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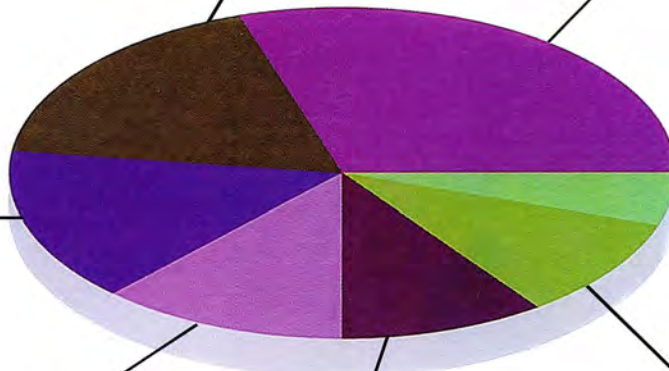


Money and Budgets

UNIT
4



My Monthly Budget



Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 What do you spend money on? How much do you spend each month on the things in the pictures?
- 2 What do you wish you could spend less on?
- 3 What are some good ways to be careful with money?

Before You Read

Paying for College

- A** Look at the expenses on the Student Budget Worksheet below. How much do students in your country pay for these things? What other expenses do students have?

STUDENT BUDGET WORKSHEET (one year)

Expenses ¹		Income ²	
Tuition ³	\$ 18,000	Money from parents	\$ 20,000
Books and supplies	\$ 900	Part-time ⁵ work	\$ 5,700
Housing and food	\$ 4,010		
Phone, cable TV, Internet	\$ 640	Total Income	\$ 25,700
Clothing	\$ 800		
Entertainment ⁴ and personal	\$ 1,220		
Transportation	\$ 1,460		
Other	\$ 500		
Total Expenses	\$ 27,530		

¹ **Expenses** are things you spend money on

² **Income** is money that comes to you

³ **Tuition** is money used to pay for teaching

⁴ **Entertainment** refers to things you do for fun

⁵ **Part-time** work is less than 35–40 hours a week.

- B** Look at the Income section of the worksheet. What are other ways students get money? Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Skimming for Main Ideas

We skim to get the main idea or ideas of the passage. When we *skim* we read over the text quickly. We don't need to read every word or look up words we do not understand. We do notice key words that are repeated.

- A** Skim the article on the next page. Read only the title, the first paragraph, the first sentence of the middle paragraphs, and the last paragraph. Don't worry about words you don't know. Then answer the following questions.

- What kind of people would be interested in reading this article?

- Where would you see this article? _____
- The main idea of this passage is _____.
 - the high cost of a university education
 - how to pay for a university education
 - living on a student budget

- B** Now read the entire article carefully. Then answer the questions on page 52.



A Student Budget

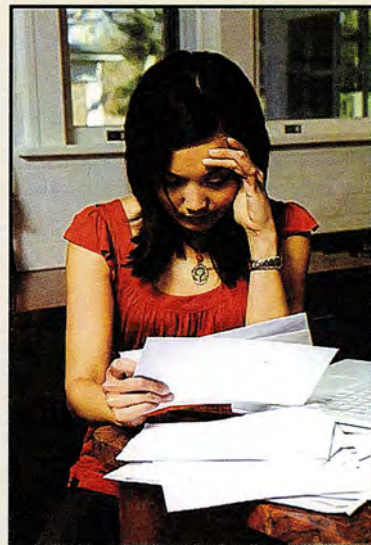
College is an exciting time to learn and to make friends that will last a lifetime. Many students do not like to **worry** about money, and would rather not think about it. However, it doesn't matter whether a student's parents pay for everything, or whether the student works part-time to help pay for his or her **education**. All students can get into money trouble if they're not careful.

The cost of a college education can be high. In English-speaking countries, the **average cost per** student per year can be well over US\$15,000. Students must also pay for books, paper, pens, etc. These can cost \$500 to \$1,000 per year. Students must also pay thousands more per year for room and board.¹ Add money for clothes, travel, and other **personal** expenses, and the average cost of one year at university can be \$20,000 to \$30,000, or more.

So, students need to spend their money carefully. At most universities, councillors² can give students **advice** on how to budget their money.

This is what they suggest: At the start of a school semester, write down your income—for example, money you will get from your family or from a part-time job. Then, **list** all of your expenses. Put your expenses into two groups: those that change (food, phone, books, travel), and those that will stay the same (tuition, room and board). Add together all of your expenses. Are they more than your income? Will you need to **borrow** from family or friends, or will you need to get more money by doing part-time work? Often, students find it is easier to plan out their own budget, and save their own money, rather than trying to borrow from others.

As you can see, there's more to learn at college than just what's taught in the classroom!



¹ **Room and board** is the cost of a place to stay and eat meals.

² **Councillors** are people who offer helpful ideas to others.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- According to the passage, what do many students think very little about?
a studying b parents c money
- Students pay about _____ for books and other things they will need in class.
a \$500 to \$1,000 per year b \$10,000 per year c \$20,000 per year
- On a list of expenses, advisors say that the cost of food and tuition should be _____.
a grouped together b in different groups c left out
- The cost of _____ is NOT a personal expense.
a clothes b travel c room and board

B Read the sentences below. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 All students can get into money trouble.		
2 Most universities have advisors who can help students to budget their money.		
3 Students must borrow money if their expenses are more than their income.		
4 Costs for clothing and travel should be part of a student's budget.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- What are some ways that students can get into money trouble?
- Do you think it is hard to have a part-time job while studying? Why, or why not?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

A Match each word with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1 _____ per | a about one person, not everyone |
| 2 _____ education | b to think about things you are afraid of |
| 3 _____ list | c helpful ideas you get from someone |
| 4 _____ borrow | d usual, normal |
| 5 _____ worry | e to write down a series of items in a column |
| 6 _____ average | f for each or every |
| 7 _____ personal | g learning |
| 8 _____ advice | h to ask someone to give you something that you will give back later |

B Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words from A.

- 1 My friend _____ \$50 from me three weeks ago, but he hasn't returned the money. I'm really starting to _____ that he won't pay me back.
- 2 Sometimes it's easier to get a good job if you got your _____ at a good university. I went to one that was just _____. It's not the best, but isn't so bad.
- 3 It's important to listen to the _____ that older people give you if you want to improve.
- 4 Membership to the club is about \$100 _____ year.

A Match each word in the box with its opposite.

expense inhale exclude import introverted

- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 export _____ | 4 include _____ |
| 2 exhale _____ | 5 extroverted _____ |
| 3 income _____ | |

B Write the words from A next to the correct definition.

- 1 _____ to bring things into a country
- 2 _____ to breathe in
- 3 _____ to leave out
- 4 _____ money that you make
- 5 _____ shy, quiet

C Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words from A.

- 1 It is harmful to _____ cigarette smoke.
- 2 The lunches that our school serves _____ many healthy foods, such as fruits and salads.
- 3 Taking a vacation abroad was a very big _____. I could hardly pay for it.
- 4 Hailey isn't shy at all. She's quite _____, and is always talking.
- 5 Many supermarkets sell food that is _____ from all over the world.

Vocabulary Skill

The Prefixes *in-* and *ex-*

The prefixes *in-* (or *im-*) and *ex-* can often have opposite meanings. *In-* and *im-* often mean *inside* or *into* while *ex-* often means *out* or *away*. For example, *internal* relates to things on the inside, while *external* relates to things on the outside. Note that the *in-/im-* and *ex-* forms of the words may be different.

You can achieve great things! As you complete this unit, think about how achieving your goals here will help you achieve your overall goals for learning English.

Before You Read

Money Quiz

A Answer the following questions.

- 1 How often do you think about money?
a all the time b sometimes c never
- 2 Are you careful with your money?
a Yes, I always keep track of how much I spend.
b Sometimes, it depends on how I feel.
c No, I usually spend when I feel like it.
- 3 How often do you save money?
a every month b sometimes c never
- 4 Do you check prices at more than one store before buying something?
a No, it takes too much time. I just buy what I need whatever the price.
b I sometimes go to other stores if the price seems high.
c I always check prices in more than one store.
- 5 If I had \$1000, I would _____.
a save most of it
b spend some and save the rest
c spend it all on gifts and things I want

B Discuss your answers with a partner. How good are you with money?

Reading Skill

Identifying Supporting Details

When we identify supporting details, we read carefully for the details that support a main point. Paragraphs are often organized around a main point in the first sentence, and the details that support this point follow in the paragraph. In this passage, Lisa gives details that support her answers to Young Min's questions.

A Scan up to line 20 of the passage on the next page. Write two details to support the idea that Lisa doesn't have much money for fun.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

B How can Lisa save money? Write down your ideas.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

C Read the last paragraph of the passage. Were your ideas in B the same as Lisa's? Discuss with a partner.

D Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 56.



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My Money

In this week's *Students Around the World*, Min Young Kim interviews an American university student, Lisa Conroy. They talk about living on a student budget.

Min Young: Thanks for talking with me today, Lisa. Tell us
5 a little about yourself.

Lisa: Well, I'm 21, and I'm a junior¹ at a university in Chicago.

Min Young: How are you paying for your college education?

10 **Lisa:** My expenses for every semester² are almost \$15,000. At the start of each semester, I get \$2,000 from my college scholarship. My parents pay the rest of the \$10,000 tuition, and they give me \$2,000 for personal expenses. I have to pay the remaining \$3,000 myself.

15 **Min Young:** How do you do that?

Lisa: I have a part-time job as a waitress. I work three nights a week, and I usually **earn** about \$400 a week. In a good week I can make \$600, but in a bad week it can be less than \$300.

Min Young: How do you spend that money?

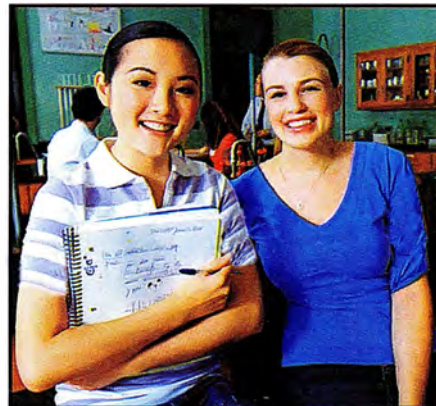
20 **Lisa:** It helps to pay for my **rent** and meals at college. It also pays for things like my cell phone, books, **transportation**, and clothes.

Min Young: You don't have much money for fun, do you?

25 **Lisa:** That's true! My mother advised me to **stick to** my budget carefully so I don't have to borrow. I don't like to **owe** money. And I don't want to pay the bank any **interest**. I hardly ever go to the movies. My roommates and I usually rent movies and **split** the cost. And, I don't go to restaurants very often. My roommates and I usually cook our own food, so it's cheaper to eat.

Min Young: How else do you save money?

30 **Lisa:** I try to walk or ride my bicycle to college. Oh, and I buy a lot of my clothes at **second-hand** stores. You can find some very cheap, nice clothes in those stores. I also try to borrow books and magazines from the library, rather than buying them on my own. My roommates and I are also very careful to save water and electricity, so we don't have to pay a lot for those things.



¹ In four-year university programs in America, a first-year student is called a *freshman*, a second-year student is called a *sophomore*, a third-year student is called a *junior*, and a fourth-year student is called a *senior*.

² A **semester** is part of the school year, usually half.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- Lisa's expenses every semester are almost _____.
a \$2,000 b \$10,000 c \$15,000
- Lisa has a part-time job at a _____.
a restaurant b theater c hotel
- Lisa tries to stick to a budget so she doesn't have to _____.
a buy cheap clothes b ride her bicycle c borrow money
- Which does Lisa NOT do to save money?
a She shares food with her roommates.
b She borrows or buys things second-hand.
c She tries not to use too much water or electricity.

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 Lisa is interviewing Min Young.		
2 Lisa's money comes from her parents.		
3 Lisa doesn't like to owe people money.		
4 Lisa usually buys clothes from second-hand stores.		

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- What kind of person do you think Lisa is? Is she similar to you or different from you?
- Do you buy your clothes in second-hand stores? What other things can students buy second-hand to save money?

Critical Thinking

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete each statement with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- If you **earn** money, you _____.
a work for it b receive it as a gift
- I **owe** Alex some money. I have to _____.
a pay him back b remind him to pay me
- If you pay **rent** for something, it _____ belong to you.
a does b does not

Think positively! Language learners who think positive thoughts are able to stay motivated longer. Think about five things you do well as a learner when you face a challenge in this unit.

- 4 When you **split** the cost of something with a friend, _____.
a your friend pays b you both pay
- 5 If you borrow \$100 from the bank and must pay **interest**, you will return _____ in all.
a more than \$100 b less than \$100
- 6 For **transportation** I can choose between _____.
a the bus or the subway b the cafeteria or a restaurant
- 7 Melissa and Joan really **stick to** their budgets, so they _____.
a don't have much money for fun
b can spend as much as they want
- 8 Which of these can you buy from a **second-hand** store?
a a computer b food

B Complete the following sentences with the words in **blue** from **A**.
You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 I _____ \$200 a week from my part-time job.
- 2 It's important that I _____ my plan and not give up.
- 3 Most students use public _____, such as the subway.
- 4 Every month, my housemates and I pay the _____ together.
- 5 I _____ the cost of his birthday present with a few people.
- 6 Many people borrow money to pay for their university education, and they often still _____ money to the bank many years later.

A The words in the box are all used to talk about money. Some are used to talk about money coming in to you (**I**); others are used to talk about money going out (**O**). Write **I** or **O** next to the correct word.

1 expense ____	2 borrow ____	3 income ____	4 earn ____
5 buy ____	6 lend ____	7 owe ____	
8 rent ____	9 pay ____	10 spend ____	

B Complete the sentences below with the words from **A**.

- 1 My brother wants me to _____ him some money.
- 2 How much did you _____ for that T-shirt?
- 3 I think we have to _____ an air conditioner. The temperature hit 38 degrees today.
- 4 I recently got a part-time job, so my monthly _____ has gone up.
- 5 How much do you usually _____ each month on food?

Vocabulary Skill

Organizing Vocabulary:
Words Relating to Money

When you learn new vocabulary, it can help you to think about other words that are used to talk about the same topic. We can divide these words into groups to help us remember them better.

Real Life Skill

Creating a Personal Budget

A personal budget can help you spend your money more carefully. But most people don't create a personal budget because they think it is difficult. Actually, creating a personal budget can be quite simple and fun. With a little practice, anyone can improve their budgeting skills.

A Create a personal monthly budget. Follow the steps below.

Step 1: Write your income for one month.

Monthly Income:	\$ 1,500
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Step 2: Write down all the expenses that you have each month. Think about how much you spend each month on them. Write down how much you spend on each and add the numbers.

Rent	\$ 800
Food	\$ 200
Transport	\$ 100
Heat & Electricity	\$ 50
Necessary Expenses	\$ 1,150

Step 3: Now write down how much you spend on other things. Add the numbers.

Restaurants	\$ 150
Movies	\$ 60
Music CDs	\$ 100
Other Expenses	\$ 310

Step 4: Add all your expenses together and subtract them from your income. Then you'll see how much extra money you have every month.

Income	\$ 1,500
Expenses	\$ 1,460
Extra Money!	\$ 40

B Internet Challenge: Use the search words *student*, *budget*, and *worksheet* to find student budget worksheets online. Use your dictionary to look up words you don't know. Print out or copy the worksheet and share it with a group of classmates.

What do you think?

- 1 What are some ways that parents can teach their children to spend money carefully?
- 2 What are some popular ways for students to make extra money?
- 3 If you have extra money at the end of the month, what would you do with it?

Our Modern Lifestyle **5**



Cell Phones

Agree Disagree

- 1 It makes me angry when people talk loudly on their cell phones in public places. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 2 People shouldn't drive and talk on a cell phone at the same time. It's really dangerous. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 3 I'm afraid I'll lose my cell phone with all my information inside. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 4 People shouldn't use their cell phones at the dining table. I think it's very rude. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 5 Your idea: _____



The Internet

Agree Disagree

- 1 People shouldn't try to get music from the Internet without paying for it. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 2 I don't buy things on the Internet because I'm afraid people will steal my information. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 3 It worries me that people are watching me when I email or use the Internet. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 4 People shouldn't put other people's information or pictures online without asking them first. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
- 5 Your idea: _____

Getting Ready

A Think about answers to the following questions.

- 1 Look at the technology concerns above. Check (✓) Whether you agree or disagree with each one.
- 2 Write one more concern about cell phones and one about the Internet.

B Discuss your answers with a partner. Do you have the same kind of concerns?

Before You Read

Using Cell Phones

A Think about answers to the following questions.

- 1 Is it okay to use a cell phone in these places? Why, or why not?
- 2 *Etiquette* refers to a set of rules for polite behavior, which can be official or unofficial. What do you think the rules of etiquette should be for using cell phones in a classroom?

B Discuss your answers with a partner.**Reading Skill**

Identifying Transition Words

It is very important to know about transition words and how they show the relationship between ideas. A good understanding of transition words can improve your understanding and reading speed.

A Scan the letter on the next page to find the transition words or phrases in the box. Circle them in the letter.

likewise	in fact	additionally	that's why
furthermore	for instance	on the other hand	

B Write the transition word or phrase next to their use. Some may have more than one use.

- 1 to show a result that's why
- 2 to give more information _____
- 3 to show that something is the same _____
- 4 to show that something is different _____
- 5 to give examples _____

C Read the entire letter carefully. Then answer the questions on page 62.



Cell Phone Etiquette



Dear *Sunday Globe*,

I am writing to you about your article in last Sunday's newspaper, "Cell Phones Make Life Easier." You did an excellent job explaining the good points of cell phones: they're **convenient**, we feel safer always being able to call someone, and they are very helpful in business. On the other hand, you didn't talk about their bad points at all. I hope you'll let me give your readers some advice on cell phone etiquette.

The first point I'd like to **address** is when not to use your phone. It's polite to switch off your phone or turn off the sound when you're in class or in a meeting. If you get an important call, you should ask for permission to leave the room and then don't talk for too long. Furthermore, for conversations that need more time, it is best to ask the person to call back at a more convenient time.



Cell phones can also cause you to neglect¹ the people you are with. I find it really **annoying** when my friends **constantly** check their messages on their phone. In fact, I want to tell them to turn off the cell phone and enjoy my company!

Another point that needs to be made has to do with personal space. I think it is very **impolite** to make calls in small spaces or crowded rooms. This makes others uncomfortable and forces them to listen to your personal conversations. Additionally, it disturbs other face-to-face conversations; that's why I never use my cell phone within a few meters of other people except in **emergencies**.

Lastly, I would like readers to **pay attention** to the dangers of using your phone while doing something else. For instance, driving and texting is a bad **combination**. Likewise, using your phone or texting when walking can make you careless. You don't want to get hit by a car. Pay attention to where you're going!

Sincerely,
Amber Jala

¹ When you **neglect** someone or something, you don't notice or take care of them.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 Why did Amber decide to write this letter?
 - a She wanted to talk about the good points of cell phones.
 - b She thought the bad points of cell phones weren't included in the article.
 - c She thought the *Sunday Globe* should not be writing about cell phones.
- 2 According to Amber, it is polite to _____ when taking a phone call.
 - a keep your calls short
 - b speak slowly and clearly
 - c move away from other people
- 3 According to Amber, you should only answer your phone when _____.
 - a it's an emergency
 - b you're having lunch with a friend
 - c you're in a crowded room
- 4 Amber thinks that if you talk on your cell phone while doing something else, you _____.
 - a will save a lot of time
 - b will enjoy yourself more
 - c might not pay attention to what you're doing

B Write the number of the paragraph (1–4) that best matches each statement.

- a ____ Never make a call in a car full of people.
- b ____ If the call is going to be long, do it at another time.
- c ____ Don't talk on your phone and pay for something at the same time.
- d ____ Turn off your phone.



Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you agree with the rules in the letter? Which of them do you follow?
- 2 Think of other examples of why cell phones makes things more convenient.

Vocabulary Comprehension

Odd Word Out

A For each group, circle the word that does not belong. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | | |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1 address | spea <u>k</u> to | listen |
| 2 notice | pay attention | neglect |
| 3 mix | company | combination |
| 4 convenient | awesome | excellent |
| 5 problem | emergency | joke |
| 6 rarely | always | constantly |
| 7 impolite | kind | nice |
| 8 annoying | upsetting | loud |

B Complete the following sentences using words in blue from A.

- 1 I've reported the problem many times, but no one has tried to _____ it.
- 2 Kim must be very popular. Her phone is _____ ringing.
- 3 Please _____. I have some very important news.
- 4 For me, the subway is the most _____ form of transportation.
Trains come every ten minutes during the day.

A Look at this chart of different relationships between ideas, and the transition words that show the relationships.

Relationship	Transition words
show a result	thus; therefore; that's why
give more information	in addition; additionally; furthermore; in fact
compare	likewise; similarly
contrast	in contrast; on the other hand; however
give examples	for example; for instance

Vocabulary Skill

Using Transition Words

Transition words show the relationship between ideas. Knowing them and their uses makes reading much easier. They can also help you to write more interesting sentences.

B Complete the following sentences with the transition words from A. There may be more than one correct answer for each question.

- 1 That country has many unusual customs; _____, when people meet someone, they hit the person on the head.
- 2 I was so embarrassed that my picture appeared in the newspaper without my permission; _____ I have written a letter to the newspaper asking them to apologize.
- 3 I always write in my travel journal when I am on vacation; _____, my sister has a notebook in which she writes down everything we do on vacation.
- 4 I spend all the money I earn very quickly and never save any; _____, my brother sticks to a budget and saves a lot of money every month.
- 5 I've borrowed more money than I can pay back. I owe \$100 to Sergio, \$50 to Simon, \$75 to Ryoko, and \$500 for the rent; _____, I owe \$700 in income taxes this year!
- 6 I've been wearing second-hand clothes all my life, and I'm tired of it. _____ I'm going shopping for new clothes this weekend!
- 7 I'm naturally a curious person; _____, my mother is always asking questions and wants to know everything.

Learning English is valuable! You can have meaningful experiences that will provide satisfaction and enrich your life. On a piece of paper, list five ways that you believe learning English will enrich your life.

Before You Read

Applications

A Think about answers to the following questions.

- 1 Do you use apps on your phone? If so, which ones?
- 2 Look at this list of different kinds of apps. **Circle** the apps you would be interested in using.

cooking	business	planning	_____
games	photos	travel	_____
sports	movies	foreign language	_____

B Discuss your answers with a partner. Together, think of three more kinds of apps to complete the box.

Reading Skill

Making Inferences

When we make inferences, we look at the information that the writer states directly and use it to make guesses about information that the writer has left out. Making inferences is important because sometimes the writer doesn't tell us everything. By making inferences we can be active readers and understand more.

A Scan the passage on the next page to find the words in bold below. Read the content around the words and make inferences about the meanings. **Circle** the best answer to complete each statement.

- 1 In line 10, **translates** probably means _____.
 - a changes the language
 - b speaks to you
 - c plays music
- 2 In line 14, **frequent** probably means _____.
 - a rare
 - b never
 - c often
- 3 In line 18, **combines** probably means _____.
 - a takes apart
 - b puts together
 - c moves away from
- 4 What is an example of **travel confirmation documents**, mentioned in line 19?
 - a homework
 - b airline reservation email
 - c a travel journal
- 5 Which sentence below has the same meaning as a *guidebook typically helps you only in places the average tourist goes*?
 - a A guidebook *usually* helps you only in places the average tourist goes.
 - b A guidebook *never* helps you in places the average tourist goes.
 - c A guidebook *always* helps you in places the average tourist goes.

B Read the entire article carefully. Then answer the questions on page 66.

Smartphone Apps for Travelers

Traveling soon? Smartphone apps make traveling easier than ever. Unfortunately, with thousands of new travel-related apps to choose from each month, it can take a long time to figure out which applications are truly helpful. Here are three apps that will definitely make your next trip abroad a little easier.

5 **Talk to Me**

Say *au revoir*¹ to language phrase books² after **downloading** the Talk to Me smartphone app. This is a great tool for anyone visiting a foreign country—it works like a translator in your pocket! When you speak into the phone in English, it **translates** what you are saying into the language you select. You can choose between English, Chinese, French, Spanish, German, and Italian. This app is useful for the everyday needs of tourists and business travelers. It's also great for **frequent** travelers and language learners.



Tripit

Are you always looking for your travel information when it's time to check in for your flight? Tripit **combines** all of your travel **confirmation** documents, such as hotel room bookings, into one travel itinerary. Users send their travel-related emails to Tripit, and the app turns it into an easy-to-use itinerary with a calendar. Tripit also **prepares** maps and weather information for the places on your itinerary.



25 **CitySeekr**

Imagine being able to find whatever you need, no matter where you are! A map easily becomes outdated, and a guidebook **typically** helps you only in places the average tourist goes. What you need on your trip is an app that will tell you where the **locals** go. Want to find a great sushi place in Singapore? Morning coffee in Barcelona? A tailor in Mexico City? The CitySeekr app helps you find these places. It uses information created by Singaporeans, Spanish, Mexicans, and people from other popular tourist cities, to give advice on restaurants, gas stations, shops, landmarks, and more.



¹ Say **au revoir** when you want to say "goodbye" in French.

² A **phrase book** is a book to help travelers speak another language.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 Why can it take a long time to find a good travel app?
 - a There are so many to choose from.
 - b Many of them are hard to use.
 - c They are only available for one month.
- 2 Why does the author tell readers to say *au revoir* to language phrase books (line 6) after getting Talk to Me?
 - a Talk to Me is much better than language phrase books.
 - b Language phrase books will no longer be printed.
 - c Talk to Me will teach you the meaning of *au revoir*.
- 3 What does **it** refer to in line 8?
 - a the smartphone b a foreign land c Talk to Me
- 4 **Locals** (line 30) refers to people who _____.
 - a live and work in the area
 - b create maps and guidebooks
 - c created the CitySeekr app

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) the app(s) that best match(es) each sentence. You may check more than one app.

This app is for people who ...	Talk to Me	Tripit	CitySeekr
1 are visiting a country for the first time			
2 want to find cool shops and restaurants			
3 want to order a meal in another language			
4 want all their travel information in one place			
5 are going on a short business trip			



Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Would you use a travel app instead of a guidebook? Why, or why not?
- 2 How else has technology changed how we travel?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

A Match each word with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage.

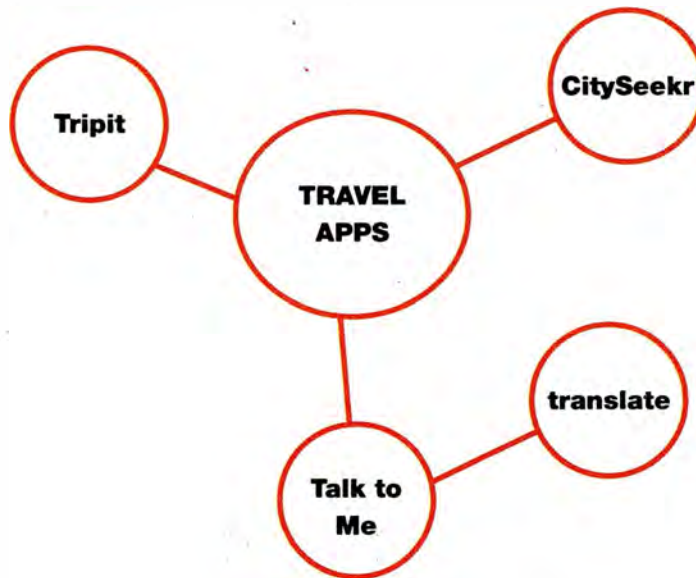
- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1 _____ download | a to put together or make |
| 2 _____ translate | b to change into a different language |
| 3 _____ frequent | c to blend; to mix together |
| 4 _____ confirmation | d to get a file from the Internet |
| 5 _____ combine | e to think about something that isn't real |
| 6 _____ typically | f making sure of something |
| 7 _____ prepare | g often |
| 8 _____ imagine | h normally |

B Answer the following questions, then discuss your answers with a partner. The words in **blue** are from the passage.

- 1 Describe a typical day in your life.
- 2 What skills do you think a translator needs?
- 3 Do you download things over the Internet? Give some examples.
- 4 What would you prepare before you go on a trip?

A Create a word web about apps. Use words in the box and other words from this chapter. Explain your diagram to a partner.

apps	frequent	locals	information
documents	calender	combines	guidebooks
translate	food	documents	itinerary
confirmation	prepare	language	easy-to-use



Vocabulary Skill

Word Webs

A helpful way to remember new vocabulary is to create a *word web*. Word webs can help you to link the new words you have learned to vocabulary you already know. It can also be used to identify the main ideas in the passage and help you create a summary.

B Now try making a word web using words you found in another chapter. See how many branches and words you can add. Share your ideas with a partner.

Monitor your improvements. When you have finished the unit, identify two things that you did well during this unit. As a class, talk about the improvements that you are making as readers. Make a list and post it on the wall in the classroom. Review the list regularly over the next week.

Real Life Skill

Reading Blogs

A blog is a kind of website. There are many different types of blogs with lots of different information, but in some ways blogs are also much the same. They all have posts. Posts are like short passages on a blog. Posts nearly always have a date and a title. Remember, in a typical blog, the newest post is on top.

A Using a computer, follow these steps to collect some information about a blog.

- 1 Search the Internet using the search words *travel blog*.
- 2 Click on one of the travel blogs you found.
 - a What is the name of the blog? _____
 - b What is the title of the newest post? _____
 - c What is the date of the newest post? _____

B Now do four more Internet searches to complete the chart. Then do two more searches using your own Internet search words.

Internet search words	The name of the blog	The title of the newest post	The date of the newest post
soccer blog			
movie blog			
music blog			
English blog			

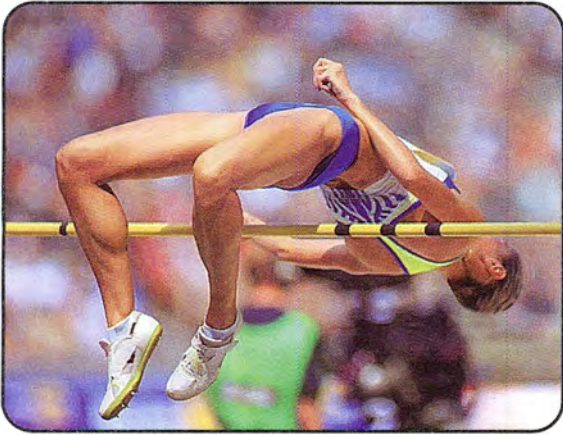
C Tell your partner about any interesting blogs you found.

What do you think?

- 1 Do you think that new technologies make our lives better? If so, in what ways?
- 2 Some people say there is too much information in the world today. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
- 3 Do you have a personal webpage or blog? If so, describe it.

The Olympics

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Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you know the names of these Olympic events? What other Olympic events can you name?
- 2 What are the names of some cities where the Olympic Games have been held?
- 3 Have you watched the Olympics before? Which events do you like?

Before You Read

An Olympic Flame Quiz

A Read the sentences below. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
1 The flame is a symbol of the spirit of the Olympics.		
2 Only athletes can carry the torch.		
3 The torch relay is a modern addition to the Olympics.		
4 The torch relay happens only during the summer Olympic Games.		
5 The torch design has remained the same since it started.		
6 It is the flame, not the torch, that is passed from person to person.		

B Discuss your answers in **A** with a partner. Then check your answers at the bottom on the next page.**Reading Skill**

Skimming for the Main Idea

Skimming means reading quickly to get a general idea of what a passage is about. When we skim we don't need to read every word or look up words we don't understand. We just need to understand the main ideas of a passage.

A Skim the passage on the next page. Read only the first line of each paragraph. Then answer the following question.

This passage is mainly about _____.

- a the sports in the summer Olympic Games
- b the tradition of the Olympic flame and torch relay
- c the Olympics in ancient Greece

B Now skim paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. **Circle** the main idea for each one.**Paragraph 2**

- a The flame must be created using sunlight and a mirror.
- b The torch relay is an ancient Olympic tradition.

Paragraph 3

- a Carrying the torch is very special honor.
- b People with disabilities can carry the torch.

Paragraph 4

- a The torch is usually carried on foot.
- b The torch can be carried in many different ways.

C Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 72.

Monitor your motivation. Your motivation level can be high, medium, or low. During this chapter, stop four times and monitor your level. If it is low, what can you do to increase it? As a class, talk about what you can do to keep your motivation high.

The Olympic Flame



1

Every four years, the Summer Olympic Games **kick off** with an elaborate¹ opening ceremony that welcomes athletes from every competing nation. However, preparations and celebrations for the Olympic Games start long before the opening ceremony.

5 The true beginning of the Olympic celebration is the **lighting** of the Olympic torch and the relay that carries the flame to the host city.

2

The Olympic torch is lit at a ceremony in Olympia, Greece, where the ancient² games were held. One **requirement** for the Olympic flame is that it must be created using only sunlight and a mirror. The flame is lit months before the games, and the first runner begins the great relay among the ruins³ of an ancient Olympic stadium.

3

The first modern Olympic torch relay **took place** in Berlin, in the summer of 1936. At the beginning, runners were mainly **selected** from the Olympic athletes, but later regular citizens—including children, old people, and people with disabilities—began to participate as well. Carrying the torch is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a great **honor**.

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Traditionally, the torch is carried **on foot**. However, sometimes other kinds of transport are needed. When the torch must go overseas, it is sent on a private plane. The torch has also been carried underwater. For the Sydney Summer Games in 2000, a diver swam with the torch!

5

At the end of the relay, the flame is used to light a giant pot. The light, a **symbol** of the Olympic spirit, burns throughout the games.

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¹ Something that is **elaborate** is complex and has a lot of different parts.

² Something that is **ancient** is very, very old.

³ **Ruins** are the remains of a very old building.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- The Olympic Games truly begin when _____.
 a the opening ceremony takes place
 b the Olympic torch is lit
 c athletes from competing nations arrive
- The torch is lit in Greece because that is where the _____.
 a ancient games were held
 b Olympics are held every year
 c flame is always burning
- At first, _____ were selected to carry the torch.
 a athletes b children c citizens
- When the torch reaches the host city, the Olympic flame _____.
 a is put out b lights a big pot c is carried underwater

B Read the sentences below. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 The first modern Olympic torch relay took place in the summer of 2000 for the Sydney Games.		
2 The torch is always carried on foot.		
3 The Olympic flame is created using sunlight and a mirror.		
4 The light continues to burn during the games.		
5 The Olympic flame is a very important part of the Olympic Games.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Why is the Olympic flame created using only with sunlight and a mirror?
- Do you think the flame is a good symbol of the Olympic spirit? Why, or why not?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete each statement with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- A _____ is used to symbolize a country's beliefs and goals.
 a flag b map
- Since you're going there on foot, you should carry _____ with you.
 a less b more
- Which of these can be considered an honor?
 a working on a class project
 b representing your school in a competition

Before You Read

Unusual Sports

A Answer the following questions.

- 1 Look at this list of Olympic events. Circle the ones that you know.

archery	canoeing	fencing	synchronised-
snowboarding	taekwondo	water polo	swimming
bobsledding	tug-of-war		

- 2 One of the events in **A** used to be an Olympic event, but it isn't anymore. Which one do you think it is?
- 3 Now look at the pictures of three unusual Olympic sports on the next page. Do you think that these are unusual sports? Why, or why not?

B Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Reading for Details

Reading for details is a two-step process. First, scan to find the part of the passage that has the information you want. Second, read every word in the sentence and make sure you understand the meaning. This can be useful when taking tests.

A Read each of the following sections in the passage on the next page. Check (✓) true (T), false (F), or not given (NG). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

Curling	T	F	NG
1 Curling is played on ice.			
2 There are six players on each team.			
3 The stones never touch the center of the house.			

Trampoline	T	F	NG
4 Trampoline is a gymnastic sport.			
5 Judges look at how many tricks a gymnast can do.			
6 America had only one trampoline gymnast in the 2000 Olympics.			

Skeleton	T	F	NG
7 Early skeleton sleds were made out of bones.			
8 The 1980 Winter Olympics were held in New York.			
9 Zach Gale competed in the 1980 Winter Olympics.			

B Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 76.



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Unusual Olympic Sports

For many people, the Olympic Games consist of popular sports like swimming, running, or ice skating. Here are three unusual Olympic events, and three athletes who fell in love with them.

Curling.....

5 Curling is a sport that is played on ice. Two teams of four players each **slide** eight stones along the ice to a colored circle (called the *house*). The **object** of the game is to place a stone closest to the center of the house.

10 "I started curling very young," Canadian Olympic curler Sammy McCann told us. "My father **managed** a hotel with an ice rink. As soon as the people left the ice, my friends and I would get right on and start curling."



.....Trampoline

Kids have been jumping on trampolines for almost a hundred years, but it was only at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney that trampoline became an official Olympic sport. In Olympic competitions, each trampoline gymnast is **judged** on ten different skills. A gymnast can score well by showing that they can **control** their bodies while jumping high and twisting and flipping smoothly in the air.

15 "I love the sport. I've been doing it since I was five years old," said Jennifer Parilla, American trampoline gymnast. After Jennifer competed in the 2000 Olympics (as the only American trampoline gymnast), she got a tattoo of a butterfly to remind her of her "new beginnings" as an Olympian.

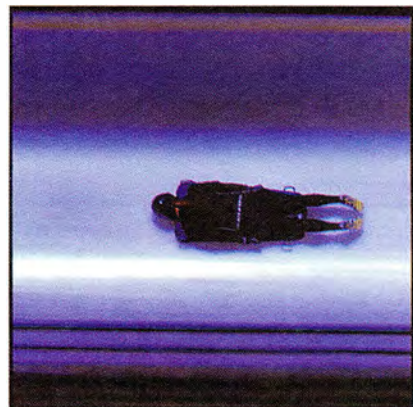
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Skeleton.....

25 The sport of skeleton racing first became an Olympic sport in 1928. Skeleton **racers** slide down an icy course at very high speed on a simple sled. The sled is called a skeleton because early sleds **looked like** human skeletons.

30 "I didn't start skeleton until I was 30," said American skeleton racer Zach Gale. "While driving, my girlfriend and I **took a wrong turn** at Lake Placid, New York; that's where the 1980 Winter Olympics took place. They were offering skeleton classes that afternoon. My girlfriend said, 'Why don't we give it a try?' It was fun! I fell in love with it."



Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- This passage is about _____.
 - how to become an Olympic athlete
 - how Olympic athletes first started in their sports
 - why curling, trampoline, and skeleton are Olympic events
- Jennifer Parilla got a tattoo to remind her of her first _____.
 - trampoline
 - butterfly
 - Olympics
- These athletes took up the sport because _____.
 - they fell in love with it
 - their parents told them to do it
 - they wanted to enter the Olympics
- Which athlete became interested in the sport later in life?
 - Sammy McCann
 - Jennifer Parilla
 - Zach Gale

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) the sport(s) that best match(es) each sentence. You may check more than one sport.

This sport ...	Curling	Trampoline	Skeleton
1 is held on ice.			
2 has judges to look at different skills.			
3 has two teams that compete against each other.			
4 is named after the main object the athletes use.			
5 involves going at very high speeds.			

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Why do some people prefer these sports to more popular ones?
- At what age do Olympic athletes usually begin training? How old is too old to be an Olympic athlete?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

A Match each word with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1 _____ control | a to seem the same |
| 2 _____ look like | b to take care of (a business) |
| 3 _____ object | c move over a smooth surface |
| 4 _____ race | d a speed competition (in running) |
| 5 _____ slide | e goal; the main idea of a game |
| 6 _____ take a wrong turn | f to decide who is the winner |
| 7 _____ judge | g to go left instead of right, or right instead of left |
| 8 _____ manage | h to make something or someone do what you want |

B Complete the following sentences using the words in blue from A. You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 Athletes usually have excellent of _____ over their bodies.
- 2 When the _____ began, the competitors jumped on their sleds and began to _____ down the slope.
- 3 It's hard to _____ who is the better player. They're both equally good!
- 4 On my first day of school, I was late for class because I _____ and went to the wrong classroom.

A Put these sports words into one of the categories below. Can you add other words? Discuss your answers with a partner.

court	racket	player	ice rink	champion
ball	competitor	opponent	puck	sticks
stadium	skates	coach	field	gloves
sled	course	team	ring	manager

Sports places	Sports equipment	Sports people
<i>court</i>	<i>racket</i>	<i>player</i>

Vocabulary Skill

Organizing Vocabulary:
Words Relating to Sports

One helpful way to remember new words is to put them into meaningful groups or categories—for example, positive and negative, or people, places, and things. Putting vocabulary in groups like this can help you to remember new words and relate them to other words you know.

B Now complete the following sentences using the correct form of words from A.

- 1 There are four _____ on a curling _____.
- 2 Football is usually played on a(n) _____.
- 3 You play tennis on a(n) _____ with a(n) _____ and a _____.
- 4 Boxers wear big _____ and fight in a(n) _____.
- 5 Ice dancing competitions usually take place on a(n) _____, and the competitors wear _____.
- 6 Field hockey and ice hockey are played with _____. In ice hockey there is no ball; instead players use a(n) _____.

Real Life Skill

Understanding Punctuation

Punctuation marks—small symbols like , ! ? —are important because they help show the meaning of the sentence and how it should be read. To read and write English well you need to understand how, why, and when punctuation marks are used.

A Find one example of each punctuation mark below in the passage on page 75 and **circle** it. Then write the letter of each description next to the correct punctuation mark.

- | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|----------|--|
| 1 | _____ . | period | a | shows what a person said |
| 2 | _____ , | comma | b | shows the end of a strong or surprising sentence |
| 3 | _____ ; | semi-colon | c | shows the end of a question |
| 4 | _____ : | colon | d | shows the end of a sentence |
| 5 | _____ () | parentheses | e | separates words or parts of a sentence |
| 6 | _____ ? | question mark | f | separates a sentence, usually before a list |
| 7 | _____ ! | exclamation point | g | shows a separate idea inside a sentence |
| 8 | _____ " " | quotation marks | h | shows that two ideas go together |

B Now add punctuation marks to these sentences. Compare your answers with a partner's.

- 1 After the host city was selected work began on the new sports center
- 2 My father said I am not angry with you
- 3 I have applied for a job at three companies Acer Motorola and Westinghouse
- 4 She refused to address the problem she said she didn't have the time
- 5 Call the police This is an emergency
- 6 She kept asking me Are you angry
- 7 I like soccer and basketball but I really don't like baseball
- 8 For dinner last night we had take-out from a Vietnamese restaurant

Read for pleasure, not just for class. Make reading fun, and it will become easier. Read a popular magazine or book, and you'll have interesting things to say to your classmates and to your English-speaking friends.

What do you think?

- 1 Can you think of sports that aren't in the Olympic Games now, but could be in the future?
- 2 Do you think the Olympic Games are becoming more popular or less popular?
- 3 Which countries do well at the Olympic Games? Why do you think so?

Review Unit 2

Fluency Strategy: KWL

Readers can ask themselves three questions to improve their reading fluency and comprehension. The letters **K**, **W**, and **L** can be used to remind you of these questions. **KWL** stands for **K**now, **W**ant, and **L**earn.

Know

The first step in the **KWL** sequence is similar to the **Survey** step in **SQ3R** (page 41) and the **A** in the **ACTIVE** approach (inside front cover). This step will help you prepare yourself before you begin reading.

- A** Look at the title on the right, taken from the passage on the next page. Note that a scholarship refers to an amount of money given to a (good) student to pay for their education. Now, from just the title, answer the question: *What is the topic of the passage?*

Not Your Regular Scholarship

- B** Ask yourself: *What do I already know about this topic?* Write down three or four things that you already know about the topic in the *Know* column of the chart below.

Know	Want	Learn

Want

In the second stage of **KWL**, ask yourself: *What do I want to learn as I read?* When you are reading to find out something specific, you are reading with purpose. This step is similar to the **Question** step in **SQ3R**.

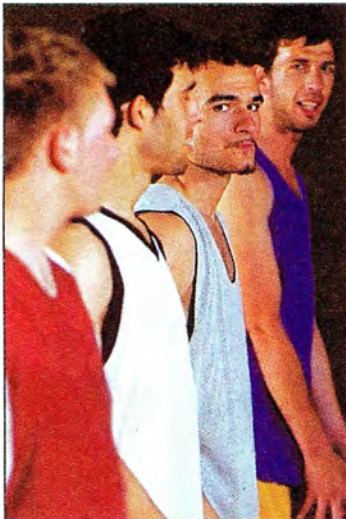
- A** Read the passage on the next page. As you read, ask yourself: *What do I want to learn?* Write down three or four things you hope to learn in the *Want* column above.

Not Your Regular Scholarship

Life as a student can be very expensive. The cost of university tuition is increasing every year, and with all the studying students have to do, there isn't much time left for earning money.

Fortunately, there are thousands of scholarships available to help students pay their bills.

- Scholarships are normally given to students based on how good their grades are, or how well they do in sports. However, there are scholarship programs that choose their scholars based on factors other than grades or athletic ability. Here are some non-traditional¹ scholarships that are helping students pay their way through school.



The Tall Clubs International Scholarship

Students who are under 21 years of age and about to start university for the first time can receive up to \$1,000 from Tall Clubs International. This club was started to help tall people get to know each other and share what is great about height. To get this scholarship, you must be very, well, tall! Women must be at least 5'10" (177.5 centimeters) and men must be at least 6'2" (188 centimeters) to qualify.

The Excellence in Predicting the Future Award

Adventures in Education a student loan company, awards this bimonthly² scholarship to encourage students to study Economics in college. Interested students can register online and use fake money to "buy" and "sell" predictions about the future,

in the same way that he or she might buy and sell stock³ on the stock market. At the end of each two-month period, the students who have made the most money are given some money to help pay for college.

The Duck Tape Stuck at Prom Award

- Wearing a suit and dress made out of sticky tape might not be so fashionable, but at least it pays! High school couples who attend prom in clothes made using Duck Brand sticky tape may win *Stuck at Prom* scholarships that range from \$500 to \$5,000. Students must create original outfits and take a photo to be shown on the company website. People will then vote on the best outfit. There is a lot of competition for this scholarship, and recent winners have created extremely creative outfits.

¹ Something that is **traditional** has happened for a long time and is seen as normal.

² Something that happens **bimonthly** happens once every two months.

³ To buy **stock** is to buy small parts of a company.

Learn

Now that you have finished reading, ask yourself: *What did I learn while reading?* Did you learn what you wanted to? This step is similar to the **Review** and **Recite** stages of **SQ3R** (page 43).

A Write down three or four things you learned from the passage in the **Learn** column of the chart on page 79.

B Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 The main idea of this reading is to _____.
 - a explain why students often don't have enough money
 - b inform students about non-traditional scholarships
 - c show the difference between traditional and non-traditional scholarships
 - d encourage students not to borrow money
- 2 Who will probably NOT win a traditional scholarship?
 - a someone who represents the school in tennis
 - b someone in the advanced science class
 - c someone who has a business outside of school
 - d someone who gets top marks for exams
- 3 According to the passage, why might students not have enough time to earn money?
 - a They are busy playing sports.
 - b They have a lot of studying to do.
 - c They have to make predictions of real-world events.
 - d They are competing for scholarships.
- 4 Which scholarship challenges students to be creative?
 - a Tall Clubs International's scholarship
 - b Excellence in Predicting the Future
 - c Stuck at Prom
 - d none of the above
- 5 Which scholarship is awarded for something students have no control over?
 - a Tall Clubs International's scholarship
 - b Excellence in Predicting the Future
 - c Stuck at Prom
 - d all of them
- 6 Which scholarship is for students who are good at math?
 - a Tall Clubs International's scholarship
 - b Excellence in Predicting the Future
 - c Stuck at Prom
 - d none of them

SELF CHECK

Answer the following questions.

1 Have you ever used the **KWL** method before?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I'm not sure.

2 Do you think **KWL** is helpful? Why, or why not?

3 How can you practice **KWL** in your reading outside of English class?

4 When you are reading, do you find yourself having to translate? If so, what can you do to break the habit?

5 Which of the six reading passages in units 4–6 did you enjoy most? Why?

6 Which of the six reading passages in units 4–6 was easiest? Which was most difficult? Why?

7 What improvements are you making as a reader? Look again at the *Tips for Fluent Reading* on pages 8 and 9. Write down one or two things that you know you can do better today than when you started this course.

8 What other improvements do you want to make as a reader?

Review Reading 3: Real Mail vs. Email

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Real Mail vs. Email

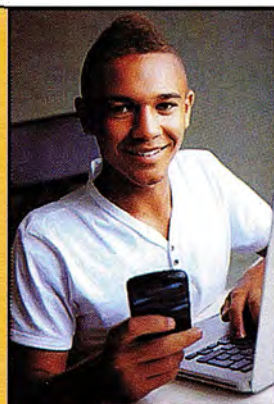


Meredith: "I keep it real."

Sure, sending an email is fast and convenient, and there are times when it's necessary, but I think it's too impersonal. I think email makes communication less meaningful because people usually only glance¹ at their emails. They give more attention to real letters.

I think sending a real letter shows that you care about the person. It takes time to prepare, which shows that the writer is being more thoughtful than when he or she quickly types an email. Getting a handwritten note makes the person feel special. I love finding handwritten letters in my mailbox.

I also write letters because I like to make art. I make my own envelopes and write notes on colorful magazine pages. It makes my letters more interesting, and it lets me reuse, and save, paper. When I send a real letter that I made myself, I imagine the other person really enjoying it. My friends understand that I made it just for them, and I'm sending them more than just words on a page.



Thomas: "I'll send you an email."

My life changed after I bought my first smartphone. I hardly ever pick up a pen these days because I use my phone for everything—planning my schedule, reading the news, or writing emails.

I also use email a lot. My friends all moved away to different places after high school, and I don't have time to sit down and write and post letters to them every week. Sending them emails is so much more convenient. With email, I can write to them whenever I want. Then, they can read my emails right away and send a reply just as fast.

With emails, I can reach many people at the same time. When I want to say "hi!" to old friends, I just put in their email addresses, type up a note, and send it out—no paper, no stamps, no waiting for the letters to travel over land and sea. Email helps people keep in touch, and, in the end, that's what's important, right?

¹ When you **glance** at something, you look at it quickly before looking away.

364 words

Time taken _____

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 The purpose of this passage is to _____.
 - a tell people why they shouldn't use cell phones or the Internet
 - b discuss the benefits of email and real mail
 - c explain how people use cell phones and the Internet
 - d show how technology has improved our lives
- 2 Meredith dislikes using email because _____.
 - a they take too long to write
 - b sending them wastes electricity
 - c people do not read them carefully
 - d she doesn't think it's polite to send email
- 3 What's one way in which Meredith expresses herself with her letters?
 - a She makes her own envelopes.
 - b She sends her friends interesting magazine articles.
 - c She sends a photo of herself in her letters.
 - d She uses her favorite black pen to write.
- 4 Why did Thomas start to send so much email?
 - a He didn't have time to write letters.
 - b He thought he was wasting too much paper.
 - c He has to send a lot of mail for work.
 - d He didn't have time to buy stamps.
- 5 Thomas likes using email because _____.
 - a it shows that the writer is being thoughtful
 - b he doesn't trust the regular mail
 - c it is the original way to keep in touch
 - d it's easy and fast
- 6 Which is a benefit of both email and real mail?
 - a You can keep in touch with friends.
 - b You can save paper and energy.
 - c You can write them both using your phone.
 - d They make communication more interesting.

Review Reading 4: Selecting the Olympic Sports

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Selecting the Olympic Sports

During each Summer Olympic Games, 28 different sports are played. The kinds of sports played at the Olympics don't change very often, and the process for changing them is long and difficult. So it came as a big surprise in 2005 when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that it wanted to add new sports to the Summer Olympic Games. At that time, the list of sports hadn't changed in 70 years.



At a meeting in Singapore in 2005, the IOC voted on each of the 28 events from the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. They wanted to choose which sports would be played at the 2016 games. There are many reasons why some sports make the list while others don't, but it's important that these sports are popular around the world, and played in many different countries.



The committee decided that baseball and softball would be replaced. Their new options included roller skating, rugby, golf, squash, and karate. To be included in the Olympics, a sport must receive votes from at least two-thirds of the committee. The IOC had to meet more than once to come to a conclusion. Finally, in 2009, the results were announced: rugby and golf were the newest Olympic sports.

Both rugby and golf have been Olympic sports before. Golf was part of the 1904 games over a century ago, and rugby was last played in the 1924 games. Now, both sports will rejoin the Olympics for the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Athletes from both sports are excited. New Zealand rugby star Jonah Lomu said, "(It's) just fantastic for the game." Golf superstar Jack Nicklaus feels just as strongly. He says that "now people of all walks of life¹ will be inspired to play the game of golf, and play for sports' highest recognition. For all sports, that has always been a gold medal."



¹ People from all **walks of life** are people from different backgrounds, cultures, or positions in society.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 This reading is mainly about _____.
 - a why baseball and softball are no longer Olympic sports
 - b how two new Olympic sports were selected
 - c how the IOC was formed
 - d how the best Olympic athletes started their careers
- 2 Why was it surprising when the IOC announced plans to change the list of Olympic sports?
 - a The list of sports rarely changes.
 - b The list had been changed very recently.
 - c No one wanted the list of sports to change.
 - d The sports were the same as at the Athens Olympics.
- 3 Which of these statements is NOT true about baseball and softball?
 - a They will be played at the 2016 Olympics.
 - b They were played at the Athens Olympics in 2004.
 - c They didn't receive enough IOC votes in Singapore.
 - d The IOC had to vote for new sports to take their place.
- 4 In the last paragraph, the quote from Jack Nicklaus was probably included because _____.
 - a he's a member of the IOC
 - b he knows a lot about the Olympics
 - c he's an expert on golf
 - d he won a gold medal at the Olympics
- 5 When did the IOC decide to include rugby and golf in the Olympics?
 - a 2004
 - b 2005
 - c 2009
 - d 2016
- 6 Which is probably a reason rugby and golf were voted in?
 - a They are followed by many people around the world.
 - b They are better sports than squash and karate.
 - c They are able to inspire people to watch the Olympics.
 - d The athletes in the sports are very famous.

Great Structures

UNIT
7



The Beijing International Airport is the largest in the world.



Japan's Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge is the longest suspension bridge in the world.



South Korea's Dadaepo Sunset Fountain of Dreams is the world's largest fountain.



The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan, Italy, is probably the oldest shopping mall in the world.

Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Have you ever seen any of the structures in the pictures above?
- 2 What other great structures or buildings do you know? Which ones have you visited?
- 3 Are there any great structures or buildings in your country?

Before You Read

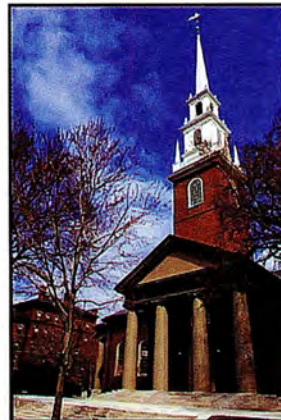
The World's Oldest
Universities



Cambridge University



Tsinghua University



Harvard University

A Think about answers to the following questions.

- 1 Do you know these universities? Which countries are they in?
- 2 Can you think of other famous universities? How old do you think they are?
- 3 What universities are in your country? How old do you think they are?

B Discuss your answers with a partner.**Reading Skill**

Identifying Supporting Details

A paragraph is often organized around a main point, which is often stated in the first sentence, and the details that support this point follow in the paragraph. In this passage, details are given about three different universities.

A How old are the following universities? Scan the passage on the next page and write the years in the table.

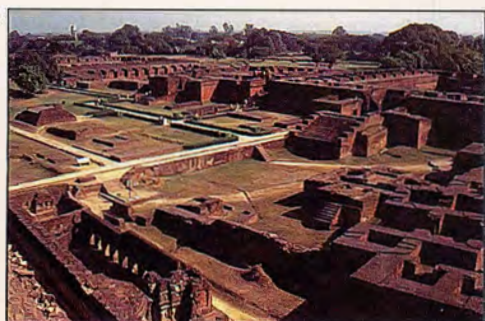
Name	Year founded	Location	Detail
University of Al-Karaouine			
Nalanda University			
University of Bologna			

B Scan the passage again to find the location, and one extra detail, about each university. Complete the chart.

Set a standard of respect. We all learn better when we are in a completely supportive learning environment. Students can build a supportive learning environment by showing respect for everyone in the class. As a class, talk about ways you can create supportive and respectful classroom.

The World's Oldest Universities

Many universities around the world are proud to have long histories and strong traditions. However, very few universities can **claim** to be among the oldest in the world.



Nalanda University, in Bihar, India, was **established** around 600 bc. It was most likely the world's first university. In the past, scholars¹ came from Europe, China, and all over India to learn about science, medicine, the Buddhist religion, and other subjects. The university is in ruins now, but at one time it was an impressive school with temples, classrooms, libraries, and dormitories.²

According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the University of Al-Karaouine in Fes, Morocco, is the oldest **surviving** university
15 in the world. It was probably **founded** in 859 and became a famous place to study natural sciences. In 1957, after more than 1,000 years as a university, Al-Karaouine added mathematics, physics, chemistry, and various foreign languages
20 to its traditional list of **subjects** for study.



The first university in Europe is definitely the University of Bologna, in Italy. It was one of the few universities in Europe that were not influenced by religion. Professors were **forbidden** from teaching outside the university, and so students came from all over Europe to study with its famous teachers. Since opening in 1088, the University of Bologna has never closed its doors, **despite** the many wars in Europe.

30 With the success of the University of Bologna, other universities opened across Europe. They were started by kings, religious groups, and **former** professors. Today there are so many universities that students don't need to go far to study. They are sure to find one close to home.

¹ A **scholar** is a person who studies in school at a high level.

² A **dormitory** is a place for students to live.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- Scholars came to Nalanda University to study _____.
 - math, art, and history
 - Buddhism, science, and medicine
 - geography, health, and philosophy
- Al-Karaouine is said to be the _____.
 - oldest university in India
 - oldest surviving university
 - first university in Europe
- Which university is no longer standing today?
 - University of Al-Karaouine
 - Nalanda University
 - University of Bologna

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 Many universities can claim to be among the oldest in the world.		
2 Scholars came from all over India, Europe, and China to learn at Nalanda University.		
3 Mathematics is one of the oldest subjects taught at University of Al-Karaouine.		
4 The only time the University of Bologna closed was during the wars in Europe.		
5 More universities opened because of the success of University of Bologna.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Do you think old universities are better than new universities? Why, or why not?
- Before universities, how do you think people passed down knowledge?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete each statement with the best answer. The words in **blue** are from the passage.

- Which of these is **forbidden** in most classrooms?
 - smoking
 - studying
- Coach Jones is our **former** coach; he _____.
 - quit last year
 - coaches us now

- 3 To **claim** to be the oldest means to _____.
a say that you are the oldest b be the oldest
- 4 This building **survived** the earthquake. It must be very _____.
a strong b weak
- 5 At school, her favorite **subject** was _____.
a history b art club
- 6 Which can you **establish**?
a a club b a meal
- 7 If you **found** an organization, you _____ it.
a close b start
- 8 I did well on the exam **despite** _____.
a not studying for it b studying a lot for it

B Answer the following questions, then discuss your answers with a partner. The words in **blue** are from the passage.

- 1 What did your parents **forbid** you to do when you were a child?
- 2 How long do you think a person can **survive** without food?
- 3 What have you managed to achieve **despite** lots of difficulties?
- 4 Which of your **former** teachers did you like the best? Why?

Read the words in the box. Which ones do you use when you're sure (S), and which do you use when you're unsure (U)? Write S or U next to each word.

_____ easily _____ perhaps _____ likely _____ clearly
_____ probably _____ possibly _____ for sure

A Read the following sentences. Then decide if the writer of the following statements is sure (S) or unsure (U) about the information. Check (✓) your answer.

	S	U
1 Nalanda University is most likely the world's first university.		
2 The University of Al-Karaouine in Fes, Morocco, was probably founded in 859.		
3 The first university in Europe is definitely the University of Bologna, in Italy.		

B Now complete the sentences below using your own ideas.

- 1 In 50 years, cars will most likely _____.
- 2 When I finish school today, I will definitely _____.
- 3 In 100 years, money will possibly _____.

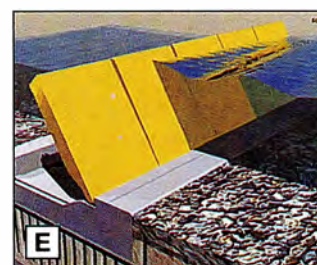
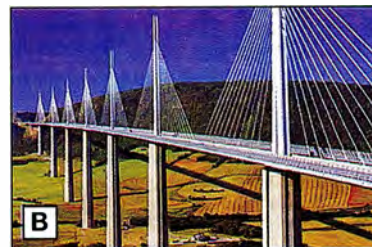
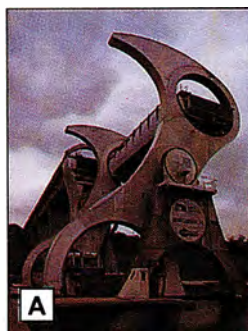
Vocabulary Skill

Expressing Certainty

When you write, you can add adverbs to show how sure you are. You can use adverbs like *definitely* when you are absolutely sure of information, and use adverbs like *unlikely* when you are not at all sure.

Before You Read

Great Engineering

**A** Think about answers to the following questions.

- 1 Do you recognize any of these structures?
- 2 What do you think they are? What do we use them for?

B Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Scanning

When we scan, we look for specific information. We scan a newspaper for sections we want to read, for example, or we scan to find information for a test. Passages or webpages with sections that have subheads can be easier to scan.

A Scan the passage on the next page for five subheadings. Write the letters of the pictures above next to the correct structure in the following chart.

Engineering wonder	Picture	Location
1 Falkirk Wheel		
2 Millau Viaduct		
3 Langede Pipeline		
4 Three Gorges Dam		
5 Venice Tide Barrier		

B Now scan the passage to find the location of these structures and write them in the chart.**C** Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 94.



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Modern Engineering Wonders

Great **Engineering** has selected five wonders of 21st **century** engineering for our Excellence **Prize**. Now we're asking you to vote for one and tell us why!



Falkirk Wheel (Falkirk, Scotland, 2001)

The Falkirk Wheel is the world's only **rotating** boat lift. Its steel arms each hold a water-filled tank into which boats can sail. As the wheel rotates, so do the arms, raising and lowering the boats a distance of 25 meters. The wheel is very energy **efficient**, using about two kilowatt-hours to make a full rotation. That's about the same amount of energy needed to power a microwave for three minutes.



Millau Viaduct (Millau, France, 2005)

The 2.46-kilometer-long Millau Viaduct over the River Tam in the south of France is 270 meters high—the highest bridge in the world. It was built in just three years! It is an amazing bridge that adds to the **natural** beauty of the river valley.

Langeled Pipeline (The North Sea, 2007)

This pipeline¹ under the ocean carries natural gas across the 1,200 kilometers of rocky sea bed from Norway to Britain. It is the longest pipeline of its kind, and it helps supply 20 percent of Britain's gas.



Three Gorges Dam (Yichang, China, 2008)

Three Gorges Dam is the largest dam for electric power in the world. Its 1.6-kilometer-long wall across the Yangtze River rises 183 meters above the valley floor. It can hold back 39 million cubic meters of water.

Venice Tide Barrier (Venice, Italy, estimated 2014)

In 1966, the city of Venice was **flooded** in two meters of ocean water. To prevent this from happening again, the Italian government is building 78 walls, each about 600 square meters. When the water level of the Adriatic Sea reaches to a dangerous level and **threatens** to flood the city, the walls will rise to protect it.



¹ A **pipeline** is a long pipe that carries oil, gas, etc. a long distance.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- What does the Falkirk Wheel do?
 - It moves boats from one place to another.
 - It moves water using its steel arms.
 - It creates energy by making rotations.
- is true of the Venice Tide Barrier?
 - It is built to solve a recent problem.
 - It is 600 square meters large in total.
 - It only rises when there is a flood.
- Which of the following is probably NOT a reason the structures were selected?
 - They were very difficult to design and build.
 - They were built in a very short space of time.
 - They are very useful to human beings.

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) whether they are true for the Falkirk Wheel (F), Millau Viaduct (M), Langed Pipeline (L), Three Gorges Dam (T), or Venice Tide Barrier (BV).

This structure...	F	M	L	T	V
helps to control water.					
is built over a river.					
provides for people's energy needs.					
is the newest engineering wonder.					
is the only one of its kind.					
is the biggest/highest/longest of its kind.					

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- What challenges did the engineers have building these structures?
- What are examples of excellent engineering in your city or town? Why?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete each statement with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- He's so efficient. He _____ finished his work.
 - still hasn't
 - has already
- How many years are there in a century?
 - 100
 - 1,000
- Someone trained in engineering is able to _____.
 - build bridges
 - make clothes
- The whole area is flooded because it _____ heavily yesterday.
 - rained
 - snowed

- 5 In a competition, a **prize** is given to _____.
a the winner b the audience
- 6 A **rotating** sign goes _____.
a round and round b up and down
- 7 If someone **threatens** you, they say they want to _____.
a hurt you b give you a present
- 8 I think those pearls are **natural**. They were _____.
a fished from the sea b made in a factory

B Complete the following sentences using the words in blue from A. You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 She's a _____ athlete. She didn't train much for the race and still won first _____!
- 2 The broken water pipe _____ my bathroom.
- 3 The United States has been a country for more than two _____.
- 4 The teacher _____ to report the student if he was late for class again.

A There are a few rules to follow when forming superlatives. Look at the examples below.

When an adjective ...	You...	Examples
a has one syllable	add <i>-est</i>	tall → tallest neat → neatest
b ends in <i>-e</i>	add <i>-st</i>	nice → nicest large → largest
c has one syllable and has consonant-vowel-consonant pattern	double the last consonant and add <i>-est</i>	big → biggest thin → thinnest
d has two or more syllables and ends in <i>-y</i>	change the <i>-y</i> to <i>i</i> and add <i>-est</i>	pretty → prettiest easy → easiest
e has two or more syllables and does not end in <i>-y</i>	put <i>the most</i> before it	curious → the most curious expensive → the most expensive
f Note that some common adjectives have irregular superlative forms.		good → the best bad → the worst far → the farthest

Vocabulary Skill

Superlatives

When we want to compare one thing or person to all the others in a group, we use the superlative form of an adjective. For example, *the tallest building in the world* or *the youngest person in this class*. Superlatives can be formed in different ways. Many often have *the* in front of them.

B Look at the adjectives below. Write the letter (a to f) of the rule you would follow to form the superlative next to each word.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 _____ delicious | 5 _____ important | 9 _____ exciting | 13 _____ rude |
| 2 _____ funny | 6 _____ useful | 10 _____ valuable | 14 _____ convenient |
| 3 _____ large | 7 _____ angry | 11 _____ long | 15 _____ hot |
| 4 _____ messy | 8 _____ simple | 12 _____ bad | 16 _____ high |

C Write three sentences using superlatives. Then read them to a partner.

Real Life Skill

Recognizing Survey Question Types

Many organizations make surveys to collect information about people's views and opinions. These polls or surveys are organized in different ways. Knowing some of the different types of surveys used can help you to understand them better.

- A** Look at the three different survey question types about leisure activities. Match each question to its type in the box below by writing 1-3.

1 Check (✓) the activities you like doing.

_____ watching movies

_____ cooking

_____ reading

_____ listening to music

2 Number the following activities 1 (most) to 4 (least) in the order you like doing them.

_____ watching movies

_____ cooking

_____ reading

_____ listening to music

3 Which one of the following is your favorite leisure activity?

a watching movies

c cooking

b reading

d listening to music

_____ order of preference _____ multiple choice _____ item selection

- B** Internet Challenge: Look for examples of survey question types online. If possible, print out examples. Present the information to the class.
- C** Prepare your own survey using some or all the survey question types above. Remember to pick a topic that your classmates will be interested in answering questions about.

What do you think?

- 1 The Seven Wonders of the World are considered the world's greatest structures. Can you name them? Where are they located?
- 2 What differences can you think of between building a structure today and building one a hundred years ago? How about a thousand years ago?
- 3 Why do you think humans choose to build these great structures? What other purpose do they serve?

Learn inside and outside of the classroom. If possible, organize an extracurricular activity where you can learn more about the topic outside of the classroom. After the activity, identify three ways that the extracurricular activity helped you learn better.

ZDRAVSTVUITE!

Bom dia!

Aloha!

Bonjour!

Nǐ

hǎo!

Konnichiwa!

Guten

tag!

Annyong ha

shimnikka!

¡Hola!

Namasté!

Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Look at the ways to say *Hello* in the different languages above. Which ones do you know?
- 2 How many languages can you speak? Which languages would you like to learn?
- 3 Which are the most popular languages to study in your country? Why are they popular?

Before You Read

Languages Without
Borders

A Match each group of countries to the language they share.

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| 1 _____ Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein | a Portuguese |
| 2 _____ Egypt, Syria, Yemen | b Spanish |
| 3 _____ Chile, Colombia, Cuba | c Arabic |
| 4 _____ Brazil, Cape Verde, Portugal | d English |
| 5 _____ Australia, Barbados, Jamaica | e German |

B Answer the following questions.

- Why do we learn English? Why do you think English is a popular language to learn?
- Do you know of any differences between the English spoken in countries like the U.S., England, and Australia? Give some examples.

C Discuss your answers with a partner.**Reading Skill**

Identifying Main Ideas

When we read, we try to make connections between what we are reading and what we already know. It is easier to make those connections if we know the main idea of the text.

A Skim each paragraph of the passage on the next page. Then match each paragraph to its main idea.

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 _____ Paragraph 1 | 4 _____ Paragraph 4 |
| 2 _____ Paragraph 2 | 5 _____ Paragraph 5 |
| 3 _____ Paragraph 3 | |
- There are many varieties of English.
 - The future of English is uncertain.
 - English is widely used and growing in countries like China and Russia.
 - The first group consists of countries with native English speakers.
 - Countries like India and Malaysia use their own variety of English in everyday life.

B Skim the passage again quickly. Then complete the sentence below.

The main idea of this passage is that _____.

- the most important type of English continues to be British English
- there are many types of English, and they will continue to change
- English will not be the international language for much longer

C Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 100.

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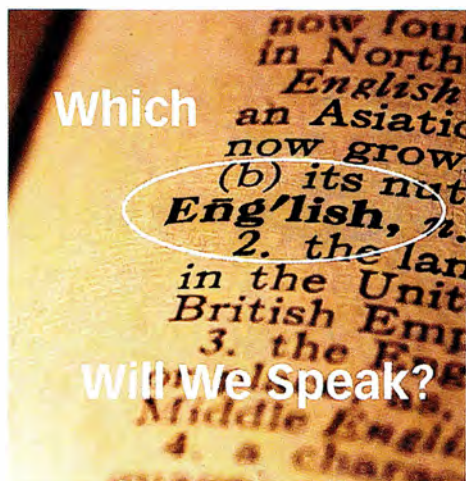
Which

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2

Will We Speak?

10



English is called an international language, but there are actually quite a few **varieties** of English that **exist** around the world. English **originated** in England, but soon English spread to other countries, and different varieties of English began to exist. Today, the countries in which English is spoken can be divided into three groups.

The first group is made of those countries where English is the **primary** language. These are countries like England, Canada, the United States, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. There are more than 380 million native¹ speakers of English in these countries alone.

3

There is a second group of countries that have their own varieties of English. Their histories have been directly influenced by one of the early English-speaking societies. They use English in various important ways within their own government and everyday life. India, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Kenya are examples of this group. The total number of speakers in this group is in the hundreds of millions.

4

In a third group of countries, English is widely used as a foreign language. However, citizens use their native language within their own government and in everyday life. Some countries in this group are China, Russia, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, and many Western European countries. Some people **calculate** the number of speakers in this group to be as many as one billion—and it is growing fast.



5

This changing **situation** raises many questions. Will another language **replace** English as the international language? If not, will people continue to use the English of countries such as England or the United States as models? Will new varieties of English **develop** in countries such as China or Brazil? Or, in the future, will a new international variety of English develop that doesn't belong to any one country, but to an entire area like Asia or Europe?

¹ Your **native** language is the first language you learned to speak.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 England, America, Canada, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand are countries where _____.
 - a people speak English as a foreign language
 - b English is the main language
 - c people still use the type of English used in England
- 2 In China and Brazil, English is widely used _____.
 - a in everyday life
 - b by the government
 - c as a foreign language
- 3 The _____ group has the most number of English speakers.
 - a first
 - b second
 - c third
- 4 Which sentence is the writer most likely agree with?
 - a English will stay in its current form for a long time.
 - b No one knows if English will remain the international language.
 - c Soon there will be more native speakers of English than non-native speakers.

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T), false (F), or not given (NG). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F	NG
1 English originated in the United States.			
2 The writer thinks English is easy to learn.			
3 The Philippines has its own variety of English.			
4 English is widely used as a foreign language in Egypt.			

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you think it is important for the world to have an international language? Why, or why not?
- 2 Do you think another language will replace English as the international language in the future? Why, or why not?

Effort versus ability. Did you make mistakes on the comprehension checks in this unit because of a lack of effort or because the items are beyond your ability level? Many learners want to blame mistakes on lack of ability, but often our mistakes are a result of not trying hard enough.

A Match each word with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 _____ exist | a to work with numbers |
| 2 _____ calculate | b to grow or change over time |
| 3 _____ primary | c how things are |
| 4 _____ develop | d where something begins |
| 5 _____ originate | e type or kind of something |
| 6 _____ replace | f the main or most important thing |
| 7 _____ situation | g to take or fill the place of |
| 8 _____ variety | h to be real or to be present |

B Complete the following sentences using the correct form of words from A.

- I'm terrible at math. It takes me forever to _____ my expenses.
- I need a new pair of shoes to _____ my old ones, but there's such a big _____ that I can't decide which to buy!
- It can be an uncomfortable _____ when you forget someone's name.
- The city _____ slowly along the river, which became its _____ source of water.

A Look at these English words that came from other languages. Practice saying them with a partner. Can you add any more to the chart?

Language	Loan word
French	passport
Turkish	kiosk
Latin	candle
Italian	violin
Spanish	mosquito
German	hamburger

Language	Loan word
Dutch	cruise
Indian	shampoo
Japanese	tsunami
Malay	ketchup
Chinese	tea
Inuit	kayak

B Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the words in A. You may use your dictionary to help you.

- Would you like some coffee or _____?
- A _____ is a very small animal that drinks blood.
- I'm using a new _____. It makes my hair really shiny.
- I would like some _____ on my _____.
- You have to bring your _____ with you when you go traveling.
- I bought a magazine at the _____.
- The _____ in 2004 destroyed many areas near the Indian Ocean.
- I wish I had learned to play the _____ when I was younger.

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

Vocabulary Skill

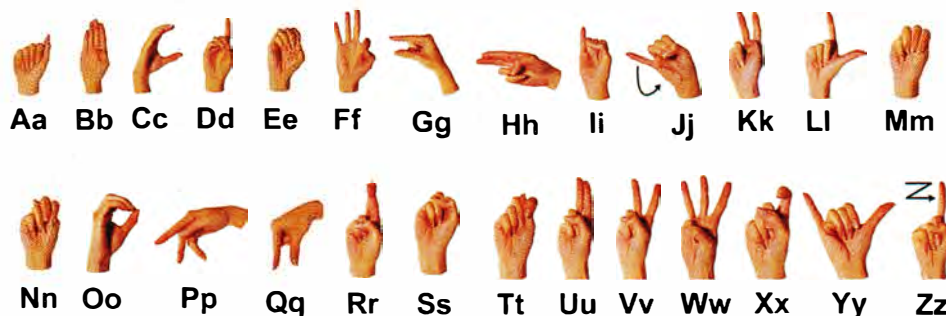
Loan Words

There are many words in English that have come from other languages. These are called *loan words* and they are now used as part of everyday English.

Before You Read

Sign Language Alphabet

- A** This is the alphabet for American Sign Language. Practice making these signs with your hand.

SIGN LANGUAGE

- B** Use the sign language above to spell English words to a partner.

Reading Skill

Distinguishing Main Idea and Supporting Details

Many paragraphs have a main idea that is supported by a number of details. Not all details in a paragraph support the main idea; some support the supporting ideas themselves. Finding the main and most important supporting idea helps us clearly understand the writer's point.

- A** Read the first paragraph of the passage on the next page. Then look at the main idea and one supporting idea below. Add two more supporting details.

Main idea: Deaf people have special ways of communicating.

Supporting details:

- 1 _____
- 2 It is possible for deaf people to speak with special voice training.
- 3 _____

- B** Now read the second paragraph of the passage. Then write the main idea and three supporting details.

Main idea: _____

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

- C** Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 104.

1 Because deaf people cannot hear, they have special ways of **communicating**. For example, they can learn to understand what someone is saying by looking at the mouth of the speaker. This is called lipreading. Also, speaking is very difficult for the deaf, because they cannot hear their own voices. However, it is possible
5 with special training. According to many deaf people all around the world, the most **practical** and popular way of communicating is with sign language.

2 In many ways, sign language is **similar** to spoken language. The words of sign language are made with signs, which are formed with movements of the hands, face, and body. As with words, each sign has a different meaning and can be
10 combined to form sentences. Signed languages also have their own grammar. The alphabet of sign language is special hand signs that **stand for** letters; they make spelling possible. The signs combine to form a rich language that can express the same thoughts, feelings, and ideas as any spoken language. And just as people from different countries speak different languages, most countries have their own
15 variety of sign language.

3 In addition to knowing sign language, it is also helpful to know something about how deaf people communicate. Since they rely so much on actions, deaf people are
20 generally not very **formal** when they "talk," and may touch your arm or shoulder a lot to make sure you know what they're saying. It is not seen as rude in among deaf people to lightly touch someone you do
25 not know to get their attention. It's also okay to wave your hands or hit the table or floor. Also, lots of eye contact¹ is necessary.



4 There are many ways to learn a few signs. Community colleges often teach **introductory** classes. For self-learners, bookstores and libraries have books for learning sign language. There are also instructional² videos on the Internet, with
30 actors **demonstrating** signs and performing interesting stories and conversations for you to see. With practice, you'll soon **get the hang of** this useful method of communicating!

¹ If you make **eye contact** with someone, you look into their eyes.

² Something **instructional** is full of information, or for learning.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Complete the following summary using words from the passage.

Deaf people have special ways of communicating. While they can't hear, they also find it hard to speak because they cannot hear their (1) _____. Some deaf people use (2) _____, where they watch the speaker's mouth. But the most widely-used method of communication is (3) _____. They use hand signs to spell letters of the (4) _____, and use hand and body movements to form words and sentences. They even have their own (5) _____ the same way people in different countries speak different languages. In addition to hand signs, communicating with deaf people involves a lot of touching and making (6) _____. You may also have to wave your hands or (7) _____ the table or floor to get their attention. There are lots of ways to learn sign language. You can go for (8) _____ with trained teachers, read (9) _____ about it, or watch (10) _____. All it takes is effort and practice!

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 You can learn to lipread by reading a book.		
2 Lots of eye contact is necessary for deaf people.		
3 Sign language has letters, but no words.		
4 Waving your hands at someone is considered rude by deaf people.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Think of all the things you do in an average day. Which ones wouldn't you do if you were deaf?
- 2 How would you design alarm clocks, doorbells, and telephones for deaf people?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete each statement with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- 1 When you **get the hang** of something, it becomes much _____.
a easier b harder
- 2 Practical advice is useful _____.
a on special occasions b in everyday life
- 3 Which words below are **similar**?
a big, small b small, short
- 4 What do _____ stand for?
a the numbers 123 b the letters ATM

- 5 He'll demonstrate the move. You just have to _____ him.
a watch b listen to
- 6 In an introductory class, you will probably learn _____ from the teacher.
a simple information b advanced information
- 7 Which of the following involves communication?
a writing, typing b running, jumping
- 8 Who would you send a formal letter to?
a your close friend b your boss

B Answer the following questions, then discuss your answers with a partner. The words in blue are from the passage.

- 1 What occasions are generally seen as formal?
- 2 How are you similar to people in your family?
- 3 What letters do you know that stand for something?
- 4 What are some ways that animals communicate?

A Complete the chart with the missing parts of speech. Use your dictionary to help you. Compare your answers with a partner.

Noun	Verb	Adjective
1		introductory
2 variety		
3	threaten	
4	imagine	
5 harm		
6		communicative

B Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the words from the chart.

- 1 Smoking can be very _____ to your health.
- 2 The band sang a _____ of songs during the performance.
- 3 He must have a great _____ to come up with that crazy story!
- 4 The robber _____ to hurt me if I didn't give him my wallet.
- 5 The first chapter of *Dancing Today* is a great _____ to modern dance.
- 6 Couples who _____ with each other usually have a happy marriage.

Vocabulary Skill

Word Families

When you learn a new word in English, it is helpful to also learn words that are related to it. Learning the different parts of speech that form the word family can help you expand your vocabulary.

Real Life Skill

Distinguishing American and British Words

There can be many differences in language even between two English-speaking countries like the U.S. and England. Aside from differences in spelling, certain terms are used in England, and countries using British English, which may be foreign to Americans and countries that use American English, although they may refer to the same thing.

A Do you know the following words? Match the words from the box to their American or British counterparts.

petrol toilet cookies truck flat
elevator rubbish queue soccer pants

American	British
line	
	football
	biscuits
gas	
	lorry
restroom	
apartment	
	trousers
trash	
	lift

B Discuss your answers with a partner. Then answer the following questions.

- 1 Which of these words are more commonly used in your country?
- 2 Can you think of any more British and American English words which refer to the same thing?

Create realistic learner beliefs. Do you have certain beliefs about what it takes to be a good reader? Some of them may be unrealistic or even incorrect. Write down two beliefs you have about reading, and discuss them as a class. How can you adjust some of these beliefs to fit your learning needs?

What do you think?

- 1 Do you think technology has changed the way we communicate? How?
- 2 Do you think there will be more or less languages in the future? Why?
- 3 Does English make a good or a bad international language? Why?

Festivals and Celebrations

UNIT

9



Mardi Gras, Brazil



Los Sanfermines, Spain



Jaipur Elephant Festival, India



Thanksgiving Parade, the United States

Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 What is happening in each of the pictures?
- 2 Which of the festivals above do you know about? What do you know about them?
- 3 What is your favorite festival? Why do you like it?

Before You Read

Unique Festivals

- A** Which countries celebrate these festivals? Match the country to the festival.

Thailand

England

India

Spain

Mexico

- 1 **Day of the Dead:** People pray for the dead, and decorate graves with food, candles, and flowers. They also dress up as skeletons and bake bread in the shape of skulls. _____
- 2 **La Tomatina:** People gather to throw thousands of tomatoes at each other in the town square. _____
- 3 **Holi:** Participants sing and dance, and throw colored powders and water at each other. _____
- 4 **Songkran:** People try to soak each other using containers of water or water guns. They might also hide with garden hoses to splash people. _____
- 5 **Cheese Rolling Festival:** Each year, an official throws blocks of cheese down a very steep hill, and participants chase and try to catch them. _____

- B** Discuss your answers with a partner. What other unique festivals do you know?

Reading Skill

Scanning

When we scan, we look for information that we want and ignore other information. On tests, scanning can be useful when checking if a fact is true or false, or to find the place in a passage about which a question is asked.

- A** Read the expressions below. Circle the best word(s) to complete each expression.

- 1 (tell / share / say) goodbye
- 2 (have / make / teach) a promise
- 3 (use / lose / spend) weight
- 4 (all / most / total) night
- 5 (get / take / receive) place
- 6 (enter / jump / join) the party
- 7 (get / take / have) together

- B** Now scan the passage on the next page to find the expressions and check your answers.

- C** Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 110.

Set high expectations for yourself. Keep your learning goals high. Stay focused on your professional and personal goals for learning English. If you do, it will be easier to achieve them.

How Do You Celebrate?

New Year's Day

New Year is one of the most popular **festivals** in the world, even though it is **celebrated** at different times and in different ways. In many western countries, people get together with
5 family and friends on December 31 to eat, drink, and dance as they wait for January 1. Some of the biggest parties are held on New Year's Eve. In many cities, crowds gather in the center of town to welcome the new year at midnight with fireworks.

For many Asian countries like China, Taiwan, and Vietnam,
10 the New Year is based on a lunar calendar.¹ The date changes from year to year, but usually falls between January 21 and February 21. It is traditionally seen as a time for family **reunions**, with people traveling across the country and from overseas. Many people wear red clothes, as it is thought to be a lucky color. They also give "lucky money" in red
15 envelopes to friends and family, and set off firecrackers² to scare away bad luck.

What's common among these celebrations is the meaning of the new year; it is a time to say goodbye to the past and to think about new beginnings. For example, in Japan, people organize *bonenkai* parties ("year forgetting parties"), which are **dedicated to**
20 Year's resolutions—promises to themselves to make changes in their lives over the coming year, such as to lose weight, stop smoking, or learn a new skill.

Carnival

In late February or early March, some countries celebrate a special festival
25 called Carnival. Carnival is thought to have originated in Italy or Greece, and was held just before Lent, the 40-day period before Easter³. People dressed in costumes, wore colorful **masks**, ate, drank, and danced all night. This tradition **spread** to France, Spain, Portugal,
30 and later to Brazil and the United States.

Now, two of the biggest Carnival celebrations take place in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, and New Orleans in the United States. There are grand **parades** where people wear **flashy** costumes and dance and sing in the streets.
35 In New Orleans, Carnival is known as Mardi Gras. Many roads and shops are shut down for the celebrations which can last for up to three weeks. Millions of visitors travel from around the world to join the party, and many more watch the event on television.



¹ A **lunar calendar** is based on the stages of the moon rather than the sun.

² A **firecracker** is a small paper case that can be exploded to make noise

³ **Easter** is a religious holiday for Christians.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

- A** Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 In many western countries, New Year starts after midnight on December 31.		
2 In some Asian countries, the new year starts on January 21 and ends on February 21.		
3 Red clothes and envelopes are said to bring good luck.		
4 Carnival is one of the days of Lent.		
5 The Mardi Gras is famous all over the world.		

- B** Read the following sentences. Check (✓) whether they are true for New Year (N), Carnival (C), or both.

	N	C
1 People have parties and celebrations in the streets.		
2 People get together with friends and family.		
3 This festival is celebrated all over the world.		
4 This festival can last up to three weeks.		
5 People make promises to themselves during this time.		
6 People wear brightly colored clothes.		

Critical Thinking

- C** Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Why do you think people need to welcome the start of the new year?
- Why do you think festivals are important? What purpose do they serve?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

- A** Match each word with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| 1 _____ reunion | a to give something a lot of time and effort |
| 2 _____ spread | b very bright and colorful |
| 3 _____ mask | c to have a party (for a happy reason) |
| 4 _____ festival | d this covers your face or eyes |
| 5 _____ dedicate to | e to move in many directions |
| 6 _____ parade | f a day or time of year when people celebrate a special event |
| 7 _____ celebrate | g a meeting between people who haven't seen each other for a long time |
| 8 _____ flashy | h people walking down the street together with music and costumes |

B Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words from A.

- 1 What is your family doing to _____ your sister's birthday?
- 2 I want to find a good spot to watch the _____; my daughter is in the marching band.
- 3 In the sport of fencing, people wear _____ to protect their face.
- 4 You should see the doctor before you _____ your illness to other people.

A Look at how different prepositions are used with different time expressions.

Use *in* with months, seasons, years, some parts of the day, and periods of time in the future

in December in spring in the morning in 1975 in four months
Exception: *at night*

Use *on* with days of the week, specific dates, special days, and other time expressions

on Monday on December 15 on Christmas Day on the weekend

Use *at* with exact times of day

at 10 o'clock at noon

Vocabulary Skill

Prepositions of Time: *in*, *on*, *at*

When we talk about time, we often use prepositions. The most common prepositions in expressions about time are *in*, *on*, and *at*. There are some basic rules for how to use them correctly.

B Complete the following sentences with *in*, *on*, and *at*.

- 1 I have to take my cat to the vet _____ Friday.
- 2 I have to take my medicine _____ exactly 7:00. Don't let me forget!
- 3 We need to give him that report _____ February 12.
- 4 My summer course begins _____ two weeks.
- 5 I'll meet you at the café tonight _____ 7:30.
- 6 I graduated from university _____ October.
- 7 I paid a lot of taxes _____ 2006.

C Now complete these sentences about yourself. Use the correct time expressions.

- 1 My birthday is _____.
- 2 I usually go on vacation _____.
- 3 I usually eat breakfast _____.
- 4 I typically go to bed _____.
- 5 _____ New Year's Day I always _____.

Before You Read

Festivals

Festivals can be a series of activities, cultural events, or entertainment. They can also be events held by the local community, which celebrates some unique part of that community.

Reading Skill

Reading for Details

When reading for details, we read every word and make sure we understand the meaning. Reading for details is especially useful when we need to get information from one part of a larger reading. We can scan the passage for the part we need to read for details. We often need to do this when taking tests.

A Look at the kinds of festivals below and answer the following questions.

art	book	comedy	fashion
film	sports	music	food

- Which kinds of festivals have you attended? Which ones would you like to attend?
- What other kinds of festivals can you think of?

B Skim the journal on the next page. What kind of festival do you think it describes?

A Read the following sentences. Then scan the journal on the next page. Check (✓) three things that happened on September 2.

- ☐ They had some delicious local food.
- ☐ They watched a parade of actors.
- ☐ They went to the Jazz & Blues Festival.
- ☐ They went for a long walk.
- ☐ They watched some short plays in the Fringe Festival.
- ☐ They arrived in Edinburgh.

B Check (✓) three things they did on September 3.

- ☐ They spent the afternoon walking along the river.
- ☐ They watched a comedian perform.
- ☐ They checked out of the hotel and went to the airport.
- ☐ They watched fireworks.
- ☐ They went to the Foodies Festival for dinner.
- ☐ They took part in a painting class.

C Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 114.

Humor and reading. What is the funniest thing you have read in the past week? Reading the comics can be a fun thing to read. Humor is often based on cultural issues. Reading and understanding humor in English can be a fun way to learn more.

Edinburgh Festival Journal

September 1

I'm so excited! My roommate Christopher and I are on our flight to Edinburgh, Scotland, for the Edinburgh International Festival. It's the biggest arts festival in the world and combines many
5 **separate** festivals happening at the same time. I'm **especially** excited to see lots of indie¹ art and films. There's so much to do, and we only have three days!



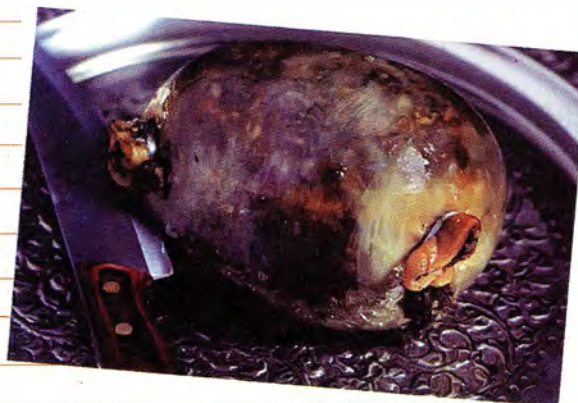
September 2

Christopher and I arrived at our hotel in Edinburgh last night. After **checking in**, we had dinner and explored the city streets. It was really **fascinating** but we went to bed soon after because we were so tired! Today we went to King's Theater to watch some short plays that are part of the Fringe Festival. People here call it "The Fringe," and it has an awesome variety of shows by all sorts of performing arts groups. A parade of actors **greeted** us as we walked
15 down the street. They were waving colorful flags, one for each of the theater companies performing at the festival. It was a great way for us to start our festival experience. Christopher wants to hear some bands at the Jazz & Blues Festival, and we hope to see a good film tonight.



September 3

20 I saw an awesome comedian today! He was so funny that I couldn't stop laughing. I wish we had these kind of events in my hometown. Christopher and I spent the afternoon walking along the river. There were painters on either side, working and **displaying** all kinds of art. Later, we went
25 to the Foodies Festival for dinner and tried local Scottish foods. Most of it was delicious, although there were a few foods we didn't **dare** try—like haggis!²



September 4

Today is the final day of the International Festival, but some of the smaller festivals will go on for a few
30 more days. The plan is to watch some short plays in the amphitheater in the park after lunch. Then, later tonight, we'll attend the closing **ceremonies** in the city center and watch the fireworks. I can't believe the festival is almost over!

¹ **Indie** is short for *independent* and describes an artistic work produced by a small company or group.

² **Haggis** is a kind of sausage made from the heart, liver, lungs, and stomach of a sheep.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- 1 Christopher is the writer's _____.
a roommate b student c boss
- 2 After the writer and Christopher checked into the hotel, the first thing they did was _____.
a go to sleep b have dinner c see a play
- 3 The _____ made the writer laugh a lot.
a amphitheater b comedian c local Scottish foods
- 4 Which of these is the main festival?
a Fringe Festival
b Jazz & Blues Festival
c Edinburgh International Festival

B Number these events (1–5) in the order they happened.

- a ____ The writer attended the closing ceremonies in the city center.
- b ____ A parade of actors greeted the writer in the street.
- c ____ The writer saw painters working and displaying all kinds of art.
- d ____ The writer couldn't stop laughing at the comedian.
- e ____ The writer attended the Foodies Festival.

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 How do people in Scotland probably feel about the arts?
- 2 What do you think about a festival that brings together so many different arts? Would you like to go to this festival?



Critical Thinking

Vocabulary Comprehension

Odd Word Out

A For each group, circle the word that does not belong. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 interesting | fascinating | obvious |
| 2 display | show | disguise |
| 3 welcome | express | greet |
| 4 hold back | dare | try |
| 5 especially | normally | commonly |
| 6 register | check in | fly in |
| 7 separate | different | altogether |
| 8 celebration | education | ceremony |

B Complete the following sentences using the words in blue from A. You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 He has pictures of his family _____ on his wall.
- 2 Would you ever _____ go sky-diving?
At the airport, we waited in a long line just to _____.
- 4 My dog and cat sleep in _____ rooms, otherwise they will fight.



a taste



b touch

Vocabulary Skill

Sensory Verbs

The five senses are sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch. There are many verbs in English associated with each sense. They often have differences in meaning and are used in different ways. For example, you *watch TV*, but *look at a painting*.



c hearing



d smell



e sight

A Match the following verbs to the senses. Write the letter of the picture next to each verb.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1 ____ listen | 7 ____ taste |
| 2 ____ watch | 8 ____ look |
| 3 ____ hear | 9 ____ see |
| 4 ____ smell | 10 ____ feel |
| 5 ____ lick | 11 ____ sniff |
| 6 ____ touch | |

B Complete the following sentences with the correct verb from **B** above. Add prepositions like *at*, *to*, or *in* if you need to.

- There's a good movie on TV tonight. Do you want to _____ it?
- We're going to _____ a Picasso exhibition at the museum.
- This sauce doesn't _____ right. Maybe you should add more salt?
- Do you _____ to the radio every morning? I can _____ music coming from your room.
- You have to _____ this cloth to _____ how soft it is.

Real Life Skill

Reading Tourist
Information

Many cities have a Visitors' Bureau or Tourist Information Center. They have brochures and websites with information about places to visit, sightseeing tours, festivals, and events. Understanding some of the language commonly used in this information can help you plan your trip better.

A Read this brochure about a festival.

CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS!

Mardi Gras is a huge festival and is attended by almost a million people every year. If you're planning to visit New Orleans at this time, it's better to be prepared for the party!

Tips for visitors:

- Plan ahead: Many hotels start taking reservations for Mardi Gras in August. To get the room you want, call well in advance. Don't wait until January!
- Plan your transportation: Many streets are closed to cars.
- Get there early: For the big parades on the weekend before Mardi Gras, plan to arrive about four hours ahead of time to find a good spot.
- Check the weather forecasts: It can be very warm or very cold at this time of year. You might need a jacket, sunscreen, or an umbrella—or all three.
- Catch Mardi Gras throws: People riding on floats in the parades throw small things to the crowd. Spectators jump up to catch beads, plastic coins, cups, and toy animals. Bring a plastic bag to hold all your souvenirs.

B Match each word in blue in the brochure with its meaning below.

- 1 a prediction of how the weather will be _____
- 2 pieces of useful information _____
- 3 an arrangement to confirm accommodation or seats _____
- 4 a long time before _____
- 5 people who watch an event _____
- 6 a small item to remind you of the place you visited _____

C Read the following sentences. Check (✓) (T) or false (F). Then **circle** the information in the brochure that helped you find the answer.

	T	F
1 The weather is always good in New Orleans at this time of year.		
2 You should make hotel reservations for Mardi Gras in January.		
3 You can get lots of free souvenirs at the parades.		
4 All of the parades are held on one day.		

What do you think?

- 1 What are some holidays in your country? What do you do on those days?
- 2 Do you think festivals are more popular now or in the past? Why?

Review Unit 3

Fluency Strategy: Dealing with Unknown Words

If you stop to learn every new word you read, you will read less fluently. It is often possible to skip unknown words when you read.

A Read the first paragraph of the article on the next page. **Circle** any words you do not know. As you circle the words, don't stop—keep reading!

B Look at the words you circled and complete the chart below.

Unknown word	Line number	Unknown word	Line number

Did you circle any word more than once? If a new word comes up several times, then it may be important to learn that word. For example, the word *submarine* appears four times. Do you already know what it means? If not, can you guess its meaning in the first paragraph?

C Now answer this comprehension question about the paragraph you just read:

What is NOT true about the submarine Shinkai 6500?

- a It has never been used outside Japan.
- c Three people can ride in it.
- b It can dive deeper than other submarines.
- d It is 9.5 meters long.

Were you able to answer this question without looking up the meaning of the unknown word(s)? Remember, you don't always need to understand every word to understand the meaning of the passage.

D Now read the entire article, without using a dictionary. **Circle** any words you don't know, but don't worry about their meaning. How many words did you skip?

Complete the chart below.

Unknown word	Line number	Unknown word	Line number

Amazing Machines!

The deepest diving submarine

The Japanese research submarine Shinkai 6500 can dive deeper than any other submarine. On August 11, 1989, it went down to a depth of 6,526 meters beneath the ocean's surface. The submarine is 9.5 meters long, about the size of a bus and can take up to three people. It is used for ocean research all over the world.



The world's most intelligent vacuum cleaner

The iRobot vacuum cleaner can clean your floor by itself. It has computers to help it see and hear, so it can detect walls and stairs. It even knows which part of the floor is dirtiest. It cleans the floor in three stages. First, it picks up dirt and pet hair, then it puts them into a special bin. Finally, the machine cleans the air, making the room fresher and healthier!

The most useful television

The Viera is the name of the world's only digital entertainment device that can go underwater. It is made and sold in Japan. You can listen to your favorite music, or even watch a movie, all from the comfort of your bathtub. And the battery lasts over five hours if you're planning to spend a long time bathing. You can even use headphones with it—all you'll need is to find a pair that is waterproof!

The smartest monitor

The Japanese company Eizo Nanao has invented a very special computer monitor, called the FlexScan monitor. The FlexScan monitor can stand up to 23 centimeters high, and it can almost 180 degrees left or right. It weighs only 4.3 kilograms. What's more, it can help save electricity. It senses when you have left your computer and turns itself off when you've been gone for more than 40 seconds. When you come back, it knows to turn itself back on!

The smallest motorcycle

A Swedish man named Tom Wiberg built the world's smallest motorcycle that can be ridden by a person. He calls it the Small Toe. The front wheel is only 1.6 centimeters wide, and the back wheel is 2.2 centimeters wide. The rider sits barely 7 centimeters above the ground. In 2003, Wiberg rode his machine for more than ten meters and set a new Guinness World Record for the smallest rideable motorcycle ever built.



Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 What can the iRobot vacuum cleaner clean?
 - a walls
 - b air
 - c pets
 - d computers
- 2 According to the passage, why is the Viera special?
 - a It plays very loud music.
 - b It is made in Japan.
 - c Its battery lasts five hours.
 - d You can use it underwater.
- 3 Why is the FlexScan monitor "smart"?
 - a It knows when you leave your computer.
 - b It can turn almost 180 degrees.
 - c It cleans the air in the room.
 - d It can be used underwater.
- 4 Wiberg probably made the world's smallest motorcycle _____.
 - a for the police
 - b to sell to Swedish motorcycle riders
 - c because he wanted to set a new record
 - d as a way to travel around the city
- 5 Which machine would a deep-sea photographer probably use?
 - a Shinkai 6500
 - b iRobot
 - c Viera
 - d FlexScan
- 6 What is true about all the machines in the reading?
 - a They are very small.
 - b They contain computers.
 - c They are unique in some way.
 - d You can buy them in stores.

SELF CHECK

Answer the following questions.

- 1 Look again at the vocabulary learning tips on pages 6–7. Which of these tips do you think is most useful? Why?

- 2 What do you usually do when you find a word you don't know?

- 3 Do you think that you can still understand a passage if you skip some unknown words? Why, or why not?

- 4 Which of the six reading passages in Units 7–9 did you enjoy most? Why?

- 5 Which of the six reading passages in Units 7–9 was easiest? Which was most difficult? Why?

- 6 What have you read in English outside of class recently?

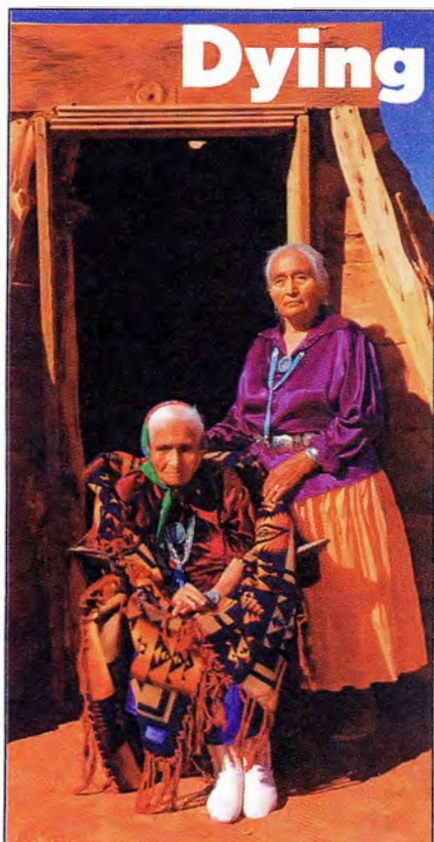
- 7 What time of day is the best time for you to read and comprehend well? Do you use that part of the day to do your most important reading and studying?

- 8 Do you keep a vocabulary notebook? Why?

Review Reading 5: Dying Languages

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.



Languages

The world is getting smaller, at least when it comes to language. More and more people speak the three most common languages: English, Spanish, and Mandarin. As a result, local languages are being forgotten. In many parts of the world, grandparents speak a language their grandchildren do not understand. As cultures adjust to these changes, and languages aren't taught to children or spoken at home, these local languages are slowly disappearing.

A language is said to be in trouble when less than 30 percent of children in the community speak it. It is considered a dying language. If children no longer learn to use a language, it will have fewer and fewer speakers over time and, eventually, the language will be gone.

Why keep languages alive? Languages hold the key to understanding a culture's beliefs and values. They show how a culture understands or explains the world. "You need to look at a variety of languages, because no one language gets it all," said anthropologist¹ Dr. Linda Cumberland who is working to save Assiniboiné, a Native American language.

According to Dr. Cumberland, a dying language needs a dictionary and people to understand and record its grammar. Most importantly, you need to listen to those who still speak the language. This can be very difficult, especially if there are very few speakers of the language left. For example, when researchers were working to save the language Ayapaneco in Mexico, it was hard for them to record anything because the last two people on Earth who could speak the language refused to speak to each other!

Today, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) lists more than 3,000 languages that may disappear by the end of this century. Some of the languages still have a few million speakers and may survive. Unfortunately, hundreds of languages have fewer than 25 speakers remaining and may soon be lost forever.

¹ An **anthropologist** is someone who studies people, societies, and culture.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 The main idea of this reading is that _____.
 - a people should learn new languages
 - b languages help us understand other cultures
 - c many languages are disappearing around the world
 - d most people speak English, Spanish, and Mandarin
- 2 Why are local languages being spoken less and less?
 - a People use computers to communicate now.
 - b Children do not talk to their grandparents.
 - c People who know the language don't want to speak to each other.
 - d People prefer to learn and speak more common languages.
- 3 When is a language considered to be dying?
 - a when about 50 percent of local people speak it
 - b when fewer than 30 percent of local children learn it
 - c when it doesn't have a dictionary
 - d when it is only spoken by old people
- 4 What does Dr. Cumberland mean when she says *no one language gets it all* in lines 18–19?
 - a There are too many different languages.
 - b There are many ways to understand the world.
 - c Some cultures understand the world the wrong way.
 - d We need to look for one language that can explain the world.
- 5 According to Dr. Cumberland, to save a dying language, you need to _____.
 - a understand the culture's history
 - b listen to people who still speak it
 - c teach all the children who speak it
 - d be able to speak English, Spanish, or Mandarin
- 6 Why was it so hard for linguists to study Ayanpaneco?
 - a It's a very difficult language.
 - b They couldn't understand the grammar.
 - c There were fewer than 25 speakers left.
 - d The people who knew the language didn't speak to each other.

Review Reading 6: Celebrating Chusok

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Try to read as fluently as you can. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.



Chusok is one of the most important festivals in the Korean calendar. It takes place in the eighth month of the lunar calendar (in either September or October), on the night of the full moon. Chusok is a time for family reunions and for people to honor and give thanks to their ancestors. It is also meant to celebrate nature and the large harvest¹ that it has given them.

- 5 Nowadays, many people in Korea live and work in big cities like Seoul. During Chusok, people who have moved away return to their hometowns in the countryside to celebrate together. The government gives everyone a day off from work before and after Chusok. Many people spend those days traveling, as the roads are very busy during this period. A two-hour journey can easily turn into six hours!
- 10 At the family home, the day before Chusok is spent cleaning the home and preparing food for ceremonies and family dinners. Women make *songphyun*—moon-shaped rice cakes with a sweet filling—using new rice from the recent harvest. It is said that the woman who makes the most beautiful *songphyun* will find a good-looking husband or give birth to a beautiful daughter. The *songphyun* can take days to make, but now people can buy them easily in stores.
- 15 The next day is Chusok. People make an effort to dress nicely and wear traditional costumes like the *hanbok*, although this is more common among the older women. In the morning, food is placed on a special table dedicated to their ancestors, and families pay a visit their graves. Later, traditional games like *yut nori* (a game of throwing sticks) and *hwa-tu* (a card game) are played. At night, the whole family goes outdoors under the full moon, and everyone eats and drinks until
- 20 late. The third day is usually spent traveling back home and preparing to return to work or school. Like Thanksgiving and Lunar New Year, Chusok is a time for families to reconnect with past traditions, as well as spend time with each other.

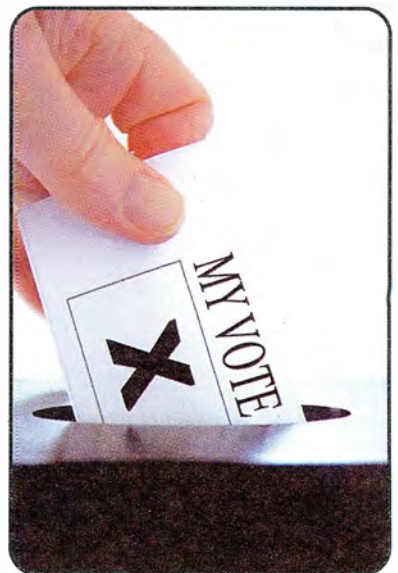
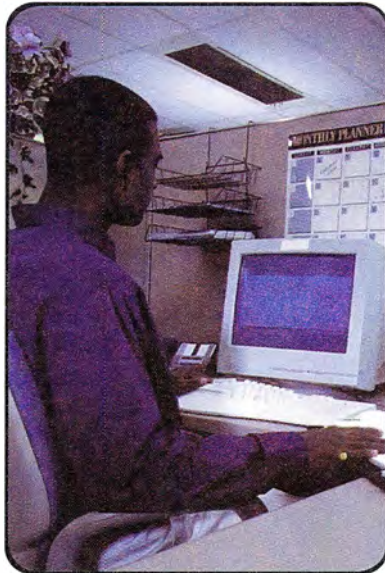
¹ A **harvest** is the gathering of crop, such as rice, wheat, or potatoes.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 This reading is mainly about _____.
 - a the ways that Chusok has changed over the years
 - b what Chusok is, and how it is celebrated
 - c the best ways to celebrate in Korea
 - d the most popular Korean celebrations
- 2 Which of these do people celebrate during Chusok?
 - a nature
 - b a big harvest
 - c relatives who have died
 - d marriage and babies
- 3 According to the passage, in what ways has Chusok changed?
 - a Younger women don't wear the *hanbok* very much.
 - b People now eat *songphyun* during Chusok.
 - c More people live in big cities.
 - d People can now buy *songphyun* in stores.
- 4 According to the passage, why does a two-hour journey become six hours?
 - a Roads are crowded as people travel home at the same time.
 - b People stop to visit the graves of their ancestors.
 - c People have to buy food for ceremonies.
 - d The government closes roads for celebrations.
- 5 What do people NOT do on the day before Chusok?
 - a travel
 - b play games
 - c make *songphyun*
 - d clean the house
- 6 Which of the following is not part of the Chusok celebrations?
 - a making moon-shaped rice cakes
 - b dressing in nice clothes
 - c going outdoors under the moon
 - d greeting family members by saying "Chusok!"

Growing Up ^{UNIT} 10



Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 What life events are shown in the pictures above? How old should a person be to do each activity?
- 2 Which of these have you experienced?
- 3 What other major life events can you think of?

Before You Read

Are You Old Enough?

A The following words taken from the passage on the next page. Match each word or phrase with its definition.

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1 _____ driver's license | a to play games to try to win money |
| 2 _____ gamble | b drinks like wine, whisky, and beer |
| 3 _____ nightclub | c the army, airforce, and navy |
| 4 _____ alcohol | d choose members of government |
| 5 _____ military | e a paper or card that allows you to drive |
| 6 _____ vote | f a place for late-night drinking and dancing |

B What do the items in **A** have in common? Discuss with a partner.**Reading Skill**

Predicting

Before we read a passage, we can make predictions about a passage. This can help us understand the passage better. Good readers naturally ask themselves questions about what they are about to read.

A Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Look at the title of the passage on the next page. What do you think *The Age of Adulthood* means?
- Look at the photo of the boy. Why do you think he looks so happy?
- Now read only the first line of each paragraph. Check (✓) what you think you will read about in the passage.

<input type="checkbox"/> celebrating birthdays	<input type="checkbox"/> how your body changes as you get older
<input type="checkbox"/> buying your first car	<input type="checkbox"/> important ages around the world
<input type="checkbox"/> getting your first job	<input type="checkbox"/> the differences between children and adults
<input type="checkbox"/> what people do at certain ages	<input type="checkbox"/> what it means to be an adult

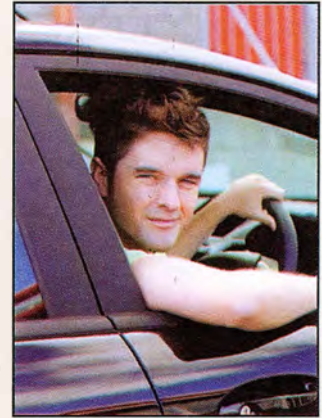
B Skim the passage to see if your ideas in **A** were correct.**C** Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 128.

Personalize your classroom. Most learners do better in an environment that they feel belongs to them. As a class, what can you do to personalize your classroom? Maybe you could put up posters or put up jokes and stories for your class to read? Identify three things that you can do together to make your classroom a better place in which to learn.

The Age of Adulthood

In the United States, 16, 18, and 21 are **significant** ages in a person's life. A person can do new things at each age to show that he or she is **no longer** a child. These are all part of the **transition** to adulthood.

- 5 After turning 16 in the United States, a person can be **employed**, get a driver's license, and leave home. Many high school students learn to drive and get part-time jobs soon after celebrating their 16th birthday. At 18, people in the United States can vote in government
- 10 elections and join the military, but they are **prohibited** from going into nightclubs, buying alcohol like beer or wine, or gambling until they are 21.



In many Latin American¹ countries, a young woman's 15th birthday is important. At this age, she is no longer **considered** to be a girl, but a woman. To mark this special day, families with 15-year-old daughters have a celebration called a *quinceañera*. The day begins with the young woman and her family going to church. Later, there is a party to which many guests are invited.

- 20 In Japan, boys and girls are considered to be adults at the age of 20. At this age, they are **allowed** to vote and drink alcohol. The second Monday in January is a national holiday called Coming-of-Age Day. On this day, 20-year-olds celebrate by first going to a shrine² with their families. Later, they listen
- 25 to speeches³ given by city and school leaders. After that, many celebrate with family and friends late into the night.



- In many countries, celebrations do not stop at adulthood. People like to celebrate what they consider to be important ages such as their 50th or 60th birthdays, or significant events such as the birth of their first child,
- 30 or their **retirement**.

¹ **Latin America** is Central and South America.

² A **shrine** is a kind of religious building.

³ A **speech** is a talk given to a group of people.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- The main idea of the passage is _____.
 - the age of adulthood is too young in some places but too old in others
 - being a young person in Latin America is easier than in Japan or the U.S.
 - there are special ages and celebrations around the world that show a person is becoming an adult
- Americans are NOT allowed to _____ when they turn 18.
 - drive
 - buy alcohol
 - join the military
- According to the passage, which of the following shows you are becoming an adult?
 - voting in an election
 - throwing a party
 - celebrating your birthday
- What do *quinceañera* and Coming-of-Age Day have in common?
 - Both are only for young women.
 - City and school leaders are involved.
 - They start the day with a religious ceremony.

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 In the United States, 16th, 18th, and 21st birthdays are special occasions.		
2 In many European countries, a young woman's 15th birthday is important.		
3 The <i>quinceañera</i> is only celebrated with the family.		
4 Many people think retirement is a big event in their lives.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- Do you think age plays a big part in determining if someone is an adult? Why, or why not?
- What ages are important in your country or culture? Why?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete the following sentences with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- The _____ man said he was planning to **retire**.
 - young
 - old
- A **transition** is _____.
 - an ending
 - a change
- The children are only **allowed** to do something if it's _____.
 - safe
 - dangerous

- 4 People usually _____ significant events.
a forget b remember
- 5 When you employ someone, you have to _____ him.
a pay b help
- 6 If you consider something to be true, you _____ it is true.
a can prove b think
- 7 If something no longer happens, it _____.
a takes more time b has stopped
- 8 Why would something be prohibited?
a It's too expensive. b It's not good for you.

B Complete the following sentences using the words in blue from A. You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 Knives, guns, and even scissors are _____ on airplanes.
- 2 I think that the _____ from life as a student to working life is very difficult.
- 3 My father decided to _____ last year. He really loved his job, so he's a little unhappy.
- 4 I _____ Sally my best friend. She's been a very _____ person in my life.

A Read the following passage and **circle** all of the *trans-* words that you find.

Happy Landings for Ernesto!

Last week, life didn't look very good for heart transplant patient Ernesto Medina from Spain. He was told two months ago that he would need the operation if he was to survive. He planned to make the transatlantic journey to a hospital in Chicago. While he was in transit at JFK Airport in New York, he received the news that his new heart had been accidentally transported to another hospital. Ernesto then had to get on a different plane to transport him to the other hospital, where the operation was carried out in time. Ernesto is now recovering from the transplant. His English-speaking wife translated for him as he said, "I feel like a new man—this new heart has transformed my life."

Vocabulary Skill

The Prefix *trans-*

In the passage, you read the word *transition*, a word that uses the prefix *trans-*, which means *across*, *change*, or *move from place to place*. *Trans-* comes at the beginning of many words to form nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in English.

B Match each of the *trans-* words from A with a definition below.

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 during a journey; on the way to a place | <u>in transit</u> |
| 2 changed completely | _____ |
| 3 take, move, or carry something to a different place | _____ |
| 4 across the Atlantic Ocean | _____ |
| 5 changed from one language into another | _____ |
| 6 to remove an organ from someone's body and place in another person's body | _____ |

Before You Read

Important Firsts

- A** Look at this list of important *firsts*. **Circle** any that you have experienced. Add one more to the list in the box.

first:

car	apartment	child	girlfriend/boyfriend	_____
job	English class	pet	airplane trip	

- B** Choose one of your firsts from above and tell a partner about it.

Reading Skill

Making Inferences

When we make inferences, we think about the passage and try to understand more than is written there. When we make inferences, we actively ask questions like *What does this mean?* or *Why did the writer/author write that?* in order to understand what we read more deeply.

- A** Scan the passage on the next page to find the words shown in italics below. Read the sentences before and after the words to make inferences about the meaning. Then choose the correct answers.

- In line 1, *University Express* is probably _____.
 - a website
 - a newspaper
 - a television show
- Which of the following can NOT be inferred about line 5, *I got it the moment I turned 18*?
 - Miguel really wanted to learn how to drive.
 - Miguel's father wanted him to drive.
 - In Spain, you can drive when you turn 18.
- In line 14, why were the people *very shy*?
 - They didn't know how to dance.
 - They had very little experience with dating.
 - Marta was worried about her best friend
- In line 23, Soo-Jin overcame his *fear* of _____.
 - backpacking
 - staying in a hostel
 - talking to new people

- B** Discuss your answers with a partner. How did you arrive at your answer?

- C** Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 132.

Set your reading rate goal. As you prepare to read, set a reading rate goal. Use your data from the charts at the end of the book. Based on your previous performance, how many words-per-minute do you think you can read now? Time yourself and practice until you reach your goal.



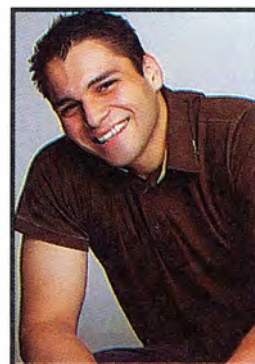
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Firsts in Life

In this month's *University Express*, Lynn Zhou **interviews** students around the world about important firsts in their lives. Read their answers to the question:

What was an important first in life for you?

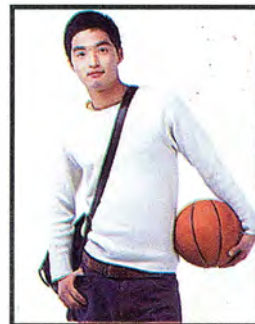
Miguel: For me, an important first was getting my driver's
5 license. I got it the moment I turned 18! Being able to drive
my father's car that summer gave me **freedom**, and made
me feel like an adult. For example, I'm from Madrid, and my
girlfriend is from a **suburb** about 30 kilometers away. Driving
made it easy for me to see her more frequently. Also, I was
10 able to take weekend trips with friends to other cities. I really
liked being **independent**.



Marta: I went on my first date soon after my 16th birthday.
It was with my best friend's brother. He invited me to a
movie, but we didn't talk much. We were both very shy.
15 Two weeks later, I went to a high school dance with him,
and we had a great time. After that, we spent most of
the summer together, but then he and his family **migrated**
to France. I guess you could say he was my first boyfriend.



Soo-Jin: An important first for me was traveling from Korea
20 to Europe. When I was 18, I spent the summer with my cousin
backpacking through Europe. It was my first time out of Korea
so I was nervous and **reluctant** to talk to people. Luckily
I **overcame** my fears and **gradually** started to open up. I
learned to be more independent. I made friends with other
25 travelers at the hostels we stayed at, and I keep in touch with
many of them even now.



Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- 1 Which of the following did Miguel NOT do with a car?
 - a He visited his girlfriend more often.
 - b He visited other cities on weekends.
 - c He drove his dad around in the summer.
- 2 Where did Marta go on her first date?
 - a the cinema
 - b the high school dance
 - c her best friend's house
- 3 What first does Soo-Jin talk about?
 - a his first time staying in a hostel
 - b his first time going out of Korea
 - c his first time traveling with his cousin

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) the person that best matches each sentence.

This person...	Miguel	Marta	Soo-Jin
used to be shy.			
lives in a big city.			
went on a date at the age of 16.			
has friends from around the world.			
talks about being independent.			

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you think Miguel, Marta, and Soo-Jin have different or similar personalities? In what ways?
- 2 Do you think that young people from around the world have the same idea about what are important firsts? Why, or why not?

Critical Thinking

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

A Match each word from the reading with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| 1 _____ freedom | a the ability to do what you want |
| 2 _____ migrate | b not needing the help of other people |
| 3 _____ reluctant | c move to a different country or place |
| 4 _____ gradually | d to deal with and solve a problem |
| 5 _____ independent | e part of a town or city outside the center |
| 6 _____ interview | f slowly; little by little |
| 7 _____ overcome | g unwilling to do something |
| 8 _____ suburb | h to ask a person questions to get information |

B Complete the following sentences using the correct form of words from A.

- 1 You don't look very friendly, so people are _____ to talk to you.
- 2 That lucky reporter was given a chance to _____ the president.
- 3 My family is moving to a nearby _____. I don't want to move; I love the downtown area too much!
- 4 I've become much more _____ since I started living by myself. My parents _____ to another country last year.

A Look at the list of words below that begin with the prefix *sub-*. Match each word with a definition on the right.

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 1 _____ submissive | a an underwater ship |
| 2 _____ subtitles | b to become less, e.g. less strong or loud |
| 3 _____ subway | c an underground transportation system |
| 4 _____ submerge | d to follow or listen to someone without arguing |
| 5 _____ subside | e to go below the surface of water or another liquid |
| 6 _____ submarine | f words on the bottom of a movie screen that translate the actor's or narrator's words |

B Complete the sentences below using the correct form of the words from A.

- 1 This city has a variety of transportation: electric buses, taxis, monorails, and a _____ system.
- 2 Scientists have developed a new kind of _____ that can stay in the ocean for one year.
- 3 He believes that wives should be _____ to their husbands. I definitely don't agree with him!
- 4 I can't swim well because I don't like _____ my head in water.
- 5 The doctor told me to take this pill and wait for my headache to _____.
- 6 I don't speak French, so I had to read the _____ all the time when watching the French movie.

Vocabulary Skill

The Prefix *sub-*

In this chapter, you learned the word *suburb*. *Sub-* is a prefix that usually means *under*, *lower*, or *on the outside*. It can come at the beginning of a noun, verb, adjective, or adverb.

Real Life Skill

Choosing the Right Word

English has many groups of words that are similar in meaning but are used differently. A good English language dictionary can explain these differences. Usage notes in dictionaries tell you how and when to use a word.

A The following words in red have almost the same meaning but are used in very different ways. Read their meanings and how they are used.

land

- 1 an area of ground that is not covered by water: *After sailing for a month, the sailors saw **land**.*
- 2 an area that someone owns as property: *In New York City, **land** is very expensive.*
- 3 a country or nation

ground floor

Ground means the surface we walk on, but when this is indoors, it is the *floor*: *When we have a picnic, we sit on the **ground**. When I watch TV, I sit on the **floor**.*

soil earth

The substance in which plants grow is *soil* or *earth*. However, **Earth** with a capital E refers to our planet:

*The **soil** in Thailand is good for growing rice. The farmer picked up a handful of **earth**. After a month in space, the astronaut returned to **Earth**.*

B Complete the following sentences using *land, ground, floor, soil, and Earth*. Use each word once. Discuss your answers with a partner.

- 1 In some countries, people don't sleep in beds. They feel more comfortable sleeping on the _____.
- 2 I am considering buying a piece of _____ and building my retirement home.
- 3 You should put a plastic sheet on the _____ before you sit down, as it just rained.
- 4 _____ contains many different types of materials, including small pieces of rock, dust, sand, and even living things.
- 5 Scientists are looking for planets that have the same living conditions as on _____.
- 6 The ship sailed further out into the ocean until I could not longer see any _____.

What do you think?

- 1 What firsts do you hope to experience in the future?
- 2 Imagine you are going to live and work in an English-speaking country. What firsts do you think you will experience?
- 3 When you celebrate firsts, do you prefer to have a big celebration with lots of people, or just a small party with friends? Explain your reasons.

Look into the Future

UNIT

11



Getting Ready

Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you believe you are in control of your future? Why, or why not?
- 2 Have you ever made a prediction about something that would happen in the future? Did your prediction come true?
- 3 Look at the pictures above. What do you think the world will be like in 50 years time?

Before You Read

The Zodiac

A Do you know these 12 star signs and what they symbolize? Match the star sign to the correct picture by writing letters in the boxes.

a Aquarius	b Aries	c Cancer	d Capricorn
e Gemini	f Leo	g Libra	h Pisces
i Sagittarius	j Scorpio	k Taurus	l Virgo



B Discuss your answers above with a partner. What is your star sign? What do you know about it?

Reading Skill

Summarizing

When you summarize, you shorten a passage into one or more sentences which describe the main idea. First scan the paragraphs to find the main idea, then combine the most important parts to form a sentence.

A Scan the first paragraph of the passage on the next page. What is the main idea of the paragraph? Discuss your answer with a partner.

B Scan the remaining paragraphs. Match the paragraphs to the main ideas.

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 1 _____ Paragraph 2 | a A new sign, Ophiuchus, might be added to the zodiac. |
| 2 _____ Paragraph 3 | b Many people may find themselves with a different star sign. |
| 3 _____ Paragraph 4 | c Astrologers used the positions of stars to decide the zodiac. |
| 4 _____ Paragraph 5 | d Some believe the zodiac determines your personality and future. |

C Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 138.



Are You an Ophiuchus?

- 1 Thousands of years ago, the **ancient** people of Babylon and Egypt studied the stars in the sky. From their research, they **came up with** the zodiac, a map of the sun, moon, stars, and planets. It was first used to **keep track of** time.
- 2 These ancient astrologers studied the constellations¹ and their positions in the sky. They wanted to know when each constellation was closest to the sun. They used this information to determine where each group of stars belongs in the zodiac. The word *zodiac* actually means "circle of little animals" in Latin, and refers to how the constellations are shaped.
- 3 Today, some people believe that the zodiac can be used to describe a person's personality. Some also believe that by studying the zodiac, they can predict what will happen in the future. According to these beliefs, a person's zodiac sign is **connected** to his or her birth date.
- 4 The zodiac has remained the same for over a thousand years. It is **broken up** into 12 equal parts, each **associated** with a star sign. However, some astrologers are suggesting a change—they think a thirteenth sign should be added to the zodiac calendar. This is because the way the Earth rotates has changed slightly over the centuries, which has also changed its path around the sun. This possible thirteenth sign is a constellation called Ophiuchus (pronounced *of-ee-yoo-kuhs*), which means holder of the snake. Ophiuchus is close to the sun from November 29 to December 17.
- 5 If the dates of the other 12 signs were **adjusted** to make Ophiuchus a sign, many people would have a different star sign. As this new sign falls between Scorpio and Sagittarius, some people with those star signs would have to **switch** to being Orphiuchus. And this would have an effect on dates of the other star signs as well. This would add a whole new answer to the question, "What's your sign?"



¹ A **constellation** is a pattern made by stars in the sky.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- The zodiac was first invented to _____.
a predict the future b study the stars c keep track of time
- Some people believe a person's zodiac sign can tell us about his or her _____.
a personality b birth date c family background
- The zodiac is determined by the position of the _____ to the _____.
a constellations, moon b constellations, sun c Earth, sun
- If Ophiuchus is made a star sign, many people will _____.
a have a different birthday
b have a different star sign
c stop believing in the zodiac

B Read the sentences below. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 Ancient people were very interested in the stars.		
2 If Ophiuchus is made a sign, it will replace Scorpio.		
3 Ophiuchus means "holder of the snake."		
4 All astrologers agree that there should be 13 zodiac signs.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with your partner.

- Why do you think people still believe in the zodiac?
- What other connections do you think people might make between their lives and the Earth or sky?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Odd Word Out

A For each group, circle the word or phrase that does not belong. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 came up with | think of | forget |
| 2 put together | connect | keep apart |
| 3 switch | stay the same | exchange |
| 4 measure | adjust | weigh |
| 5 keep track of | remember | ignore |
| 6 unite | break up into | take apart |
| 7 associate | connect | divide |
| 8 ancient | brand new | recent |

B Complete the following sentences using words in blue from A.

- 1 Countries are usually _____ smaller parts called states or provinces.
- 2 I'll have to _____ from coffee to juice because coffee is keeping me awake at night.
- 3 Email helps me stay _____ with my friends, so I can _____ what's happening in their lives.
- 4 We usually _____ good ideas when we work as a team.

A Match each phrasal verb with its meaning. Use your dictionary to help you.

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 1 _____ act up | a to be with friends, to relax |
| 2 _____ come up with | b to stretch before exercising |
| 3 _____ drop in | c begin to work |
| 4 _____ hang out | d to think of an idea |
| 5 _____ kick in | e to die |
| 6 _____ warm up | f to get rid of (a sickness), get better |
| 7 _____ pass away | g to visit unexpectedly |
| 8 _____ shake off | h to behave badly, like a child |

B Complete the following sentences using the correct form of phrasal verbs from A.

- 1 Before every game, my teammates and I _____ by running laps and stretching.
- 2 Danny is always getting in trouble because he always _____ in class.
- 3 It's impossible to _____ birthday gift ideas for my mother. She's hard to buy gifts for.
- 4 Let's _____ at the pool today. It's too hot to play baseball.
- 5 After you finish your sixth month with the company, your health insurance will _____.
- 6 Karen's house is on the way back. Let's _____ to say hi.
- 7 It might take a week to _____ your cold. Until then, drink lots of water and rest.
- 8 Paul is sad because his grandmother _____ last week.

Vocabulary Skill

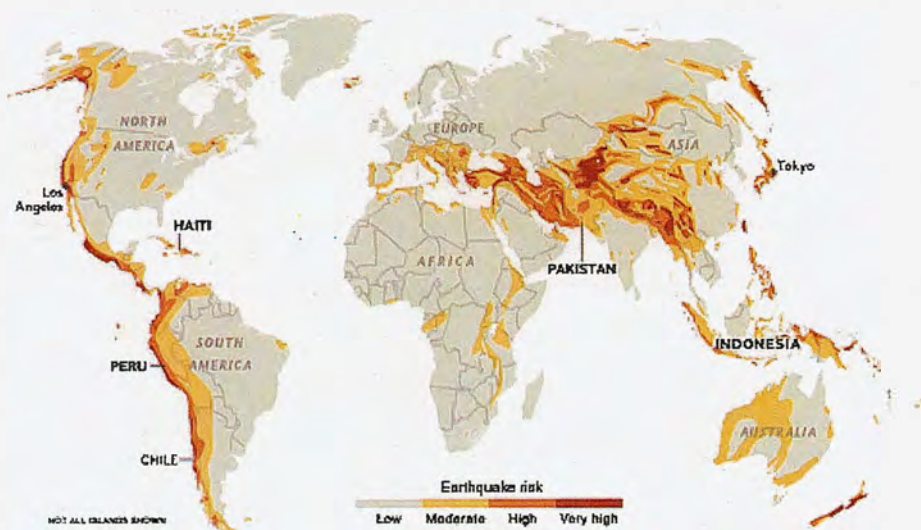
Phrasal Verbs

A phrasal verb is a special kind of verb made up of a verb and a preposition. Phrasal verbs can be confusing, because their meanings are different from the original verb's meaning. The best way to learn the meaning of a phrasal verb is to use a dictionary.

Before You Read

Predicting an Earthquake

Major earthquakes happen, on average, only about once per year, but thousands of very small earthquakes happen every day all over the world. The area marked in red are places where there are the most earthquakes.



A Think about answers to the following questions.

- 1 Look at the map above. Where do most earthquakes happen? Why do you think they happen in these places?
- 2 Have you ever experienced an earthquake? What did you feel or see?

B Discuss your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Identifying Transition Words

Transition words make connections between ideas clear. When we recognize and understand them, our reading comprehension and speed increase.

A Scan the passage on the next page. Circle the following transition words or phrases that appear in the passage.

- | | | | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| a however | b furthermore | c on the other hand | d also |
| e in short | f in fact | g but | h since |

B What is the meaning of the transition words/phrases in A? Write the letter of each word next to their meaning. Some may have more than one meaning.

- 1 _____ to show that something is different
- 2 _____ to summarize
- 3 _____ to add information
- 4 _____ to give details
- 5 _____ to show a reason

C Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 142.

Can Animals Predict Earthquakes?

Dear Scientist Sam,

I noticed my dog acting very nervous only a few minutes before a **recent** earthquake shook the house. Is it possible that my dog knew the earthquake was going to happen?

Janet



Sam's reply:

Well, Janet, people have believed for many centuries that animals can predict earthquakes. In fact, we can look back to records from the ancient Greeks. They noticed that animals acted **oddly** in the hours before earthquakes. Even now, people talk about dogs that won't stop barking and cats that won't come out of hiding before an earthquake. Furthermore, strange behavior like this before earthquakes isn't **limited** to pets. People have also reported

seeing chickens stop laying eggs, bees leaving their homes, and big groups of fish dying mysteriously in the hours before a natural disaster hits.

It's hard to answer your question, since not all seismologists¹ or animal experts agree that animals can predict earthquakes. Those that disagree **claim**

that we should **take into account** other things that affect animal behavior, such as hunger. On the other hand, many people who believe that animals can predict earthquakes often have records of very strange animal behavior right before the ground shakes. To them, this is **evidence** that animals can indeed predict earthquakes.



In short, the **truth** is that we aren't sure. Animals might be able to **sense** earthquakes before they happen, but there is no solid evidence that they can. However, one thing that most seismologists can agree on is that more research is needed. Animals may be the key to predicting earthquakes before they happen, and could help save many lives.

¹ A **seismologist** is a scientist who studies earthquakes and movements of the earth.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- Janet wrote to Scientist Sam to find out _____.
 - how and why earthquakes happen
 - the history of animals and earthquakes
 - if animals can predict earthquakes
- According to the passage, which of these statements is correct?
 - People have always believed that animals can predict earthquakes.
 - People believe that animals can be trained to predict earthquakes.
 - People have only recently believed animals can predict earthquakes.
- Which of these is NOT a reason that Scientist Sam cannot really answer Janet's question?
 - People have different opinions on the issue.
 - He personally does not believe animals can predict earthquakes.
 - There is not enough evidence to prove anything.
- Seismologists all agree that _____.
 - animals cannot predict earthquakes
 - there is not enough research on this topic
 - we can understand earthquakes by researching animals

B Read the sentences below. Check (✓) true (T), false (F), or not given (NG). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F	NG
1 Earthquakes are easy to predict.			
2 The ancient Greeks had cats and dogs for pets.			
3 People say animals can act strangely for other reasons.			
4 There is a new study to prove animals can predict earthquakes.			

C Discuss the following questions with a partner

- Do you think it's possible to predict when and where an earthquake will happen? Why, or why not?
- Do you believe that animals can detect things that humans can't? Why, or why not?

Critical Thinking

Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

A Complete each sentence with the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- One example of **evidence** is _____.
 - fingerprints
 - intelligence
- If someone **claims** something is true, then the information is _____.
 - possibly true
 - proven to be true

- 3 When you have a **limited** amount of something, there _____.
a will be extra for later b might not be enough
- 4 If you **take** something **into account**, you _____ it.
a forget about b consider
- 5 Kate always tells the **truth**, so you should _____ her story.
a believe b not believe
- 6 When you **sense** something, you _____.
a are aware of it b see it
- 7 When something seems **odd**, it is _____.
a strange b normal
- 8 If something happened **recently**, it might have happened _____.
a many years ago b a few days ago

B Complete the following sentences with the words in **blue** from **A**. You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 Not everyone will be able to join the lecture since space is _____.
- 2 The police need to collect _____ from the crime scene.
- 3 The man was walking really close to him, so it was _____ that he didn't _____ any danger.
- 4 Chris _____ he was late for work because he didn't _____ the bad traffic.

A Add the suffix **-ness** to the adjectives in the box to form nouns. Use the nouns to complete the sentences below.

shy kind happy dark useful weak

- 1 There is a common saying that money doesn't buy you _____.
- 2 Mother Theresa's _____ was clear in the way she cared for thousands of street people.
- 3 I wish I could stick to a healthy diet, but I have a _____ for chocolates.
- 4 The entire street is in _____ because the electricity was cut off.
- 5 My brother gets really nervous when a pretty girl talks to him. He can't seem to overcome his _____.
- 6 Before I moved overseas, I wasn't sure about the _____ of learning another language.

B Write the noun form of each of the adjectives below. Not all of them use the suffix **-ness**. Use your dictionary to help you.

- | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 formal _____ | 2 forgetful _____ | 3 convenient _____ |
| 4 valuable _____ | 5 curious _____ | 6 open _____ |
| 7 flashy _____ | 8 loud _____ | |

Vocabulary Skill

The Suffixes **-ness**

The suffix **-ness** is used to change certain adjectives into nouns. When we add the suffix **-ness** to the adjective **strange**, the adjective becomes the noun **strangeness**. For adjectives of more than one syllable that end in **-y**, change **y** to **i** before adding **-ness**.

Real Life Skill

Doing Research on the Internet

Searching the Internet is an important skill. Even if you can't understand all the words on a website, your scanning skills can guide you to the information you want.

A Read the following paragraph about predicting the weather.

Meteorologists, scientists that study weather patterns, often use high-tech instruments to predict the weather. But people have been making weather forecasts long before these instruments and methods were invented. They usually based their predictions on what they observed in the sky or the way animals behaved. They passed down their knowledge by making it into sayings that are easy for people to remember. These are called proverbs.

B Read the following weather proverbs, then discuss their meanings with a partner.

When sea-gulls fly to land,
a storm is at hand.

Red sky at night, sailor's delight.
Red sky in the morning, sailor take
warning.

The higher the clouds the
better the weather.

When the night goes to bed with a
fever, it will awake with a wet head.

When the forest murmurs and the mountain roars,
then close your windows and shut your doors.

C Do an Internet search and find the meaning of the proverbs. Were you correct?

D Now do an Internet search to find a few proverbs on one of the following topics. Explain their meanings to your partner.

food friendship health money

What do you think?

- 1 Would you like to know what happens in your future? Why, or why not?
- 2 Do you know of any books or movies that are set in the future? What was the future like?
- 3 Where do you see yourself in 10, 20, and 50 years time?



The Power of Stories

UNIT
12



Getting Ready

- A** The pictures above are scenes from famous folktales. What is happening in each scene?
- B** Match the picture to the correct folktale below.
- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a Hansel and Gretel | c The Pied Piper of Hamelin |
| b Little Red Riding Hood | |
- C** Discuss your answers with a partner. Do you know of any folktales from your country or culture?

Before You Read

Special Foods and Drinks

- A** Ginger buds are the parts of the ginger plant that develops into flowers. They are said to make a person forgetful if eaten. Have you heard of other foods that affect how you feel?

Foods and drinks that . . .	Examples
give you nightmares	
make you sleepy	
wake you up	
make you smarter	
make you happy	

- B** Compare your answers with a partner.

Reading Skill

Recognizing Sequence of Events

Some passages are organized according to a sequence of events. Words such as *first*, *then*, or *after* can help us to know the order of events.

- A** These events are from the story on the next page. Without reading the passage, number them in the correct order.

- a ____ “Delicious!” declared the rich man loudly.
- b ____ The next morning, the innkeeper said goodbye to the rich man.
- c ____ One day, a rich man stopped at an inn.
- d ____ Later that evening, the rich man came down the stairs and requested dinner.
- e ____ The rich man requested the most luxurious room at the inn.
- f ____ Then he went upstairs to dress for dinner.
- g ____ After he finished his dinner, he went to bed happy, full of ginger buds.
- n ____ The innkeeper served him dish after dish of ginger buds.

- B** Circle any words in the sentences that helped you choose the correct order. Then compare your answers with a partner.

- C** Quickly skim the story. Compare the events in the passage with the order of events in your time line above.

- D** Read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 148.

Evaluate your progress. Use the reading rate and reading comprehension charts at the end of the book to evaluate your progress as a reader. In what ways are you better today than you were earlier in this course? What things do you still need to work on to become a better reader?



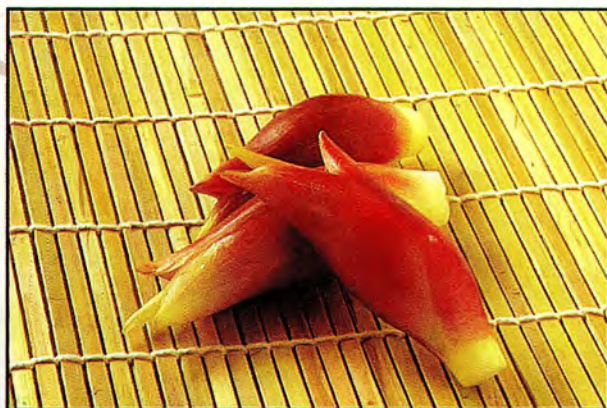
A Japanese Folktale

Once upon a time, in a Japanese mountain inn,¹ there was a **greedy** innkeeper² who was always thinking about money.

One day, a rich man stopped at the inn. The innkeeper looked at the guest's fat money belt and thought, "Oh, if only all that money could be mine!" The rich man **requested** the most **luxurious** room at the inn. Then he went up to his room to dress for dinner.

Now, all around the inn there grew **delicate** Japanese ginger plants. In Japan, there is a saying that eating too many ginger buds makes you stupid and forgetful. This gave the innkeeper an idea.

"This evening for dinner I'll serve ginger bud tempura!"³ she thought. "Then, when the rich man leaves in the morning, he'll be forgetful and leave his money belt behind!" She ran into the kitchen and started cooking up the most delicious ginger bud tempura she had ever made.



Later that evening, the rich man came down the stairs and requested dinner. The innkeeper could hardly contain her **delight** as she served him **dish** after dish of ginger buds. "Delicious!" **declared** the rich man loudly. After he finished his dinner, he went to bed happy, full of ginger buds.

The next morning, the innkeeper said goodbye to the rich man. As soon as he was out of sight, she raced up to his room. She looked all over the room for the money belt, but she couldn't find it. Suddenly, she noticed a piece of paper on the floor. It was the rich man's bill. He had forgotten to pay it! She ran after him, down the stairs, out the front door, and up the road until she was **out of breath**, but the rich man was already far, far away.

¹ An **inn** is a small, country-style hotel.

² An **innkeeper** is the manager of an inn.

³ **Tempura** is a style of Japanese cooking.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the best answer for the following questions.

- What lesson does the author want us to learn from this story?
 - Innkeepers are always thinking about money.
 - Trying to take things that belong to others is wrong.
 - If you ever stay at a country inn, be careful about your money.
- After the rich man left, the innkeeper raced up to the room to _____.
 - check if he paid his bill
 - look for his money belt
 - clean the room
- After he left the inn, the rich man was probably _____.
 - very angry at the innkeeper
 - feeling lucky that he didn't lose his money
 - not aware that anything had happened
- Who ended up losing in the end?
 - the innkeeper
 - the rich man
 - both of them

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

	T	F
1 The rich man stayed at the inn because he wanted ginger bud tempura.		
2 The rich man changed his clothes before dinner.		
3 The rich man knew that the innkeeper wanted his money belt.		
4 The innkeeper ran after the rich man because he had taken her money.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- What is the moral or lesson of the story? Do you think the innkeeper deserved it?
- Is this story realistic? Do you think greedy people get what they deserve?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Odd Word Out

A For each group, circle the word or phrase that does not belong. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | | |
|------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 delicate | rough | strong |
| 2 tired | out of breath | frightened |
| 3 delight | disapproval | excitement |
| 4 plate | dish | flag |

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| 5 independent | free | greedy |
| 6 request | deserve | ask |
| 7 expensive | luxurious | plain |
| 8 announce | deny | declare |

B Complete the following sentences using the words in **blue** from **A**.
You might have to change the form of the word.

- Leila is _____ because she ran all the way home.
- The government _____ that next Friday will be a national holiday.
- Please take care when moving that painting. It's very _____.
- You could see the _____ on the _____ man's face when he was given.

A Look at some examples of how adverbs are formed.

Many adverbs are formed by adding *-ly* to the end of an adjective.

The dog made a sudden movement. The dog moved suddenly.

When adjectives end in *-le*, we change the *e* to a *y*.

This chair is very comfortable. Are you sitting comfortably?

When adjectives end in *-y*, we change the *y* to an *i* and add *-ly*.

The greedy woman looked at the money belt. The woman looked greedily at the money belt.

B Write the adverb form of these adjectives.

Adjective	Adverb	Adjective	Adverb
1 crazy		5 fierce	
2 legal		6 curious	
3 natural		7 nice	
4 delicate		8 hungry	

C Complete the following sentences using the words from **B**.

- The dog barked _____ at the robbers.
- For 16-year-olds, drinking alcohol is _____ prohibited.
- Children are _____ very _____ about the world around them.
- If you ask him _____, he might decide to help you.
- He hadn't eaten all day, so he stared at the food _____.
- You must be _____ if you think you can get into the concert without a ticket.

Vocabulary Skill

Adverbs

The words *loudly* and *suddenly* appeared in *A Japanese Folktale*. These are examples of adverbs. Adverbs can be used to describe verbs in a sentence; they tell us the manner or way in which something is done.

Before You Read

Believe It or Not!

- A** A hoax is something created to trick or deceive people. Read the following sentences. Check (✓) if you think they are true stories (T) or hoaxes (H).

	T	H
1 A man in Canada owned a cat that weighed 40 kilograms.		
2 There is a Dog Island where 2,500 dogs live in freedom without owners.		
3 A monkey named Marty can type fluently in English.		
4 There is a website that can send food smells to your computer through the Internet.		
5 Some people have found a way to charge your cellphone using just an onion and a sports drink.		

- B** Compare your answers with a partner. The answers are at the bottom on the next page.

Reading Skill

Identifying Cause and Effect

One relationship between two ideas in a text is *cause and effect*. In the text, the cause can come before or after the effect. Using the word *because* in a sentence can help show the cause. The idea that follows *because* is the cause; for example, I can't sleep (effect) because I drank too much coffee (cause).

- A** Read the following pairs of sentences which relate to the passage on the next page. Which is the cause and which is the effect? Write C or E.

Paragraph 2

- 1 ____ The airline ran a special promotion.
 ____ Many people visited the airline's website.
- 2 ____ Airfare is expensive.
 ____ People asked the airline for discounts.

Paragraph 3

- 3 ____ There was a hurricane.
 ____ New Orleans was flooded.
- 4 ____ People were afraid.
 ____ A photo of a giant crocodile was sent around the Internet.

Paragraph 4

- 5 ____ People send the chain email to their friends.
 ____ People believe they might make money.
- 6 ____ The sender claims he thought it was a lie, but it was actually true.
 ____ More people believe the email.

- B** Scan the passage to find the causes and effects mentioned above. Were your answers correct?

- C** Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 152.

INTERNET HOAXES

1 The Internet is a fast and convenient way of sending and **obtaining** information, but it's also a very easy way to spread misinformation. And new **hoaxes** pop up almost every day about anything from **shocking** celebrity deaths to mystery objects in foods. Here are three examples of Internet hoaxes.

2 **Pay what you weigh**

On April 1, 2011, New Zealand Air began advertising a one-day **fare** sale—pay what you weigh. The airline's website offered visitors a chance to pay a dollar amount that was equal to their weight in kilograms. The idea was "more weight = more fuel = more cost" and many people believed it. The **promotion** brought thousands of visitors to the company's website and became a popular news story. In the end, though, the promotion turned out to be an April Fool's¹ joke.

3 **Croc on the loose**

While the streets of New Orleans were still flooded after a **terrible** hurricane, a frightening email was sent around the Internet. It included a photograph of an **immense** crocodile over five meters long. According to the message, it had been swimming around the flooded city eating people. It was later discovered that the photographs of the crocodile were of one that was caught in the Congo² years before.



4 **Earn money through emails**

The following email hoax **fooled** many people. The sender claims that a large company will pay you to send their email to as many people as possible. For every person that you send the email to, the company promises you will receive \$5; for every person that person sends it to, you'll get \$3; and for every third person those people send it to, you will be paid \$1. To make the lie even more believable, the sender says that at first he thought it was a hoax, but the company soon sent him \$800.

¹ **April Fool's Day** is celebrated as a day when people play tricks and hoaxes on each other.

² **The Congo** is an area in Africa.

Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 The purpose of this passage is to _____.
 - a tell people to be careful of Internet hoaxes
 - b show how anyone can create an Internet hoax
 - c explain that, even though they seem false, Internet hoaxes might be true
- 2 The New Zealand Air hoax was based on _____.
 - a free vacations
 - b the weather
 - c peoples' weight
- 3 The crocodile in the photograph was from _____.
 - a New Orleans
 - b New Zealand
 - c the Congo
- 4 Some people believed they could make money by _____.
 - a sending emails
 - b receiving emails
 - c reading emails

B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F). If the sentence is false, change it to make it true.

According to the passage,...	T	F
1 people could save money on flights if their weight was less than the cost of a ticket.		
2 the city of New Orleans was really flooded.		
3 a huge crocodile ate several people in New Orleans.		
4 someone really received \$800 for sending emails.		

Critical Thinking

C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- 1 Do you think the New Zealand Air hoax was mean? Why, or why not?
- 2 How can you tell if a story or an email offer is a hoax?

Vocabulary Comprehension

Definitions

A Match each word with its definition. The words in blue are from the passage.

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1 _____ obtain | a the price for a ride on something |
| 2 _____ fare | b very bad |
| 3 _____ immense | c to trick or deceive someone |
| 4 _____ hoax | d a pieces of false information meant to trick people |
| 5 _____ shock | e special advertising to help sell something |
| 6 _____ terrible | f to get something |
| 7 _____ fool | g very big |
| 8 _____ promotion | h something that is unpleasant, upsetting, or very surprising |

B Complete the following sentences using the words in **blue** from **A**. You might have to change the form of the word.

- 1 The man _____ many people into giving him money by pretending he needed it for his bus _____ home.
- 2 He must have _____ my password in order to get into my email account.
- 3 There was a(n) _____ thunderstorm after a week of no rain.
- 4 There's a _____ at the store where you can buy two shampoos for the price of one.

A Look at this list of nouns that are also verbs. Can you add any more to the list?

water	mask	compliment	_____
mail	host	light	_____
stamp	salt	phone	_____
cover	support	vote	_____

Vocabulary Skill

Nouns That Are Also Verbs

Over time, some nouns become verbs in English. This process is called *verbing*. Some of the older products of *verbing* are *salt* and *mail*, while newer ones are *blog* and *gift*.

B Complete the following sentences by replacing the phrase in parentheses with the correct form of the verbs from **A**.

- 1 Martha, will you please (*pour water on*) _____ the plants during my vacation?
- 2 Stan is always (*giving compliments to*) _____ Leslie. I think he likes her.
- 3 If you're going to be late, you should (*make a phone call to*) _____ the restaurant.
- 4 Please consider (*casting your vote*) _____ for Sue Whitford for president.
- 5 Mel (*was the host at*) _____ a really big party last night. It was a nice chance for new students to socialize.
- 6 During the winter, my father (*puts a cover on*) _____ our swimming pool.
- 7 Although we didn't have a flashlight, the moon (*shined light on*) _____ our way to the beach.
- 8 I've already (*put salt in*) _____ the soup, so you don't need to add any more.

Celebrate your achievements. As a class, did you achieve your goal of becoming fluent readers? Fluent readers read at 200 wpm with 70 percent comprehension. As a class, did you achieve this goal? If so, celebrate your achievement together!

Real Life Skill

Understanding Internet Speak

Many English words have taken on a different meaning when used in relation to the Internet. For example, the search engine Google is so popular that people have started saying *google* in place of the word search. Some words or phrases are also more commonly expressed as abbreviations in chat rooms and emails in order to save time; for example, *FYI* (for your information).

A Match these Internet abbreviations with their meanings.

Abbreviations	Meanings
1 _____ ASAP	a no problem
2 _____ BTW	b boyfriend
3 _____ OIC	c away from keyboard
4 _____ IMO	d as soon as possible
5 _____ AFK	e laughs out loud
6 _____ LOL	f in my opinion
7 _____ NP	g girlfriend
8 _____ TTYL	h oh, I see
9 _____ G/F	i talk to you later
10 _____ B/F	j by the way

B Look at this list of words that are commonly used on the Internet. With a partner, discuss what the words mean and write them below.

Word	Meaning
app	
friend	
like	
post	
profile	
spam	
tag	
tweet	
virus	

C Email Challenge: Send a partner an email. Use any of the abbreviations and words above, or others that you know.

What do you think?

- 1 Can you think of any similarities between folktales that you know? What do you think makes a good folktale?
- 2 Can you think of other examples of famous hoaxes? Why do you think people like to create hoaxes?
- 3 Do you think there should be punishment for people who create Internet hoaxes? Why or why not, and in which cases?

Review Unit 4

Fluency Strategy: Reading ACTIVELY

In order to become a more fluent reader, remember to follow the six points of the ACTIVE approach—before, while, and after you read. Turn to the inside front cover for more information on the ACTIVE approach.

Activate Prior Knowledge

Before you read, it's important to think about what you already know about the topic, and what you want to get out of the text.

- A** Look at the article on the next page. Read only the title and look at the picture. What do you think the article is about? What kinds of things do you think people can be too young for?
- B** Now read the first sentence of the article. What do you know about this topic? In your country, at what ages can a person drink alcohol or get married? Do you agree with these laws? Discuss with a partner.

Cultivate Vocabulary

As you read, you may come across unknown words. Remember, you don't need to understand all the words in a passage to understand the meaning of the whole passage. Skip the unknown words for now, or guess at their meaning and come back to them later. Note useful new vocabulary in your vocabulary notebook—see page 6 for more advice on vocabulary.

- A** Now read the first paragraph of the passage. Circle any words or phrases you don't know. Can you understand the rest of the paragraph even if you don't understand those items?
- B** Write the unknown words here. Without using a dictionary, try to guess their meaning. Use the words around the unknown word and any prefixes, suffixes, or word roots to help you.

New word/phrase	Meaning

Think About Meaning

As you read, think about what you can infer, or *read between the lines*. Think about the author's intentions, attitudes, and purpose for writing.

Read the opening paragraph again and discuss these questions with a partner.

- Do you think this article was written by an old or young person? Where do you think the person lives?
- Why do you think this writer wrote the article? Where might you find this piece of writing?
- What do you think the author means by *should be changed*? Do you think the age should be lowered or raised?

Increase Reading Fluency

To increase your reading fluency, it's important to monitor your own reading habits as you read. Look again at the tips on page 8. As you read, follow those tips.

Now read the whole passage *Young People Are Adults, Too!* As you read, check your predictions from *Think About Meaning* on page 155.



Young People Are Adults, Too!

All around the world, there are laws regarding ages where we can or cannot do things. Many countries, like the United States, have minimum ages for drinking alcohol, driving, gambling, and marriage. I disagree with many of these laws and feel they should be changed. Not because I think children should be allowed to do these things, but because many of these laws concerning young people's freedom don't make sense. I also think they are too inconsistent—they really differ from place to place—especially in the U.S.!

In many U.S. states, the legal age for drinking alcohol is 21, since it's seen as the age where young people become adults. But I feel that most of us are already adults by the time we reach 18—after all, that's when we start college and move out of our family homes. Eighteen is also the age when we can get married. Personally, I think they got it the wrong way round! Why are we allowed to get married at 18, but not allowed to drink alcohol? People should wait until after college to get married, since it's a big decision that affects the rest of our lives.

The legal ages for driving and gambling don't make sense to me either because they are different from place to place. For example, in some states, the driving age is 16, but in others, it is 15. In Hawaii, young people will have to wait until they turn 18 before they can take driving lessons. Gambling is the same. In cities like Colorado, you can only gamble when you turn 21, but you only need to be 18 in New York or 16 in Maine. It's confusing! I wish there weren't so many different laws. However, there are some laws that are becoming better. For instance, the legal voting age in the U.S. used to be 21, but now it's 18. I hope it'll gradually be made even lower. Young people shouldn't be prohibited from choosing their leaders. I think anyone who wants to vote should be allowed to.

Finally, I think us young people have the power to change this situation. Write to your leaders in the government and let them know how you feel!

Verify Strategies

To build your reading fluency, it's important to be aware of how you use strategies to read, and to consider how successfully you are using them.

Use the questions in the Self Check on the next page to think about your use of reading strategies.

Evaluate Progress

Evaluating your progress means thinking about how much you understood from the passage, and how fluently you were able to read the passage to get the information you needed.

Choose the correct answer for the following questions.

- 1 The purpose of this passage is to _____.
 - a argue for why some minimum age laws should be changed
 - b show that the U.S. does not have good laws
 - c tell young people when they are able to do things
 - d show how young people can work to change laws
- 2 Why does the writer think that the legal drinking age should be 18?
 - a A person is an adult at that age.
 - b The writer is going to turn 18 soon.
 - c Young people are mature at a younger age now.
 - d Young people usually drink in college.
- 3 What are you NOT allowed to do when you turn 18 in New York?
 - a vote
 - b get married
 - c drink alcohol
 - d gamble
- 4 Which is NOT a reason the writer thinks many laws should be changed?
 - a They are different from place to place.
 - b They determine adulthood at the wrong age.
 - c They do not allow young people to vote.
 - d They prohibit young people from doing what they want.
- 5 Which statement would the writer probably agree with?
 - a The minimum age for voting should stay at 18 years old.
 - b People should be allowed to drive at a young age.
 - c Marriage is a bigger decision to make than drinking alcohol.
 - d Young people should not follow laws they do not agree with.
- 6 How does the writer suggest making changes?
 - a by writing letters to government leaders
 - b by traveling to another state
 - c by writing a blog
 - d by breaking the laws

SELF CHECK

- A** Here is a list of all the reading skills in *Active Skills for Reading Book 1*. For each skill, say whether you found the skill useful, not useful, or if you need more work with it. Check (✓) one of the boxes for each reading skill.

Reading skill	Useful	Not useful	I need work
Distinguishing Main Idea and Supporting Details			
Identifying Cause and Effect			
Identifying Main Ideas			
Identifying Supporting Details			
Identifying Transition Words			
Making Inferences			
Predicting			
Reading for Details			
Recognizing Sequence of Events			
Summarizing			
Scanning			
Skimming for Main Ideas			
Using Subheadings to Predict Content			

- B** Here are the four fluency strategies covered in the Review Units. For each strategy, say whether you found it useful, not useful, or if you need more work with it. Check (✓) one of the boxes.

Fluency strategy	Useful	Not useful	I need work
SQ3R			
KWL			
Dealing with Unknown Words			
Reading ACTIVELY			

- C** Look again at the *Are You an Active Reader?* quiz on page 10 and complete the chart again. How has your reading fluency improved since you started this course?

Review Reading 7: The Mystery of the Fortune Cookie

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.

The Mystery of the Fortune Cookie

To many people, particularly in America, every good Chinese meal should end with a fortune cookie. So would you believe that one place you won't see a fortune cookie is China?

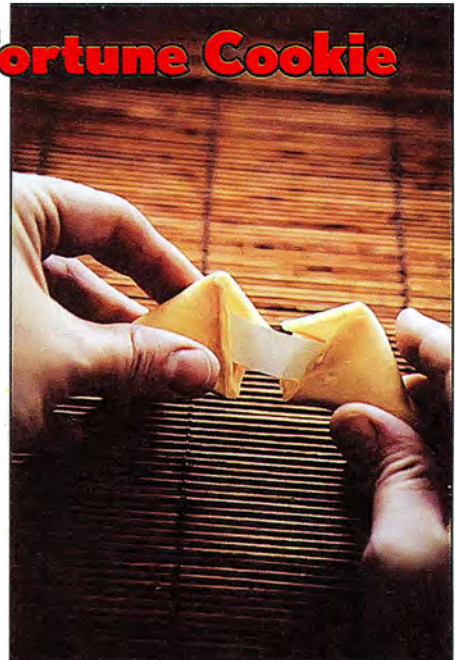
These cookies have a long and mysterious history—one that doesn't begin in China. According to researcher Yasuko Nakamachi, fortune cookies actually originated in Japan! Ms. Nakamachi first saw Japanese fortune cookies at a bakery while visiting a popular temple outside Kyoto in the 1990s. However, the baker was folding a paper fortune into a fold on the *outside* of the cookie, not the inside, like the fortune cookies we are used to.

Ms. Nakamachi was very curious about this, and decided to do her own research. After spending six years going through thousands of old documents and drawings, and interviewing bakers around the country, she realized that fortune cookies used to be very popular in Japan. The reason that Takeshi Matsuhisa, the baker, puts the fortune on the outside of the cookie is to make sure that people don't accidentally eat the paper!

Ms. Nakamachi found a drawing that went as far back as 1878, showing a Japanese man making the same kind of cookies as Matsuhisa's bakery. This is interesting because a number of people claimed to have invented fortune cookies in California in the 1920s.

If these cookies are a Japanese invention, then why are they served in American Chinese restaurants? After interviewing many Japanese and Chinese American families, Ms. Nakamachi suggested that it's likely that Japanese people first started serving fortune cookies in their restaurants when they moved to the United States. Then Chinese restaurant owners borrowed the idea and began making their own fortune cookies, beginning the now-traditional practice of serving fortune cookies at the end of each meal.

Today, about three billion of these cookies are made annually in the U.S., and are served in restaurants all over the world. Although fortune cookies might not be a traditional snack in China, they have become one for people in many other countries.



Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 This passage is mainly about _____.
 - a how fortune cookies became popular
 - b how and where fortune cookies began
 - c why Chinese people make fortune cookies
 - d how fortune cookies can predict the future
- 2 Where are fortune cookies usually served and eaten?
 - a at Japanese temples
 - b in Japanese restaurants in the U.S.
 - c in Chinese restaurants in Asia
 - d in Chinese restaurants in the U.S.
- 3 Who is Yasuko Nakamichi?
 - a an artist
 - b a baker
 - c a researcher
 - d a restaurant owner
- 4 What is unique about Takeshi Matsuhisa's cookies?
 - a The notes inside give advice.
 - b The paper inside tastes delicious.
 - c The fortunes are folded on the outside.
 - d They are made at a factory in California.
- 5 What is important about Ms. Nakamichi's discovery of the 1878 drawing?
 - a It shows that fortune cookies were popular in Japan and California.
 - b It proves that Matsuhisa's bakery was the first to make fortune cookies.
 - c It shows that people wanted to draw and write about fortune cookies.
 - d It proves that fortune cookies were first made in Japan, not California.
- 6 Which of these statements is NOT true?
 - a Fortune cookies are popular in the U.S.
 - b In Japan, the fortunes are put on the outside of the cookie.
 - c Fortune cookies were brought to the U.S. by the Chinese.
 - d American cookie makers made the fortune cookie popular.

Review Reading 8: Three Centuries of Hoaxes

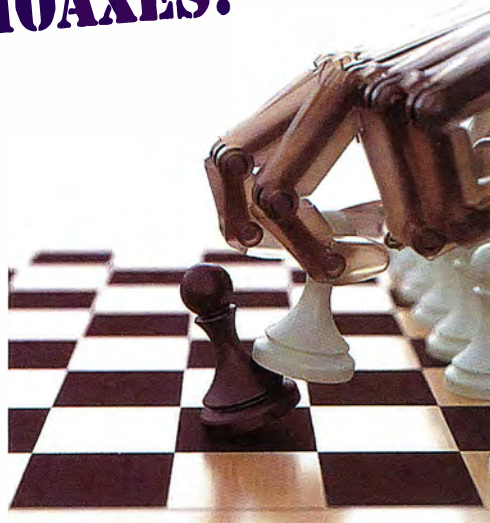
Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Try to read as fluently as you can. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.

THREE CENTURIES OF HOAXES!

A THINKING MACHINE

In 1769, long before computers were invented, a man from Hungary built a wonderful machine that could play chess very well. It delighted people all over Europe and beat nearly everyone it played, including famous figures like French leader Napoleon Bonaparte, and scientist and inventor Benjamin Franklin. For decades, many people believed that it was truly a thinking machine. There were people who said it was a hoax, but could not prove it or explain how it worked. Some 85 years later, the secret was finally revealed. There was a man hiding inside the machine all along . . . who was obviously very good at playing chess!



ZOO ESCAPE

On November 9, 1874, New York newspaper, *The Herald*, ran a shocking story on its front page. It claimed that all the animals in the Central Park Zoo had escaped and were running around the city. It said the police were working to rescue people, but 27 people had already been killed, and 200 people hurt. It warned everyone to stay at home to avoid danger. Many people in New York were terrified, and did as the paper said. If only they had read the final words of the article, which said: "Not one word of it is true. Not a single act or incident described has taken place." It was all just a hoax. The story was made up by Thomas Connery, an editor at *The Herald*, who wanted to draw attention to the poor condition of cages in the zoo.



ROSIE THE RUNNER

The first woman to cross the finish line of the 1980 Boston Marathon was 23-year-old Rosie Ruiz. However, as she climbed the stairs to receive her prize, people started to become suspicious. She didn't seem to be sweaty or tired. Furthermore, none of the other runners remembered seeing her, and her picture never appeared in photographs or TV broadcasts of the race. Later, several people said that they had seen her join the race only at the end. It turned out she had run only half a mile (about 805 meters) and taken the train for the rest of the race! Her prize was taken away, of course.

¹ A **groundskeeper** is the person who takes care of a park or sports ground.

Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- 1 The passage is mainly about _____.
 - a embarrassing news from the past
 - b false stories that fooled many people
 - c how the truth about hoaxes is revealed
 - d hoaxes in New York City
- 2 What is true about all the hoaxes in the passage?
 - a They frightened people.
 - b They delighted people.
 - c They made people suspicious.
 - d They fooled a lot of people.
- 3 What was the secret of the thinking machine?
 - a It could play chess very well.
 - b There was someone hidden inside it.
 - c It used a computer to win games.
 - d People thought it was a hoax.
- 4 How many people were really killed by zoo animals in 1874?
 - a none
 - b 9
 - c 27
 - d 200
- 5 Which is NOT mentioned as a reason people became suspicious of Rosie Ruiz?
 - a She wasn't out of breath at the finish line.
 - b She was not sweaty like the other runners.
 - c No one saw her during most of the race.
 - d She didn't appear in TV broadcasts of the race.
- 6 The title of the passage shows us that the writer thinks that hoaxes _____.
 - a are not new
 - b are easily avoided
 - c are always cruel
 - d usually frighten people



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