

**Annotation Instructions:**

1. Number the paragraphs.
2. Chunk the article.
3. Summarize each chunk using ONE sentence.
4. Circle three unknown/confusing words.
5. Complete the context clues chart.

**“Pokemon Go” points to a world of augmented reality**

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LOS ANGELES, Calif. – Virtual reality is said to be the future of gaming. It can transport gamers to computer-generated settings that look real. These virtual worlds seem real because gamers use high-tech headsets, gloves with sensors or helmets with screens to play with them.

The success of the new smartphone game “Pokemon Go” might mean big things for augmented reality, a similar technology. Augmented (meaning “added to”) reality works by adding a computerized picture to what people see in the real world.

Pokemon is a Japanese brand and cartoon series that became popular in the 1990s. “Pokemon Go” is its newest product. It launched in July. “Pokemon Go” takes place in the player’s own location in the real world. The game makes Pokemon characters pop up on players’ smartphone screens by using their cameras and GPS.

The section is about

**“Pokemon Go” Can Be Played Outside**

Shops, parks and other public spaces around the world have noticed more foot traffic. Gamers are heading out and walking around with their smartphones to play the game. Experts think the popularity of “Pokemon Go” is just one sign that augmented reality will play a huge part in people’s lives.

Some think augmented reality will be even bigger than virtual reality. Virtual reality currently requires people to use headsets and other devices. Augmented reality is simpler. People can blend the real world and the virtual world with only their smartphones. They don’t need other gear to play.

Augmented reality games also let gamers interact with each other. “Pokemon Go” does this by allowing players to compete to catch Pokemon. It also encourages players to step outside and interact with others. That’s only possible because the game takes place on smartphones. An estimated two-thirds of American adults already carry their smartphones with them.

“(The game) taps into the fact that we have our mobile devices on us 24/7 ... and it allows us to use them in new and novel ways,” Scott Steinberg said. He is an expert on trends at a technology consulting company.

“Pokemon Go” can be played in small bits of time. People are already checking their phones many times a day. Now they can play in augmented reality for a few minutes, too. This is unlike playing games on a console or a computer.

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### Interest In Augmented Reality Growing

Now that “Pokemon Go” is so popular, there’s little doubt that gamers can understand augmented reality. And they love it.

Gamers such as Anthony Moreno, 17, have traveled all around the Los Angeles region trying to catch Pokemon. He said he is visiting new places within his own city. “We haven’t been here (before), so it’s going to be a new experience for us,” he said.

“Pokemon Go” could teach people how to use augmented reality. The popular game “Angry Birds” taught people how to swipe on glass touchscreens. Players had to master this skill to be able to make the birds fly on their screens.

In the same way, “Pokemon Go” could help gamers become familiar with augmented reality.

The section is about

### Context Clues - List the confusing word, and predict its meaning based on the clues. Explain your prediction in the final box.

Word	Word	Word
Meaning	Meaning	Meaning
Explanation	Explanation	Explanation



**Multiple Choice Questions: Select the best answer from the choices given.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Based on information in the article, which of these statements is TRUE?

- A. "Pokemon Go" proves that virtual reality is superior to augmented reality.
- B. "Pokemon Go" is helping augmented reality become more popular.
- C. "Pokemon Go" is helping people understand what the Japanese cartoon series is all about.
- D. "Pokemon Go" is the best game available for people's smartphones.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Select the sentence from the section "Pokemon Go Can Be Played Outside" that suggests the game has been a success.

- A. It also encourages players to step outside and interact with others.
- B. Gamers are heading out and walking around with their smartphones to play the game.
- C. Shops, parks and other public spaces around the world have noticed more foot traffic.
- D. An estimated two-thirds of American adults already carry their smartphones with them.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Augmented reality games also let gamers interact with each other. Which phrase from the article helps explain what "interact" means?

- A. to step outside
- b. Games take place
- c. players to compete
- d. Adults already carry