

While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:

- The gray wolf (*Canis lupis*) produces a range of vocalizations, including growls, whines, and barks.
- To show submission, a gray wolf pulls its tail between its legs.
- A raised tail indicates dominance.
- Gray wolves have powerful scent receptors and can perceive odors a mile or more away.
- Observers may mistake some of gray wolves' play behaviors for aggression.

The student wants to **present the importance of body language in gray wolves' communication**. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to achieve this goal?

(A) Gray wolves display a variety of physical and vocal signals when interacting with one another.

(B) The position of *Canis lupis*'s tail and ears can reveal its status relative to other animals in the pack.

(C) Some of the gray wolf's behaviors may appear aggressive to observers but are actually forms of play.

(D) Gray wolves are extremely effective hunters because they can smell prey from far away.

Again, we're going to start by identifying the key phrase that tells us the specific focus. The phrase following the word "emphasize" indicates that the correct answer will focus on gray wolves' body language, so we're going to approach each choice by looking for that information. (D) is obviously way off topic, and (C) doesn't really match either, so we're going to concentrate on (A) and (B).

(A) Gray wolves display a variety of physical and vocal signals when interacting with one another.

Be very careful here. The answer does refer to "physical and vocal signals," but it doesn't provide any actual examples of how gray wolves use their bodies. Furthermore, vocal signals don't count as body language—we're looking for something about how gray wolves move, not about what sounds they make. So (A) is probably wrong, but we'll leave it for now, just in case.

(B) The position of *Canis lupis*'s tail and ears can reveal its status relative to other animals in the pack.

This answer throws a curve ball: rather than refer to the "gray wolf," it uses the term *Canis lupis*. The rest of the answer works, however. The mention of tail and ear position corresponds to the idea of communication through body language. As a result, it is necessary to consult the notes. The first bullet point indicates that *Canis lupis* is the Latin name for the gray wolf, so this answer matches the focus of the question directly. We can thus choose it with confidence. **The bottom line: if an answer is a clear fit but contains a term not used in the question, you should look at the notes and check it out.**