all the beds.

LAZY SLOB!

By and by comes home the three bears, all sun-browned, and sand in shoes. They got no food; they got no beds. What are they going do to Goldilocks? Throw her in the street? Call a policeman?

FAT CHANCE!

They was Italian bears, and they sleep on the floor.

Goldilocks stay there three weeks; eating out of house and home; and just because they asked her to make the beds, she says "No way," and run home crying to her mama, telling her what bad bears they are.

What's the use? What are you going to do-go complain city hall?