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Exercises

Reading Quiz

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

- (1) Police said no one was injured when part of the building ().
- (2) During the competition, 141 high school seniors () for the scholarships.
- (3) The country has () inflation, last year registering at 56 percent — the highest rate in Latin America.
- (4) Known for its () architecture, the museum was designed by world-renowned architect Antoine Predock.
- (5) We love the outdoors and have () just about every area within 50 miles of St. George on our monthly hikes.
- (6) On June 22, 2013, Mt. Fuji was () a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- (7) In the National League, Atlanta topped the Mets 5-4, Washington beat Colorado 7-1 and Pittsburgh () Arizona 3-2.
- (8) The new airport is being built at an () of 2,945 metres above sea level and will cover an area of 180 hectares.

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|---------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| 1 stunning | 2 collapsed | 3 vied | 4 trumped |
| 5 occupied | 6 contract | 7 explored | 8 competitor |
| 9 selfless | 10 altitude | 11 runaway | 12 endorsement |
| 13 designated | 14 specifically | | |

Reading Quiz

* Choose the best conjunction from the box to complete the blank. Use each word only once.

although,	and,	but
as,	once,	since

- (9) The farmers' market is over 100 years old but still as fresh as this morning's produce, delighting tourists () locals alike.
- (10) The Nikkei Stock Average rose 1.28 percent on Thursday () investors picked up shares in exporters such as Canon Inc.
- (11) Culinary school enrollments across the country fell during the recession, () the numbers are starting to rise again.
- (12) “() Japan made a flexible proposal, no further progress has been made,” TPP minister Akira Amari told a press conference held after the negotiations.
- (13) () the cancer spreads to other parts of the body, it can be very aggressive and has poor survival rates.
- (14) () Japan's real estate and stock market bubble burst in the early 1990s, companies have focused on cutting debt and shifting manufacturing overseas.

Listening Comprehension 1

(A) *Listen carefully and fill in the blanks.*

No. 1 _____ will _____ immediately
on a new _____ between
the United States and Japan. //

The \$300 million project, called “FASTER,” is to _____
_____ before the middle of _____. //

The cable will _____ 9,000 kilometers. //

It will be the _____ data cable in the _____. //

Five Asian _____

— including China Mobile International and the Japanese NEC Corporation have _____

in the project. //

Listening Comprehension 1

(B) *Determine if the words in the parentheses are exactly what the speaker says, and if not, make corrections.*

No. 2 A (massive magnitude-8.2 earthquake) off the coast of Chile (will

trigger a tsunami warning) for all of Latin America's Pacific coast. //

Coastal areas (are being evacuated) and the Chilean Navy says a

tsunami (has already hit some areas) in the country's north. //

(The earthquake) was recorded near the mining port of Iquique. //

There are also reports of (landslides blocked some roads.) //

Listening Comprehension 2

(4) When did the person develop a fever and other symptoms?

(5) What did Shinjuku Ward officials do on Friday?

Listening Comprehension 2

* *Listen to the passage and fill in the missing parts.*

No. 3

Japanese health authorities have confirmed **the first case of dengue fever not linked to Yoyogi Park in Tokyo.**

Dozens of others who recently contracted the mosquito-borne virus in Japan had all visited the park or its vicinity.

Authorities say **a man in his 30s from Saitama Prefecture, north of Tokyo,** had not visited Yoyogi Park in recent weeks. He has never been overseas.

The man was reportedly bitten by a mosquito at Shinjuku Central Park, also in Tokyo. **He said he visited the park for five days in August for business. The man developed a fever and other symptoms on August 30th.**

Listening Comprehension 2

On Friday, Shinjuku Ward officials **put up notices at the park to restrict entry**. They plan to catch mosquitoes there, and fumigate the premises.



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