

Short Articles for Reading Comprehension

ANSWER KEY

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Unit 1 The Asian Games

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. a 2. c 3. c 4. b

The Missing Word

1. logo
2. founder
3. motto

The Main Idea

- a. 4 b. 3 c. 2
d. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. a
 4. b 5. c
2. a. beneath b. govern c. logo
 d. motto e. founder

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. organized 2. founded
3. governing 4. Winter
5. Beach

Questions to Answers

- a. 5 b. 2 c. 3
d. 1 e. 4

True or False

1. F 2. F 3. T
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. Federation 2. Council
3. responsible 4. sports
5. Indoor

Usage >>

Practice

1. finished
2. all the time until and including
3. using/by means of
4. into, like glass
5. repeat/discuss and explain

Fun Time >>

Quiz

- Tiger Woods——Golf
Yang Wei——Gymnastics
Serena Williams——Tennis
David Beckham——Soccer

Unit 2 Unusual Fish

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. b 3. b
4. b

The Missing Word

1. stone
2. bizarre
3. camouflage

The Main Idea

- a. 2 b. 4 c. 3 d. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. d 3. b
 4. a 5. c
2. a. spine b. toxic c. creature
 d. millennia e. adaptation

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- | | |
|------------|--------------|
| 1. Coral | 2. species |
| 3. bizarre | 4. miniature |
| 5. puffer | 6. unusual |
| 7. caution | |

Questions to Answers

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| a. 2 | b. 5 | c. 1 |
| d. 4 | e. 3 | |

True or False

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| 1. F | 2. T | 3. T |
| 4. F | 5. F | |

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- | | |
|------------|--------------|
| 1. reefs | 2. fish |
| 3. bizarre | 4. seaweed |
| 5. looks | 6. dangerous |
| 7. avoid | |

Usage >>

Practice

- A.**
- The books were so expensive that I could not afford to buy them.
 - The weather was so hot that we stayed indoors.
 - I was so hungry that I ate all the biscuits.
 - I was so tired that I slept for ten hours.
 - The universe is so vast that no one knows where it ends.
- B.**
- The dog was big. It could not fit in the car.
 - It was cold. We could not feel our fingers.
 - She was excited about winning the prize. She forgot to take it home.
 - He was angry at his friend. He refused to speak to him.
 - The cake was good. I wanted to have another piece.

Fun Time >>

- | | | |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 1. prawn | 2. crab | 3. shark |
| 4. whale | 5. dolphin | |

Unit 3 Garlic

Reading Through >>

Key Points

- | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1. a | 2. a | 3. c | 4. b |
|------|------|------|------|

The Missing Word

- culinary
- distributor
- wreaths

The Main Idea

a, b, d

The Right Word

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | 1. season — make tasty | |
| | 2. bulb — round shape | |
| | 3. cultivated — grown | |
| | 4. survive — stay alive | |
| | 5. harsh — unpleasant | |
| 2. | a. ingredients | b. Slaves |
| | c. originally | d. aroma |
| | e. heal | |

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. survive | 2. producer |
| 3. China | 4. properties |
| 5. demons | 6. flavor |

Questions to Answers

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| a. 2 | b. 4 | c. 1 |
| d. 5 | e. 3 | |

True or False

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| 1. F | 2. F | 3. F |
| 4. T | 5. T | |

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1. countries | 2. cultivated |
| 3. medicinal | 4. vampires |
| 5. aroma | 6. culinary |

Usage >>

Practice

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. and so on | 2. such as |
| 3. etc. | 4. such as |
| 5. and so on | 6. etc. |

Fun Time >>

- | | | |
|-----|------|------|
| rag | car | liar |
| lag | crag | lair |
| air | girl | arc |
| rig | rail | ail |

Unit 4 First Aid

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. b

The Missing Word

1. resuscitation
2. medical
3. assistance

The Main Idea

- a. 3 b. 2 c. 5
d. 1 e. 4

The Right Word

1. 1. b 2. c 3. e
4. a 5. d
2. a. exposed b. external c. emergency
d. ensure e. limited

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. aid | 2. injured |
| 3. assistance | 4. techniques |
| 5. emergency | 6. casualty |
| 7. strokes | |

Questions to Answers

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| a. 2 | b. 5 | c. 1 |
| d. 4 | e. 3 | |

True or False

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| 1. F | 2. F | 3. F |
| 4. F | 5. T | |

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. help | 2. professional |
| 3. apply | 4. difficult |
| 5. serious | 6. heart |
| 7. bleeding | |

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. I'd just as soon have chicken than beef.
2. I'll be there as soon as I'm done cooking dinner.
3. It would be great if you could get this done as soon as possible.
4. Maria will be here soon.
5. I'll call you as soon as the letter arrives.
- B. 1. just as soon
2. as soon as
3. soon
4. no sooner said than done
5. as soon as possible

Unit 5 Oil

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. a

The Missing Word

1. inflationary
2. interruption
3. boom

The Main Idea

- b, c, d

Unit 6 **The Taj Mahal**

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. b 3. d
 4. a 5. e
2. a. petroleum b. operate
 c. labor d. Consumers
 e. terrorist

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. depends 2. continuous
 3. demand 4. labor
 5. inflation

Questions to Answers

- a. 2 b. 5 c. 1
 d. 4 e. 3

True or False

1. F 2. F 3. T
 4. F 5. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. vehicle 2. led
 3. developing 4. world
 5. price 6. increases

Usage >>

Practice

- It hasn't rained for six months. As a result, the land is very dry.
- I don't have enough money. Therefore, I can't go to the movies.
- This tea is too strong. As a result, I cannot drink it.
- The demand for oil in India has increased. Accordingly, the price of oil will go up.
- Luke had a cold. Therefore, he couldn't play football.

Fun Time >>

- lemon juice
- sea water/ocean water/salt water
- water/rain
- oil
- milk
- blood

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. b 3. a 4. a

The Missing Word

- distressed
- cenotaphs
- mausoleum

The Main Idea

- a. 2 b. 4 c. 1
 d. 3

The Right Word

1. 1. b 2. c 3. d
 4. a 5. e
2. a. reflected b. commissioned
 c. distress d. construct
 e. designed

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. mausoleum 2. construction
 3. graves 4. marble
 5. elaborate 6. India

Questions to Answers

- a. 5 b. 2 c. 4
 d. 1 e. 3

True or False

1. T 2. F 3. F
 4. F 5. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. commissioned 2. constructed
 3. lie 4. gardens
 5. visitors 6. attracted
 7. beautiful

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. die 2. death 3. dead
 4. died 5. death

- B. 1. Lay 2. lie 3. lay
4. laid 5. laid

Fun Time >>

1. tomb 2. dome 3. palace
4. emperor 5. princess

Unit 7 Great Detectives in Fiction

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. c 3. c 4. c

The Missing Word

1. detective
2. fictional
3. crime

The Main Idea

a, b, e

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. e 3. d
4. a 5. b
2. a. adapted b. archetype
c. solves d. private
e. popularized

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. genre 2. solving
3. fictional 4. archetype
5. adapted

Questions to Answers

- a. 5 b. 4 c. 2
d. 1 e. 3

True or False

1. F 2. T 3. T
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. includes 2. crimes 3. private
4. created 5. stories 6. featured

Usage >>

Practice

1. It is likely that many tourists are visiting Beijing today as in the past.
2. It is probable that my garden will be as beautiful this year as it was last year.
3. It is possible that it is as important today to know a second language as it used to be.

Fun Time >>

1. Holmes 2. Poirot 3. Marlowe
4. Cuff 5. Marple

Unit 8 Spectacles

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. a 2. a 3. c 4. b

The Missing Word

1. monk
2. magnified
3. frames

The Main Idea

- a. 4 b. 2 c. 3 d. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. c
4. a 5. b
2. a. instance b. manuscript
c. globe d. frame
e. lens

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. spectacles 2. derived
3. glass 4. credited
5. optician 6. frames

Questions to Answers

- a. 3 b. 4 c. 1
d. 5 e. 2

True or False

1. F 2. F 3. T
4. F 5. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. Spectacles 2. produced
3. inventing 4. hundred
5. London 6. put
7. worn

Usage >>

Practice

1. I used to live in Europe when I was young.
2. I used to go to the movies every week.
3. I used to play baseball until I was fourteen.
4. There used to be a restaurant in that building.
5. Jill used to have really long hair.
6. I didn't use to like fish.
7. In high school, she didn't use to study hard.
8. It didn't use to be difficult for me to work at night.
9. I'm getting used to her accent.
10. At first the weather was bad, but now I'm getting used to it.

Fun Time >>

1. pit 2. panic 3. pot
4. pan 5. point 6. pin
7. pop 8. picnic 9. potion
10. pant

Unit 9 Thomas Edison

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. b

The Missing Word

1. contributions
2. prolific
3. perspiration

The Main Idea

a, c, d

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. b 3. a
4. d 5. c
2. a. patent b. transmitter
c. potential d. improving
e. inspiration

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. prolific 2. patented
3. mechanical 4. transmitter
5. success 6. failure

Questions to Answers

- a. 4 b. 1 c. 5
d. 2 e. 3

True or False

1. F 2. F 3. T
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. inventor 2. inventions
3. improving 4. electric
5. believed 6. learn

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. It rained to such an extent that the rivers overflowed their banks.
2. Edison was such a prolific inventor that he took out over 1,000 patents.
3. Jung speaks English to such an extent that people think he is a native speaker. (Jung is such a good English speaker that people think he is a native speaker.)
4. She respected Edison to such an extent that she became an inventor, too.
- B. 1. It rained so much that the rivers overflowed their banks.
2. Edison was so prolific that he took out over 1,000 patents.

3. Jung speaks English so well that people think he is a native speaker.
4. She so respected Edison that she became an inventor, too.
(She respected Edison so much that she became an inventor, too.)

Fun Time >>

Answers will vary.

Unit 10 Ice Cream

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a

The Missing Word

1. mass
2. banquets
3. confections

The Main Idea

- a. 3 b. 1 c. 2

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. b 3. e
4. a 5. d
2. a. inaugurated b. recipe
c. dessert d. chef
e. freezer

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. folklore 2. brought
3. recipe 4. chef
5. freezers 6. production

Questions to Answers

- a. 5 b. 3 c. 1
d. 2 e. 4

True or False

1. F 2. F 3. T
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. China | 2. confection |
| 3. France | 4. arrived |
| 5. mass | 6. possible |
| 7. improvements | |

Usage >>

Practice

- | | | |
|---------------|--------|-------------|
| A. 1. d | 2. c | 3. e |
| 4. b | 5. a | |
| B. 1. married | 2. got | 3. marriage |
| 4. marry | 5. get | |

Unit 11 Olympic Cities

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. c 2. b 3. c 4. a

The Missing Word

1. bid
2. benefits
3. aggressive

The Main Idea

a, c, d

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. c 3. e
4. b 5. a
2. a. decision b. impressed
c. aggressive d. competitors
e. recognition

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- | | |
|---------------|------------|
| 1. Olympic | 2. bidding |
| 3. suitable | 4. pride |
| 5. facilities | |

Questions to Answers

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| a. 4 | b. 5 | c. 1 |
| d. 3 | e. 2 | |

True or False

- 1. F 2. T 3. T
- 4. F 5. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- 1. Alternating 2. determines
- 3. Hosting 4. earned
- 5. benefits 6. tourism

Usage >>

Practice

- 1. umpire 2. contest
- 3. spectators 4. crowd
- 5. contestants 6. referees
- 7. audience 8. judge
- 9. competitors 10. competition

Fun Time >>

clip, clomp, clop, cloy, coil, comply, cop, copy, coy, icy, imp, imply, limo, limp, lip, lop, mop, myopic, oil, oily, ploy, ply, policy, yip

Unit 12 Paper

Reading Through >>

Key Points

- 1. a 2. c 3. b 4. c

The Missing Word

- 1. environmental
- 2. enormous
- 3. adopted

The Main Idea

- a. 3 b. 5 c. 2
- d. 4 e. 1

The Right Word

- 1. 1. c 2. a 3. d
- 4. e 5. b
- 2. a. solution
- b. environmental
- c. origami
- d. fiber
- e. seismograph

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- 1. invented 2. Dynasty
- 3. substances 4. wood
- 5. Japan 6. global warming

Questions to Answers

- a. 3 b. 2 c. 1
- d. 4 e. 5

True or False

- 1. T 2. T 3. T
- 4. F 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- 1. Chinese 2. spread
- 3. hand-made 4. paper
- 5. important 6. depleted
- 7. recycling

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. in 2. to 3. for
- 4. by
- B. 1. N 2. Y 3. Y
- 4. Y

Fun Time >>

- 1. bags 2. books
- 3. tickets 4. napkins

Unit 13 Pablo Picasso

Reading Through >>

Key Points

- 1. b 2. c 3. b 4. a

The Missing Word

- 1. sculpture
- 2. previous
- 3. dominant

The Main Idea

b, c, e

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. d 3. e
4. b 5. a
2. a. recognized b. sculpture
c. bombing d. discussion
e. inspired

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. prolific 2. influence
3. Paris 4. Cubism
5. inspired 6. famous

Questions to Answers

- a. 4 b. 3 c. 1
d. 5 e. 2

True or False

1. T 2. T 3. F
4. F 5. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. figures 2. sculptor
3. Blue 4. Rose
5. violent 6. cubist

Usage >>

Practice

1. during 2. during
3. for 4. during
5. for 6. for
7. during 8. for
9. During 10. during

Unit 14 Diamonds

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. c 2. b 3. c 4. b

The Missing Word

1. igneous
2. sparkle
3. invincible

The Main Idea

- a. 3 b. 5 c. 1
d. 4 e. 2

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. d 3. c
4. b 5. a
2. a. sparkles b. source
c. industrial d. deposit
e. significantly

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. substance 2. deposits
3. mined 4. jewelry
5. durability 6. sparkle

Questions to Answers

- a. 1 b. 3 c. 5
d. 2 e. 4

True or False

1. F 2. T 3. F
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. created 2. beneath
3. surface 4. countries
5. tools 6. hardest
7. light

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. He comes from Chicago.
2. Ice comes from frozen water.
3. Tea comes from China.
4. She comes from Seoul.
- B. 1. significantly 2. significant
3. significantly 4. significant

Unit 15 The Koran

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. c 2. b 3. b 4. b

The Missing Word

1. chronological
2. commandments
3. revelations

The Main Idea

b, c, d

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. c
4. a 5. b
2. a. memories b. chronological
c. revelation d. interpretation
e. atmosphere

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. sacred 2. compilation
3. revelations 4. commandments
5. chronological 6. text

Questions to Answers

- a. 5 b. 3 c. 1
d. 2 e. 4

True or False

1. F 2. F 3. T
4. T 5. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. revered 2. holy
3. written 4. consists
5. warnings 6. stories

Usage >>

Practice

1. heartless
2. heartfelt
3. by heart
4. a heart-warming story
5. heart-to-heart

Fun Time >>

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. This means that we should love everybody as much as we love ourselves.

Unit 16 History

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. b 3. a 4. c

The Missing Word

1. resource
2. orally
3. tribes

The Main Idea

- a. 3 b. 4 c. 1 d. 2

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. e 3. d
4. a 5. b
2. a. isolated b. consult
c. efficient d. artifact
e. wealth

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. study 2. historians
3. documents 4. resources
5. Archivists 6. efficiently

Questions to Answers

- a. 3 b. 5 c. 2
d. 1 e. 4

True or False

1. F 2. T 3. T
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. past 2. official
3. written 4. telephone
5. stored 6. problem

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. Not only does Clayton play football, but he also plays cricket.
2. Not only did we visit the Coliseum, but we also visited the Parthenon.
3. Not only do we need regular exercise, but we also need a healthy diet.
- B. 1. I've always dreamed of having a lot of wealth.
2. Her family has a wealth of musical talent.
3. The king possesses great wealth.
4. Software engineers have a wealth of job opportunities.

Fun Time >>

Answers will vary.

Unit 17 The Dollar

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. a 3. a 4. c

The Missing Word

- minted
- Australian
- superimposing

The Main Idea

a, c, d

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. a
4. b 5. c
2. a. circulates b. adoption
c. independent d. originate
e. theory

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. origin 2. minted
3. *thaler* 4. adopted
5. independent 6. currency

Questions to Answers

- a. 4 b. 3 c. 5
d. 1 e. 2

True or False

- a. F b. T c. F
d. T e. T

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. dollar 2. coins
3. popular 4. used
5. countries 6. Empire

Usage >>

Practice

1. g 2. d 3. j
4. a 5. i 6. c
7. e 8. h 9. b
10. f

Fun Time >>

1. a., China 2. e., Spain
3. d., Thailand 4. b., Korea
5. c., Indonesia

Unit 18 Fame

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. a

The Missing Word

- celebrities
- dependent
- public

The Main Idea

- a. 1 b. 4 c. 3
d. 2

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. a 3. e
4. b 5. c
2. a. achieve b. author c. fashion
d. widely e. doubt

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| 1. fame | 2. entertainment |
| 3. authors | 4. dependent |
| 5. musicians | 6. media |

Questions to Answers

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| a. 3 | b. 5 | c. 1 |
| d. 2 | e. 4 | |

True or False

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| 1. F | 2. F | 3. F |
| 4. F | 5. T | |

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. achieved | 2. especially |
| 3. industry | 4. remembered |
| 5. fashionable | 6. public |

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. It is a fine day.
2. When did it catch on fire?
3. How long has it been sick?
- B. 1. it's 2. its 3. It's
4. its 5. It's

Fun Time >>

Answers will vary.

Unit 19 Earthquakes

Reading Through >>

Key Points

- | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1. b | 2. a | 3. a | 4. c |
|------|------|------|------|

The Missing Word

1. tsunami
2. crust
3. predict

The Main Idea

b, d, e

The Right Word

- | | | |
|-----------------|------|---------------|
| 1. 1. d | 2. a | 3. e |
| 4. c | 5. b | |
| 2. a. potential | | b. evacuate |
| c. frequent | | d. devastated |
| e. prevent | | |

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

- | | |
|----------------|-------------|
| 1. earthquakes | 2. massive |
| 3. prevent | 4. world |
| 5. cause | 6. collapse |

Questions to Answers

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| a. 4 | b. 5 | c. 1 |
| d. 3 | e. 2 | |

True or False

- | | | |
|------|------|------|
| 1. F | 2. F | 3. T |
| 4. T | 5. F | |

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Scientists | 2. accurately |
| 3. eruptions | 4. devastating |
| 5. city | 6. potentially |
| 7. crack | |

Usage >>

Practice

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Chemist | 2. Physicist |
| 3. Astronomer | 4. Astrologist |
| 5. Mathematician | 6. Musician |
| 7. Technologist | 8. Theologist |
| 9. Philosopher | 10. Agriculturalist |

Fun Time >>

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 1. volcano | 2. tsunami |
| 3. crust | 4. crack |
| 5. erupt | |

Reading Through >>

Key Points

1. a 2. c 3. a 4. c

The Missing Word

1. supernatural
2. imaginary
3. misleading

The Main Idea

- a. 2 b. 3 c. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. c
 4. a 5. b
2. a. speculate b. imaginary
 c. content d. Fiction
 e. abbreviation

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. future 2. inspired
3. fantasy 4. decades
5. supernatural 6. movies

Questions to Answers

- a. 3 b. 1 c. 5
d. 4 e. 2

True or False

1. T 2. F 3. F
4. T 5. F

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. Fiction 2. worlds
3. scientific 4. trilogy
5. magic 6. gained
7. written

Usage >>

Practice

- A. 1. misunderstood
 2. mistook
 3. misplaced
- B. 1. d 2. e 3. b
 4. a 5. c

Fun Time >>

1. Robot 2. Space
3. Alien 4. Time travel