

Stylistics Quiz 7

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A (1) The lung structure can be likened to a bunch of grapes, where each grape is an alveolus, the stalks are the bronchi and bronchioles; the exchange of gases occurs through the skin of each grape. (2) Each alveolus is extremely tiny, but because of the immense number present they comprise an area of about 90 m², which is the size of half a tennis court. (3) The alveoli are thin-walled spaces surrounded by a network of tiny blood vessels - capillaries. (4) The walls of the air sacs and the capillaries are so thin that oxygen and carbon dioxide can easily pass through.

B (5) The lungs are covered by a smooth glistening membrane called the pleura, which turns back at the root of each lung and covers the inner surface of the chest wall. (6) Normally the two layers of the pleura are closely applied to each other and the lung moves with the chest wall during breathing. (7) The lungs are stretched or expanded against the resistance of the elastic fibres which ramify throughout the structure. (8) The added stretch during inspiration causes a small decrease of intrapleural pressure of about 3 mm of mercury which pulls air into the lungs from outside.

1. What is the overall pattern of organization of paragraph A.

2. What is the overall pattern of organization of paragraph B.

