Activity R9B: Filling in a Summary Chart

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

Materials Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL iBT® Test iBT®. 3E Activity Sheet R9B on page A 178

The purpose of this activity is to reinforce the information in **Reading Skill 9:** SELECT SUMMARY INFORMATION.

Before class:

Prepare handouts of **Activity Sheet R9B** on page A 178. You will need one handout for each student.

In class:

- 1. Put students in groups of 3–4 and give each student a handout.
- 2. Have the groups read the passages and create a summary chart for each of the passages.
- 3. Ask the groups to share their summary charts with other groups by drawing them on the board or on large pieces of paper posted around the room.
- 4. Have the class as a whole discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the summary charts.

Possible answers

PASSAGE A: Superglue

There are varied uses for superglue.

- to create strong bonds
- to seal wounds (doctors)
- to check for fingerprints (detectives)

PASSAGE B: Lightning

There are many misconceptions about lightning.

• occurs only during thunderstorms

- never strikes the same place twice
- always strikes the tallest object

PASSAGE C: Hyperpolyglots

Some results of studies on hyperpolyglots are surprising.

- they have native proficiency in only seven to ten languages
- they do not necessarily have high intelligence
- their brains have a different structure than the brains of monolingual speakers