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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) Unlike Hong Kong, Taiwan is a () country, which elects its own president and parliament, and administers its own affairs.
- (2) The fatal shooting of the 17-year-old black teenager () a nationwide debate on gun rights and gun control.
- (3) Public anger () over video showing a group of officers kicking a handcuffed protester on Wednesday morning.
- (4) In the movie, the actress committed suicide on sleeping pills, an eerie () of her death the following year.
- (5) There is a () sign of most pizza eaters: the rotund belly that is evidence of one's passion for the pies.
- (6) Pentas are wonderful. They attract butterflies and hummingbirds. It is a very () plant because sometimes it survives winter.
- (7) In 1989, Hungary's Communist Party () Marxism in favor of democratic socialism during a party congress in Budapest.
- (8) The two began to fight and during their battle they broke the glass out of the oven door, so () of glass were scattered across the kitchen floor.

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|------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1 telltale | 2 lagoon | 3 ignited | 4 shards |
| 5 simmered | 6 extinct | 7 crumbled | 8 hardy |
| 9 boosters | 10 renounced | 11 sovereign | 12 biologist |
| 13 outsize | 14 foreshadowing | | |

Reading I Quiz

* *Underline the main subject and verb of each sentence, as in the example.*

[Example]: Article 9, part of Japan's postwar constitution put into effect on May 3, 1947, famously renounced "...war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes."

- (9) After a second case of Ebola was discovered among the staff of a Dallas hospital that treated an infected patient, public concerns are likely to increase about whether the United States health care system can properly respond to an outbreak.
- (10) In an odd moment in the trial of Robel Phillipos, a friend of the man accused of the Boston Marathon bombings, Michael Dukakis, the former Massachusetts governor and 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, testified Thursday for the defense. (*[only for reference to help understand the previous sentence]* Mr. Phillipos, 20, a friend of the suspect, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, is charged with lying to the authorities about his movements days after the attack.)
- (11) Norward Roussell, who in 1987 arrived in Selma, Ala., as the city's first black superintendent of schools with aspirations to equalize educational opportunity — only to be fired three years later amid racial animosities, protests and a school boycott that recalled the historic Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march of 1965 — died on Monday in Selma.

Listening Comprehension 1

* Listen carefully and fill in the blanks.

No. 1 A _____

through southern Japan, heading toward Tokyo. //

No. 2 Typhoon Phanfone created strong waves _____

through Okinawa, / killing one U.S. Air Force member and _____

_____. //

Throughout Japan, more than 100 flights _____

_____. //

No. 3 And the New York Times newspaper has _____

_____ India's space mis-

sion to Mars following complaints from the paper's readers.

No. 4 The cartoon portrayed India as

a _____

_____ at the

door of a _____

“Elite Space Club.”



Listening Comprehension 1

No. 5 North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un _____

_____ in the public eye today / _____

_____ for more than a month. //

State media said Kim had _____

_____ and martial arts training. //

No. 6 That _____ rumors that / the _____

_____ was _____

_____ by gout. //

Newly released photos _____

him carrying out his duties today. //

No. 1: powerful, typhoon, be, sweep

No. 2: as, it, move, leave, two, other, missing
have, be, ground

No. 3: apologize for, a, cartoon, mock

No. 4: farmer, with, a, cow, knock, room, mark

No. 5: be, reportedly, back, after, vanish, busy
with, meditation

No. 6: sure, beat, 31-year-old, leader, put, out of action
purport to, show

Reading 2 Quiz

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

- (1) With so much of what is called news focused on power and conflict, the real glue of society can often be **overlooked**.

1 mourn 2 neglect 3 curse

- (2) Those earning less than \$100,000 increased their giving by 4.5 percent even as their incomes have **lagged** after the Great Recession.

1 romp 2 suffice 3 trail

- (3) If this trend sounds like a biblical **parable**, well, it should.

1 tenet 2 fable 3 satire

- (4) Ordinary people can perhaps more easily empathize with the **disadvantaged**.

1 impoverished 2 nonbinding 3 unabridged

- (5) The less-trustworthy in these networks of “friends” and hashtags can be easily **shunned**.

1 erode 2 exude 3 eschew

- (6) New online courses teach the techniques of low-level **philanthropy**.

1 altruism 2 euphemism 3 nepotism

- (7) In the West today, an inept response to a serious economic crisis is gradually **depleting** the capital of social trust built up in the past.

1 languish 2 exhaust 3 emancipate

- (8) It may be natural that America’s less-well-off seek greater interdependence through giving, **reconfiguring** the trust that holds their society together.

1 refurbish 2 reincarnate 3 rearrange

Reading 2 Quiz

* Do (A) and (B) refer to what comes after them, as in the example?

So it is worth noting *this* news from The Chronicle of Philanthropy, based on an analysis of tax data.

From 2006 to 2012, "poor and middle-class Americans dug deeper into their wallets to give to charity, even though they were earning less."

- (9) Refuse workers in Brighton and Hove will strike again today in an on-going row over pay. Collections won't be made today, tomorrow and on the 20th. People affected are being told by the council to leave their bins out and they'll be collected as soon as possible.

The council says "We are very sorry for ^(A)*this* disruption and the inconvenience it is causing to all residents." It offered ^(B)*this* advice to residents: household waste and recycling centres are open as normal and will accept separated waste and recycling. You can take recycling to any of the recycling points in the city. City centre communal bins will continue to be emptied. Street cleaning staff will be working as normal.

[Answer] (A) Yes ☐ No ☐

(B) Yes ☐ No ☐

* Choose all possible words to fill in the blank.

(10)

even as, provided that, since, just as, in that, though

Women venture-capital partners are becoming scarcer []
more women entrepreneurs are winning venture cash, according to a report from Babson College.

[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 Leonardo DiCaprio participated in a march through the streets of New York on Sunday.
- (2) T / F DiCaprio says the attitude of mankind to climate change has been similar to what he does as an actor.
- (3) T / F DiCaprio thinks many people still pretend climate change is not real.

No. 8

- (1) T / F DiCaprio says that history would judge us harshly if we did not take serious action on climate change.
- (2) T / F DiCaprio believes that small individual efforts can add up and make a big difference in reducing climate change.
- (3) T / F DiCaprio is in favor of the idea of carbon emitters paying for their emissions.

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Listening Comprehension 2

Tips for No. 7:

United Nations Messenger of Peace

Leonardo DiCaprio

secretary-general

Your Excellencies

distinguished guests

fictitious

accelerated

Tips for No. 8:

body

vilify

price tag

free ride

free-market economy

partisan

inalienable

Listening Comprehension 2

No. 7

Please welcome newly appointed United Nations Messenger of Peace, Mr. Leonardo DiCaprio.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary-General, Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, and distinguished guests. I'm honored to be here today. I stand before you not as an expert but as a concerned citizen, one of the 400,000 people who marched in the streets of New York on Sunday. As an actor I pretend for a living. I play fictitious characters often solving fictitious problems.

I believe that mankind has looked at climate change in that same way: as if it were a fiction, as if pretending that climate change wasn't real would somehow make it go away.

But I think we know better than that now. Every week, we're seeing new and undeniable climate events, evidence that accelerated climate change is here right now.

Listening Comprehension 2

No. 8

My friends, this body — perhaps more than any other gathering in human history — now faces this difficult but achievable task. You can make history, or you will be vilified by it.

To be clear, this is not about just telling people to change their light bulbs or to buy a hybrid car. This disaster has grown beyond the choices that individuals make. This is now about our industries and our governments around the world taking decisive, large-scale action.

We need to put a price tag on carbon emissions, and eliminate government subsidies for all oil, coal, and gas companies. We need to end the free ride that industrial polluters have been given in the name of a free-market economy.

This is not a partisan debate; it is a human one. Clean air and a livable climate are inalienable human rights. And solving this crisis is not a question of politics. It is a question of our own survival.

Listening Comprehension 2

* *Listen and answer the questions.*

No. 9 _____

Questions:

1. Which wrongly describes Cecilia Gallerani?

- (1) She was the subject of Leonardo's painting.
- (2) She was famous for her beauty and charm.
- (3) She was a mistress to a patron of Leonardo.
- (4) She was nicknamed "the white ermine."

[Answer] _____

2. What do the new findings reveal about Leonardo's painting?

- (1) It had been exposed to intense sunlight.
- (2) He revised it more than once.
- (3) A small ermine in it symbolized Leonardo himself.
- (4) It contained a hidden portrait of Cecilia Gallerani's lover.

[Answer] _____

Listening Comprehension 2

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No. 9

This magnificent portrait shows Leonardo's genius in all its glory. *It's a picture of Cecilia Gallerani. Renowned for her beauty and charm, she was mistress to the Duke of Milan, Leonardo's patron. His nickname was "the white ermine."*

Scientists have dug deeper into the painting than ever before, peeling back the layers of Leonardo's work. It's been analyzed by a multi-lensed camera under intense light, producing extraordinary revelations about this enigmatic painting.



The new findings suggest that Leonardo painted her in not one but three stages. This reconstruction shows his first version was a simple portrait. In the second attempt, Leonardo added a small ermine. And finally the creature is transformed into a larger, muscular animal with paws like a lion, representing his patron's prowess.

So why did Leonardo make such major changes? Did he decide to add the ermine to symbolize her lover? Or did she ask Leonardo to paint the animal in, leaving people in no doubt about her love affair with the duke.

With these discoveries raising new questions about the painting, the history of Leonardo's masterpiece is now being rewritten.

Listening Comprehension 2

Tips for Listening Comprehension 2 in Lesson 2:

spindly

filament

gear up to do

Ebola

hygiene

ZMAPP

West Africa

plasma

immunity

catch up



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