

Short Articles for Reading Comprehension

ANSWER KEY

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Unit 1 Table Tennis

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. Asian
2. Company
3. rubber

The Main Idea

- a. 2 b. 3 c. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. b 2. a 3. d
 4. e 5. c
2. a. kit b. rubber c. indoors
 d. soldier e. possible

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. table 2. soldiers 3. game
4. paddle 5. Championship

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. British 2. About 3. later
4. kind 5. use 6. European

Usage >>

Practice

1. John asked me to help him with his homework. I did so then he complained that I made mistakes.

2. A: I've got a headache.

B: So do I.

3. I'm tired. So I will go to bed early.

4. A: Can you lend me fifty dollars?

B: I don't think so.

5. My mother told me to wash my clothes. I did so and ironed them, too.

Unit 2 The Hamburger

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. tomato
2. ground meat/beef
3. Wholegrain

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. b
 4. c 5. a
2. a. popular b. chain c. mixture
 d. Raw e. Grilled

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. ground 2. ham 3. Healthy
4. grilled 5. wholegrain

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. beef
2. shaped
3. patties
4. contain
5. lean
6. grilled

Usage >>

Practice

1. made of
2. made from
3. made up of
4. made of
5. made from

Unit 3 The United Kingdom

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. size
2. counties
3. dialects

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. e 3. d
4. a 5. b
2. a. part b. sometimes
c. really d. own e. different

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. name
2. people
3. speaks
4. language
5. divided

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. Kingdom
2. Britain
3. Scottish
4. Irish
5. county

Usage >>

Practice

1. call on
2. call out
3. call
4. call
5. calling

Unit 4 Charles Dickens

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. translated
2. malnutrition
3. factory

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. e 3. c
4. a 5. b
2. a. popular b. powerful c. wonderful
d. disease e. factories

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. was born
2. came from
3. still
4. full of
5. as it was

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. family
2. factory
3. famous
4. childhood
5. describe
6. powerful

Usage >>

Practice

1. least
2. At least
3. At least
4. At least
5. The least

Unit 5 The Bicycle

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. pedals
2. transport
3. invented

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. e 3. b
4. d 5. a
2. a. transport b. partly
c. comfortable d. prefer
e. invented

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. steered
2. gears
3. rear
4. modern
5. century

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. modern
2. invent
3. partly
4. pedals
5. bicycles
6. especially

Usage >>

Practice

1. type
2. generous
3. type
4. types
5. generous

Unit 6 Chocolate

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. sixteenth
2. nib
3. emperor

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. d 3. a
4. b 5. c
2. a. custom
b. puddings
c. ingredients
d. manufactured
e. roasted

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. taste
2. cocoa
3. Europe
4. popular
5. puddings

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. process
2. chocolate
3. treats
4. invaded
5. ingredient

Usage >>

Practice

1. custom
2. custom
3. tradition
4. tradition
5. custom

Unit 7 Elvis Presley

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. international
2. Graceland
3. rhythm

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. d
 2. c
 3. e
 4. a
 5. b
2. a. records
 - b. death
 - c. music
 - d. alive
 - e. style

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. singers
2. music
3. people
4. died
5. impersonate

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. popular
2. records
3. career
4. style
5. starred

Usage >>

Practice

1. (for) long
2. a short time
3. long
4. short
5. long

Unit 8 Dreams

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. rapidly
2. Nightmares
3. suggest

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. c
 2. e
 3. b
 4. a
 5. d
2. a. as soon as
 - b. even though
 - c. However
 - d. in some way
 - e. a few of

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. dreams
2. remember
3. nightmares
4. interpretation
5. special

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. remember 2. frightening
3. interpretations 4. meaning
5. probably

Usage >>

Practice

1. write for 2. write down
3. write up 4. write out
5. write down

Unit 9 Healthy Eating

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. fiber
2. diet
3. junk food

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. d 3. a
 4. b 5. e
2. a. salt b. sugar c. fiber
 d. fat e. vegetables

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. Japanese 2. salt 3. healthier
4. fiber 5. vegetables

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. traditionally 2. sugar
3. American 4. contain
5. fish

Usage >>

Practice

1. enough 2. a lot of 3. plenty
4. enough 5. too much

Fun Time

Salt, Fish, Fruit, Beef, Lamb, Sugar, Rice

Unit 10 Endangered Species

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. disappear
2. ivory
3. habitats

The Main Idea

- a. 3 b. 2 c. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. d 3. c
 4. b 5. a
2. a. planet b. habitat c. species
 d. risk e. reasons

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. mammals 2. endangered
3. extinction 4. habitats
5. climate

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. insects 2. changes
3. hunted 4. destroyed
5. species 6. disease

Usage >>

Practice

1. died 2. deathly
3. death 4. dead
5. deadly

Fun Time

an and as nap pad(s) pan(s)
panda sad sand sap

Unit 11 Traveling

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. increasingly
2. tourist
3. common

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. a 3. e
4. c 5. b
2. a. common b. character c. national
d. wedding e. traveler

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. travelers 2. city 3. nowadays
4. similar 5. clothes

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. difficult 2. places 3. century
4. different 5. teenagers

Usage >>

Practice

(sample answers)

1. What else can we do today?
2. Where else have you been in Europe?
3. Who else did you meet at the party?
4. Why else didn't he help you?
5. When else are you free for dinner?

Unit 12 London

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. Westminster
2. crowned
3. comprised

The Main Idea

- a. 2 b. 3 c. 1

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. a 3. b
4. e 5. c
2. a. located b. royal c. crowned
d. comprised e. visit

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. capital 2. together 3. important
4. royal 5. underground

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. joined 2. financial
3. Parliament 4. especially
5. tube 6. railway

Usage >>

Practice

1. story 2. country
3. fight 4. face
5. lie

Unit 13 Tobacco

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. smoking
2. colony
3. Spain

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. e 3. a
4. b 5. d
2. a. medicine b. export c. pipe
d. addicted e. colonies

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. tobacco 2. plant 3. different
4. sniffed 5. illness

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. Tobacco 2. brought 3. history
4. smoked 5. become 6. cause

Usage >>

Practice

(answers will vary)

1. Sometimes I read before I go to sleep.
2. I always wash my hands before eating.
3. He rarely cleans his room.
4. My mother occasionally makes me my favorite dessert.
5. She frequently asks me to help her with her homework.

Unit 14 The Olympic Games

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. four
2. athletes
3. javelin

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

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

2. a. snow b. take part
 c. sports d. Ice skating
 e. gods

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. first 2. different 3. time
 4. part 5. countries

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. held 2. thousands
 3. country 4. Greek
 5. athletes

Usage >>

Practice

1. held on 2. Hold on
 3. held at 4. Hold up
 5. hold out

Unit 15 Abalone

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. owner
 2. signature
 3. snail

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

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

2. a. demand b. orphanage
 c. problem d. supply e. situation

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. prepared 2. delicious
 3. demand 4. chef
 5. restaurants

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. Abalone 2. supply 3. famous
 4. sells 5. wealthy

Usage >>

Practice

2. I don't need your help. I can carry this bag myself.
 3. She told me herself that she doesn't like you.
 4. Can you cook that yourself?
 5. I can look after my garden myself.
 7. The children themselves decided to go to bed early.

Fun Time

Fish, Eel, Shark, Crab, Prawn

Unit 16 The Loch Ness Monster

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. Scientists
 2. tourist
 3. Inverness

The Main Idea

- a. 2 b. 1 c. 3

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. c 3. b
 4. e 5. a
2. a. prehistoric b. including
 c. equipment d. hoping
 e. mystery

Listening In >>**Spot Dictation**

1. believe 2. monster
 3. visit 4. swimming
 5. photograph

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>**Passage Retelling**

1. prehistoric 2. lake
 3. Thousands 4. exists
 5. catch 6. good

Usage >>**Practice**

1. are 2. is 3. are
 4. are 5. is

• Unit 17 **The Guitar**

Reading Through >>**Key Points**

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

The Missing Word

1. instruments
 2. pleasant
 3. plucked

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. c 2. e 3. b
 4. a 5. d
2. a. take over b. part of c. related to
 d. relied on e. come from

Listening In >>**Spot Dictation**

1. instrument 2. popular
 3. similar 4. widely
 5. styles

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>**Passage Retelling**

1. old 2. music 3. sitar
 4. different 5. accompanies

Usage >>**Practice**

1. up 2. in 3. down
 4. off 5. over

• Unit 18 **Queen Mary 2**

Reading Through >>**Key Points**

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

The Missing Word

1. largest
 2. town
 3. ocean

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. d 2. a 3. b
4. e 5. c
2. a. casino b. passengers
c. floating d. transport
e. sailed

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. approximately 2. speed
3. liner 4. cruise 5. luxury

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. expensive 2. tons
3. knots 4. passengers
5. voyages

Usage >>

Practice

1. boat 2. pier 3. bow
4. trip 5. Ocean

Unit 19 Computer Viruses

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. threat
2. designed
3. spread

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. c 3. a
4. d 5. b
2. a. virus b. program c. damage
d. spreads e. download

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. virus 2. email 3. problems
4. data 5. program

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. spread 2. computer
3. infects 4. operation
5. important

Usage >>

Practice

1. program
2. download
3. monitor/screen/keyboard
4. search engine
5. crashed

Unit 20 Madame Tussaud's

Reading Through >>

Key Points

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

The Missing Word

1. Great Britain
2. inherited
3. permanent

The Main Idea

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

The Right Word

1. 1. e 2. a 3. c
 4. b 5. d
2. a. models b. collection c. married
 d. skill e. destroyed

Listening In >>

Spot Dictation

1. waxworks 2. museum
3. models 4. wax
5. housekeeper

Questions to Answers

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

True or False

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

Speaking Up >>

Passage Retelling

1. home 2. famous 3. make
4. people 5. mother

Usage >>

Practice

1. rethink 2. reunited
3. redial 4. rebuilt
5. retell

Fun Time

- wax work(s) war(s) was wok(s)
saw sow so as ask ark(s)
ox or