

Example of Student Response – Grade 7 FSA Reading

Score	Comments
4	The response <ul style="list-style-type: none">- is accurate/complete and supported with text based information- may use humour or draw comparisons- is clear and elaborated- successfully integrates specific relevant details- demonstrates a thorough understanding of the passages

1. Consider the alternative fuel concepts presented in “Grassoline” and “Running on Thin Air.” Would Guy Nègre from “Running on Thin Air” appreciate the concepts presented in the “Grassoline” comic strip? Support your opinion using information from **both** the article and the comic strip.

CATS: The Clear Choice ☺

When comparing both of the alternative fuel concepts presented in “Grassoline” and “Running on Thin Air”, I strongly believe that the CATS should go on to further development.

Contrary to the CATS, the grass-powered car from the article “Grassoline” seems way too impractical. As showed in the comic strip, the guy who invented the grass-powered car was required to re-fill his “grass tank” only in the middle of his journey to Detroit. It’s suggested by the words and the images in the “Grassoline” article that the grass runs out fast. It would be quite a bit of work to fetch the grass, put it in, then five minutes later, do that all over again. What a hassle! Meanwhile, The CATS appear to be a better option because not only are they environmentally friendly like the grass-powered car, but also even when one really does need to fill the tank, it only cost a few dollars to do!

In addition, the CATS idea seems way more creative than the grass-powered car. Sure, it may be fascinating how a vehicle can run on grass, but it's nothing compared to the CATS. CATS, which stands for Compressed Air Technology, are autos that run on air. As said in the article "Running on Thin Air", instead of a gas tank, the vehicles use a pressurized air tank much like at the local service station where people might sometimes go to fill their bicycle tires. Less of a hassle, more convenient, and as I said before, relatively inexpensive. The humor in the idea is also quite convincing.

Regular cars have damaged our environment leaving us with a polluted planet, more global warming, and guilt. Now, with the CATS, because of how environmentally friendly they are, we can at least make that guilt go away. It may be true that the grass-powered car is also environmentally friendly. But after picking apart peoples' farms' and upsetting the cows, it just brings back that throb of guilt in one's throat. Not only are the CATS easier to re-fill, and they don't upset anyone! It's a win-win situation!

Those are just some of the reasons why the CATS are the clear choice.

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3	The response <ul style="list-style-type: none">- demonstrates a clear understanding of the passages and the task- straightforward, concrete ideas; may include some speculation, generalizations or humour- includes details with some elaboration- is generally purposeful and coherent

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In each story, Grassoline, by Tom LaBatt and Running on Thin Air, by Dave Brian Butvill, a character invents a new way for powering cars. Although Nestor, from Grassoline may have a good idea about grass power there are many problems with it. If all of the cars on the road were powered by grass, it may become a rare plant. If grass powered cars, you would never see a field again in your life. The cows would start dying and many food chains will be affected.

Running on ^{thin} Air however shows a much better idea. Cars running on

air, I can see way more than on
grass. The air will be used over and
over and it will never run out. Running
on thin air is an article as well so it
is actually possible. The cat would, in
the end be a lot more efficient than a
grass powered car.

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2	The response - is partially accurate - demonstrates an understanding of the gist of the passages and task - includes minimal relevant elaboration

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(4 marks)

My opinion would be the air car concept being a better idea of the grass car concept. One of my reasons are that the CATS would be available in 4 types of designs instead of one that the grass car would have. Another reason is that the grass car would still exhaust waste while the air car would not exhaust any waste at all. My final reason is that the CATS would be produced by 50 other car companies, not just MDI. In conclusion, I think that the CATS air concept would be much more useful than the grass car.

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1	The response - is incomplete - demonstrates limited comprehension - has no integration or interpretation from either passage

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I think this is about saving the planet because in the comic the guy put grass in a tank. And wanted to ~~design~~ start making cars that don't need gas because he wants to save the environment and trees. They don't want gasoline they want carbon dioxide that makes them happy. Grassoline seems nice/cool...