# Reading for the Real World Intro - Unit 4

Name _____

## I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. To reduce economic _____, many people think we should tax the rich and give to the poor.
    a. inequality
    b. aggression
    c. sympathy
    d. diversity

2. This morning's class was suddenly _____ by a fire alarm.
    a. paved
    b. interrupted
    c. burdened
    d. transported

3. There is a/an _____ range of dishes on the menu, including Chinese, Indian, and Italian.
    a. diverse
    b. dishonest
    c. unauthorized
    d. inclined

4. Every winter, many birds and people _____ south to warmer climates.
    a. punish
    b. profit
    c. cooperate
    d. migrate

5. Saving a small percentage of your income every month is a/an _____ decision for your future.
    a. aggressive
    b. corporate
    c. sympathetic
    d. sensible

## II. Cloze Test

**Questions 6 - 10**

Many professional women fear that they can never make it to the top. Even though they work hard, few reach the most powerful positions in business. We call this the "glass ceiling." There seems to be an unseen _____(6)_____ preventing women from rising higher. Among the Fortune Global 500—the world's 500 biggest companies ranked by *Fortune* magazine—only forty-one had women as CEOs in 2020. But why? There are different theories.

Some feminists put most of the blame on discrimination. Attitudes toward women almost certainly _____(7) women's progress in some ways. For example, women are generally thought of as more caring and less aggressive than men. But most high-level managers tend to think aggressiveness and competitiveness are positive _____(8)_____ for leaders. A study in 2018 found that women who deliberately showed these "masculine" traits at _____(9)_____ times were more successful. However, they also had to know when to appear "feminine." Other research has found the most people link leadership with qualities that are ____(10)_____ associated with men, such as being decisive.

6. a. corporation
   b. inequality
   c. burden
   d. barrier

7. a. inhibit
   b. pave the way
   c. interrupt
   d. cooperate

8. a. volitions
   b. sympathies
   c. tricks
   d. traits

9. a. dishonest
   b. unauthorized
   c. appropriate
   d. corporate

10. a. typically
    b. diversely
    c. deliberately
    d. profitably

## III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, indicate whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

11. ___ The glass ceiling seems to stop women from working hard.
12. ___ Among the world's largest companies, there are 500 female CEOs.
13. ___ In some ways, attitudes toward women probably prevent their progress.
14. ___ Most high-level managers think typically female qualities are good for leaders.
15. ___ Women can be more successful by behaving in a "masculine" way sometimes.

## IV. Word Study: Match the word to its definition.

a. volition
b. trait
c. inclined
d. inhibit
e. tricky

16. ___ likely to do something
17. ___ free will
18. ___ a quality that makes one person or thing different from another
19. ___ requiring skill or caution
20. ___ to prevent or slow down

## V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

| deliberately | punishment | sympathy | penalize | transport |
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21. Because we have _____ for our neighbors whose house burned down, we invited them to stay with us.
22. The teacher will _____ students who miss class by giving them extra homework.
23. Because we _____ oil by ship, it sometimes spills into the ocean.
24. Helen arrived late _____ because she wanted to see how patient Andrew would be.
25. When a child does something bad, a possible _____ is to take away his or her favorite toy for a while.

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| sympathy | penalize | transport | deliberately | punishment |