

## Do your students know about **HOT TEXT**?

Online testing with **PARCC** will most likely include questions which contain **HOT TEXT**. With **HOT TEXT**, the potential answers to the question are identified in a passage. To correctly answer the question, a student must click on the **HOT TEXT** which best answers the question. Below is an example of a question utilizing **HOT TEXT**. The **HOT TEXT** in this example is **blue** (on a test, it could be shown as a hyperlink, italicized text, or in a different color—this example of **HOT TEXT** is inactive, clicking will not take you anywhere—it is just meant to show you an example of what **HOT TEXT** will look like.)

**Directions:** Select the correct text in the passage.

Which sentence in the passage **most** appeals to the sense of hearing?

### *Library Adventure*

*By Tirzah Tyler*

*Two weeks ago, I walked to the public library. The librarian rang out in a cheerful voice that she would be happy to help me find a book. I told her respectfully that I wanted a book that had as many facts as possible. She walked with me to the science section, where the odor of dust and mold filled the air. I held my nose and asked her politely if she knew of any interesting books in the history section. She nodded, and I followed her across the library, past the computer lab, near the elevators. She helped me pick out a history book that was 700 pages long. After I checked out the book, my walk home took twice as long as usual. My arms and hands ached from carrying the large and heavy book. However, I had fun reading it.*

In the example above, the text displayed in **BLUE** is considered **HOT TEXT**. In order to correctly answer the question: Which sentence in the passage **most** appeals to the sense of hearing? The student would need to click to select the first instance of **HOT TEXT** in the passage which answers the question. In this example, the correct answer is the first instance of **HOT TEXT**: *The librarian rang out in a cheerful*

*voice that she would be happy to help me find a book.* **With online testing,** clicking to select the correct instance is the only way to respond to this question.

**Help your students prepare for PARCC testing. Show them this example of HOT TEXT. For questions about PARCC and to view more sample questions, visit: <http://www.parcconline.org/>.**