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Advanced Course

Global News-Centered



Exercises

Reading I Quiz

* Choose the one word that best fits each space from the list below.

- (1) The Korean mobile device market is nearing () and is consequently in need of finding new growth momentum.
- (2) Crowds of thousands are flocking to the brand-new Graton Resort & Casino in Rohnert Park today, causing () on nearby roadways.
- (3) Digital cameras are () today — even \$20 cell phones have them built in.
- (4) Guests at the hotel can dine in the ()-decorated restaurant and plush lounge, or even under the stars in the delightful enclosed garden patio.
- (5) The beer, which gets its creamy () from an infusion of nitrogen bubbles, is only available on tap at bars and restaurants.
- (6) U.S. consumption of cow's milk, which consumers associate with ()-clogging cholesterol, has fallen more than a third since the 1970s.
- (7) Researchers have shown that sheep wool growth can be significantly boosted by () the stress hormone, cortisol, in their pregnant mothers.
- (8) The horrors of vitamin D deficiency are (): elevated risk of certain cancers, high blood pressure, heart and kidney disease and so on.

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 ubiquitous | 2 legion | 3 artery | 4 byproduct |
| 5 oblong | 6 saturation | 7 adorning | 8 texture |
| 9 gridlock | 10 hierarchy | 11 impeccably | 12 plaque |
| 13 manipulating | 14 preliminary | | |

Reading I Quiz

* *Change the form of each italicized word to make the sentence complete.*

- (9) If the FDA proposal [*survive*] an obligatory public comment period, it will likely lead to elimination of partially hydrogenated oils — the major source of artificial trans fats — from the U.S. food supply.

[Answer] _____

- (10) If the Earth [*be*] an apple, the atmosphere would be much thinner than its skin, a layer of some 30 miles that ensures our survival below.

[Answer] _____

- (11) A bill to allow unauthorized immigrants to gain citizenship carries electoral risks for the Republican Party. If the bill were passed, some of those immigrants [*will*] eventually vote. Roughly 80 percent of illegal immigrants are Hispanic, and about 10 percent are Asian — groups that voted heavily Democratic in the last two elections.

[Answer] _____

- (12) One of the men stabbed during an attack outside of Buffalo Wild Wings in March has filed a civil lawsuit that claims the stabbing could have been prevented if there [*be*] better security in the area.

[Answer] _____

* *Decide whether the use of “whatever” is correct or not.*

- (13) (A) Prisoners have to eat *whatever they’re given*.

☐ Correct

☐ Not Correct

- (B) *Whatever I suggest*, he always disagrees.

☐ Correct

☐ Not Correct

- (C) I’m willing to pay *whatever price you ask*.

☐ Correct

☐ Not Correct

- (D) There is nothing *whatever* to worry about.

☐ Correct

☐ Not Correct

Listening Comprehension 1

* *Listen carefully and fill in the blanks.*

No. 1 The Palestinian committee investigating the death of the former leader Yasser Arafat / says Israel _____

_____. //

The committee said the latest scientific reports on the death of Mr. Arafat / showed _____

_____. //

No. 2 The committee said its inquiries would continue / so the _____

_____. //

Israel has _____
_____ that it was involved. //

No. 3 The U.S. aircraft carrier George Washington has _____

_____ of

Leyte in the central Philippines / to _____

_____ the delivery of aid to desperate survivors of Typhoon Haiyan. //

No. 4 The carrier will _____

_____ for

helicopter operations / to distribute supplies of food, water and medicine _____.

Listening Comprehension 1

No. 5 The World Meteorological Organization says this year is _____

_____ records began in 1850 / and the U.N. body says there
is a _____

_____ rising sea levels. //

No. 6 It says that makes coastal populations _____

_____. //

But the group's Deputy Secretary-General, Jeremiah Lengoasa, says
it's difficult to _____

_____ Typhoon Haiyan. //

No. 1: be, the, only, suspect, he, do, not
die, naturally

No. 2: whole, truth, can, be, reveal
dismiss, any, suggestion

No. 3: arrive, off, the, island, help
speed up

No. 4: act as, a, huge, floating, base, where
it's, most, need

No. 5: the, seventh, warmest, since, trend
to, weather, extreme, aggravate, by

No. 6: more, vulnerable, to, storm surge, make
a, direct, link

Reading 2 Quiz

* Circle the word that is closest in meaning to the word in bold type.

- (1) Fashion followers around the planet are **quivering** with excitement over upcoming shows in New York, Paris and L.A..

1 guzzle 2 careen 3 shiver

- (2) Models will walk the runway wearing feathers, fake furs and a galaxy of clothing that runs the gamut from the **sublime** to the absurd at the shows.

1 nondescript 2 magnificent 3 tantamount

- (3) His latest study looked at how clothing lice first began to **diverge** from human head lice.

1 relish 2 fork 3 deride

- (4) “We wanted to find another method for **pinpointing** when humans might have first started wearing clothing,” Reed said in a news release.

1 determine 2 dissipate 3 denounce

- (5) Because they are so well **adapted** to clothing, we know that body lice or clothing lice almost certainly didn’t exist until clothing came about in humans.

1 vacillate 2 elucidate 3 acclimate

- (6) What that means is that humans were **hanging** around naked for a considerable period of time.

1 loiter 2 corrode 3 drawl

- (7) This **icky** relationship allows the scientists to learn about evolutionary changes to the host humans based on changes to the parasite.

1 frivolous 2 repugnant 3 perfunctory

- (8) Gilligan said the study’s date suggests humans started wearing clothes in the **preceding** Ice Age 180,000 years ago.

1 insolvent 2 discordant 3 antecedent

Reading 2 Quiz

* Put the words in the right order to complete (A) and (B).

- (9) climb to, members, 1998, the public,
the national icon, of, of, not, were able
to, until, the top

The Sydney Harbour Bridge, the top of which reaches 134 metres above sea level, was opened in 1932, but it was (A) that (B). Since then over 2.6 million people have climbed to the summit of the Bridge

[Answer]

(A) _____

(B) _____

* Choose all the sentences in which “or” has the same meaning as in the boxed sentence below.

You can thank your ancestors from way back when who first figured out it might be better to cover up a few of the fleshy parts or lose them to frostbite.

- (10) The recipe for chocolate bars is fairly standard: cocoa, cocoa butter, sweeteners, and perhaps some nuts or a fruity filling.
- (11) The tax agency would not confirm or deny that it was investigating charges of tax evasion against the company.
- (12) New York State is sending a clear message to distracted drivers: Get off your cell phone or you’ll face a harsh punishment.
- (13) The low tonight is expected to be around 27° Fahrenheit, or approximately -2.77° Celsius.
- (14) We need to put more pressure on members of Congress to tackle immigration reform now or lose our votes to people who will.

[Answer] _____

Listening Comprehension 2

* *Decide whether each statement below is true (T) or false (F) and circle T or F, according to your understanding of the passage.*

No. 7

- (1) T / F The source of the unpleasant smell in the mountain tunnel is a treatment plant that turns sewage into drinking water.
- (2) T / F Some Norwegian houses are equipped with a home heating system that traps heat from their own sewage.
- (3) T / F Norway is planning to stop using fossil fuels for home heating within a few years from now.
- (4) T / F Despite the use of environmentally-friendly shale gas, the United States is well behind schedule in cutting emissions.

No. 8

- (1) T / F China's more reliance on hydropower is contributing to a reduction in emissions.
- (2) T / F Germany is trying to cut emissions by harnessing wind and solar power.
- (3) T / F Countries around the world have already made enough commitments that there would be little need for new ones.
- (4) T / F According to new figures, CO₂ emissions per capita are dropping in all major countries.

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Listening Comprehension 2

No. 7

Beneath this unremarkable hill in Norway's capital, Oslo, lies a most remarkable project. As you hurtle deeper into the tunnel in the mountain, there's an increasingly unpleasant smell.

And here in the operation's hall, it's clear why. The Norwegians are taking heat from sewage and using it to warm people's homes.

The sewage carries heat from people's showers, washing machines and dishwashers. This plant uses a heat-exchanging fluid to capture that warmth and amplify it for home heating.

Norway is a global leader in climate policies. It has ambitious plans to end the use of fossil fuels in home heating within the next few years.

In the U.S.A., shale gas's forced down emissions because gas pollutes less than coal. America is on target to meet its commitments on climate change, according to a report for the British government.

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No. 8

China's big dams are driving down their emissions too. The report says Chinese emissions could peak in the early 2020s. It says Germany has made big commitments as well, especially to power from wind and solar.

British climate adviser: "There is a positive story to tell. There is action on the ground around the world in many countries and major economies. There's more to do, so that is a challenge. We need to put in place now commitments for the 2020s policies to drive very significant investments and emissions cuts through the 2020s. But we're on the path to reducing emissions. It's still in play but we can achieve our climate objectives."

New figures show that the amount of CO2 produced for every dollar earned is falling for all the major countries including China, Germany and the U.S.A.

So governments are at last starting to wake up to the threat of floods and droughts and food shortages. They are beginning to reduce the growth in emissions. But scientists say much more needs to be done if we're to get stable climate.

Listening Comprehension 2

* *Listen and answer the questions.*

No. 5 _____

Questions:

1. What is this news report mostly about?

- (1) Hatred between two U.S. cities.
- (2) Delay in the construction of One World Trade Center.
- (3) Aesthetic design of Willis Tower.
- (4) The tallest building in the United States.

[Answer] _____

2. What is the source of the controversy?

- (1) The current criteria for measuring skyscrapers are outdated.
- (2) One World Trade's undecorated spire has communications equipment.
- (3) An antenna was installed on top of Willie Tower.
- (4) The newest American skyscraper was ruled the tallest building.

[Answer] _____

Listening Comprehension 2

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Listening Comprehension 2

No. 9

Unidentified male: “No.”

Unidentified female: “New York can’t beat us. It’s Chicago.”

It’s a tale of two cities and a few ongoing rivalries. The Windy City vs. the Big Apple. The Cubs or the Yankees. Deep dish or thin crust. And now another one to add to the list: *Willis Tower vs. One World Trade Center in the battle over the title of the tallest building in America.*

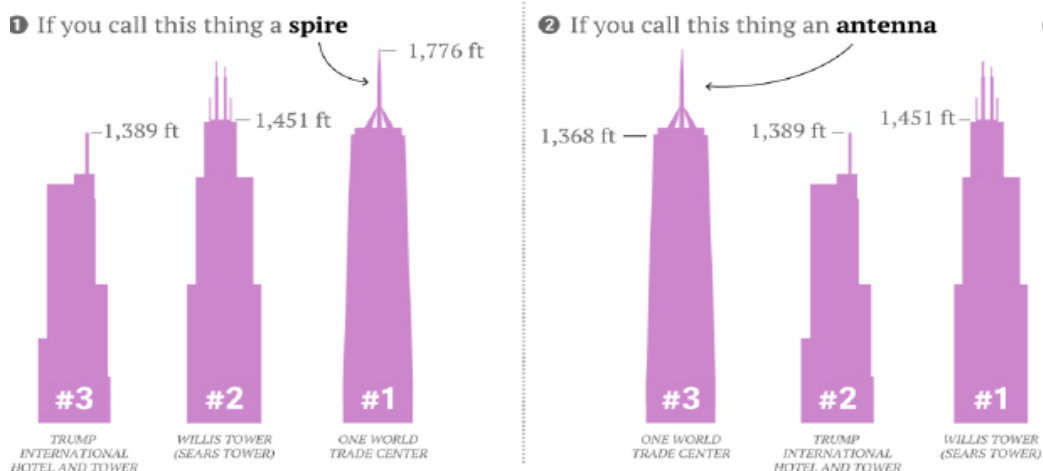
At 1,776 feet, One World Trade Center towers over the New York City skyline. But critics say: Remove that 408-foot spire at its peak, and the newest American skyscraper clocks in just 83 feet shy of Willis Tower’s height of 1,451 feet.

Director of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat: “The spire is ... it’s an extension of the form, skin and mass, an expression of the building, as opposed to an antenna, which is a piece of functional-technical equipment.”

The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat met Friday to determine whether this needle counts, making One World Trade Center the tallest building. The decision comes Tuesday.

Under its current criteria, spires that are part of the building’s aesthetic design count. But broadcast antennas don’t. Now One World Trade had intended to enclose its communications gear inside that spire with some decorative cladding. But the developer recently decided to remove that cladding so will be easier to repair. So therein lies the controversy.

Listening Comprehension 2



Tips for Listening Comprehension 2 in Lesson 5:

organ transplant

lung

airway

fragile

Toronto General Hospital

Joel Cooper

phenomenal

Tom Hall

idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

Shaf Keshavjee

University Health Network

Trevor Umlah

Halifax: capital of the province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

cystic fibrosis

feature

gene therapy

stem cell

bolster



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