

Reading Challenge

Answer Key

Unit 1

In the Name of Beauty

Pre-reading

1. I have only worn makeup when I took formal pictures or when I was acting on stage.
2. Makeup is bad for your skin because it blocks your pores.
3. Long ago, people used liquid and powder made from fruits and flowers as makeup.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. In some cases
2. end up
3. in the name of

Summary

1. cosmetics
2. dangerous
3. culture
4. in the name of
5. drops
6. nerves

Listening

1. a
2. d
3. a

Discussion

1. Clinique and Estee Lauder make cosmetics that are also good for your skin.
2. The strangest beauty treatment I've heard of is gluing hair onto your eyelashes so that you can have longer lashes.
3. When I want to look nice, I wear my expensive suit and a silk tie.

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. d
5. d
6. d
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. c

Unit 2

Who Took That Tooth?

Pre-reading

1. Yes, I remember losing my teeth. I sometimes had to wiggle them a lot and then pull them out myself.
2. I put my teeth under my pillow, and my parents left me money for them.
3. I think some people in other countries bury their baby teeth.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. add up
2. count on
3. the wee hours

Summary

1. customs
2. lost
3. consider
4. count on
5. strong
6. exchange

Listening

1. a
2. a
3. c

Discussion

1. My parents threw my baby teeth away.
2. I would prefer to follow the custom of leaving money for lost teeth and then throwing the teeth away.
3. A special custom in my family was going camping every year in the summer.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. c
6. b
7. c
8. b
9. c
10. a

Unit 3

The Ring of Fire

Pre-reading

1. Earthquakes are caused by two plates of the earth hitting or rubbing against each other.
2. Volcanoes are formed by hot, liquid rock coming up out of the ground and building up into mountains.
3. Yes, the plates of the earth are always moving. We just can't feel it moving.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. came up with
2. right on the mark
3. run into

Summary

1. chain
2. consists of
3. process
4. surface
5. slightly
6. frequent

Listening

1. a
2. a
3. b

Discussion

1. Yes, I saw a volcano erupting in Hawaii. The lava came out slowly, but it was still interesting.
2. No, I have never experienced an earthquake.
3. A volcanic eruption was in the news yesterday. It was a volcano in Iceland. Lots of magma came out, but nobody was hurt and nothing was damaged.

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. d
3. a
4. c
5. a
6. a
7. a
8. a
9. a
10. c

Unit 4

Myths about Pimples

Pre-reading

1. My mother gave me lots of advice about how to take care of my skin.
2. Some bad things for your skin are pollution, sunlight, and greasy foods.
3. People need to wash their face regularly to get rid of skin problems.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

1. b
2. d
3. d
4. b
5. d

Idiomatic Expressions

1. turn into
2. grow up
3. get rid of/got rid of

Summary

1. cure
2. pop
3. skin
4. encourage
5. myth
6. necessarily

Listening

1. b
2. c
3. c

Discussion

1. It surprised me that oil on your skin does not necessarily cause pimples. I thought oil was the main cause of pimples.
2. Yes, I think the suggestions in the reading are good. I have heard such suggestions from other people, too.
3. Another health myth is that you can cure a cough by drinking lemon tea. The tea may make your throat feel better, but it won't cure your cough.

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. d
6. a
7. c
8. b
9. b
10. c

Unit 5

I Cut the Cheese!

Pre-reading

1. The average person probably makes one cup of gas per day.
2. Beans and raw vegetables cause gas.
3. English words or phrases for farts include the following: pass gas, cut the cheese, toot, let one, and break wind.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

1. d
2. b
3. b
4. b
5. d

Idiomatic Expressions

1. sooner or later
2. face up to
3. have (something) to do with

Summary

1. admit
2. sources
3. oxygen
4. produced
5. harmful
6. delays

Listening

1. a
2. a
3. c

Discussion

1. Yes, farting is considered embarrassing by most people I know. Burping is also considered rude or embarrassing.
2. In some cultures, blowing your nose is considered rude or embarrassing. But it's not that way in my culture.
3. One time I walked around almost all day with my zipper open. My friend finally told me as we were leaving school!

Vocabulary Review

1. c
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. d
6. a
7. d
8. c
9. c
10. c

Unit 6

The Greatest Brit

Pre-reading

1. Famous people from England are Shakespeare, Mick Jagger, Princess Diana, etc.
2. Shakespeare is famous for his writing. Mick Jagger was part of a famous band. Princess Diana was royalty, and she did a lot of social work. Etc.
3. Shakespeare will be famous in the future. Mick Jagger probably won't be famous. Princess Diana probably won't be remembered 100 years from now.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. talk about
2. fill out
3. in the end

Summary

1. of all time
2. list
3. voted
4. led
5. said and wrote
6. quotes

Listening

1. a
2. c
3. c

Discussion

1. I know that he said some things that were very witty, and sometimes rude.
2. Five important people in American history are Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Kennedy, Carnegie, and Gates.
3. I think Lincoln had the biggest impact because what he started later affected Kennedy and MLK.

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. b
3. b
4. c
5. d
6. a
7. d
8. b
9. c
10. a

Unit 7

Are Sports Bad for You?

Pre-reading

1. A famous sports star in my country is Michael Jordan.
2. He is famous because he plays very well, and he appears in TV commercials and movies.
3. Yes, I think he is a good example for young people because he has never been in trouble with the law, and he seems to have a good personality.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. knock myself out
2. call her names
3. over and over

Summary

1. healthy
2. effects
3. called names
4. aggressive
5. acceptable
6. main

Listening

1. d
2. b
3. a

Discussion

1. I began playing in a soccer league when I was in elementary school. I was about ten years old.
2. I hurt my foot playing soccer. I was in my late 20s. Another player stepped on my foot, and I got a big bruise.
3. I didn't play sports in high school. I was in the band.

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. c
6. d
7. d
8. b
9. b
10. a

Unit 8

May I Have Your Autograph?

Pre-reading

1. I have the autograph of one of the actors from Star Trek.
2. I would like to have the autograph of my favorite singer, Elton John.
3. If I had a famous person's autograph, I would frame it and hang it on my wall.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. throw away
2. hangs around
3. depend on

Summary

1. autographs
2. hang around
3. entertainers
4. sign
5. rare
6. signature

Listening

1. c
2. a
3. d

Discussion

1. I would go to a place where concerts are held to get the autograph of a famous person.
2. Yes, I would buy an autograph if it was not too expensive. It would be fun to have it.
3. People write autographs on photos, books, baseballs, shirts, and sometimes even on a fan's skin.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. a
3. c
4. d
5. c
6. c
7. d
8. c
9. a
10. b

Unit 9

Can You Smell That?

Pre-reading

1. Ten years ago, nobody had flat screen TVs. Now they are very popular.
2. When I smell fresh bread or cinnamon rolls, I want to buy them.
3. No, I don't think it would be necessary or useful to smell things through TVs or computers.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. right around the corner
2. put their heads together
3. give off

Summary

1. capable
2. operate
3. precise
4. solid
5. chip
6. available

Listening

1. d
2. b
3. d

Discussion

1. No, I don't watch TV much, so I don't need a TV with a smell chip in it.
2. A smell chip might be good on cell phones if the smells were all like perfume or cologne. Then you could just turn on the chip when you wanted to smell nice.
3. Yes, I think some equipment will use this chip. Electronics companies will try anything new to get people to buy their products.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. b
3. d
4. a
5. a
6. a
7. a
8. c
9. c
10. a

Unit 10

Desert Delivery

Pre-reading

1. Yes, I like reading.
2. People visit libraries when they have to study and when they want to find good books to read for free.
3. I only borrow books from libraries once or twice a year. Usually I buy books that I want to read for fun.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. get hold of
2. hit on an idea
3. rack my brain

Summary

1. Librarian
2. shortage
3. effort
4. hit on
5. Mobile
6. camels

Listening

1. d
2. c
3. b

Discussion

1. I usually read six to eight books each year for fun.
2. The last book I read was a mystery novel called The Moonstone.
3. I like reading mysteries, sci-fi, popular novels, and books about history.

Vocabulary Review

1. c
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. b
6. c
7. b
8. a
9. b
10. b

Unit 11

Shakespeare, Where Are You Now?

Pre-reading

1. Yes, I enjoy going to the theater.
2. A famous playwright from my country is Tennessee Williams.
3. Yes, I have seen several plays by Tennessee Williams. Usually his plays are about families from the South, and the people in the family are fighting for some reason.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. the world over
2. come across
3. and then some

Summary

1. performed
2. world over
3. plays
4. location
5. theater
6. attraction

Listening

1. b
2. c
3. b

Discussion

1. I know that Shakespeare's plays are very long compared to modern plays. Usually theaters cut them to make them shorter.
2. Some present-day writers I admire are Stephen King, Toni Morrison, Sidney Sheldon, and Isaac Asimov.
3. I think Toni Morrison will still be popular 100 years from now. She won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. b
3. a
4. d
5. a
6. a
7. d
8. a
9. a
10. b

Unit 12

What's in a Name?

Pre-reading

1. My name has a meaning, but I don't know what it is.
2. My mother chose my name. She liked the way it sounded.
3. Some unusual names of people I know are Falvey, Riordan, and Zoe.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

1. a
2. a
3. d
4. d
5. a

Idiomatic Expressions

1. play a large part
2. is named after / was named after
3. come up with

Summary

1. reflect
2. ancestors
3. connected
4. based
5. particular
6. traditions

Listening

1. b
2. a
3. a

Discussion

1. I like the tradition of naming children after ancestors.
2. I am familiar with the traditions described in the reading. I don't know of any others.
3. I will choose my children's names with my spouse. We will choose names that sound nice to us.

Vocabulary Review

1. a
2. b
3. d
4. b
5. c
6. b
7. a
8. b
9. c
10. a

Unit 13

Out of Rainforests

Pre-reading

1. Lungs are the organs in our bodies that we use for breathing.
2. Some different environments on earth are rainforests, deserts, islands, mountains, plains, tundra, forests, and swamps.
3. The different environments provide places for various plants and animals to live. We need all of these environments for the great diversity of life on earth.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. cuts down
2. is made of
3. makes up

Summary

1. make up
2. oxygen
3. drugs
4. disappearing
5. cut down
6. pollution

Listening

1. c
2. d
3. c

Discussion

1. Yes, I would like to visit the rainforest in order to see the unique plants and animals there.
2. The government can make laws to limit the amount of land used for raising cattle. They can also make rainforests into nationally protected land so people and businesses can't use them.
3. We can personally give money to support programs that protect rainforests. We can also vote for politicians who want to make laws that affect our environment.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. a
6. d
7. c
8. b
9. a
10. b

Unit 14

Hello Toes!

Pre-reading

1. The title means that people don't look at or see their toes often enough.
2. People exercise and eat vegetables to be healthy.
3. I walk every day and try to avoid fast food and sugar in order to be healthy.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. do's and don'ts
2. get a start on
3. warm up

Summary

1. realize
2. stretching
3. flexible
4. correct
5. improve
6. muscle

Listening

1. c
2. a
3. b

Discussion

1. I don't stretch regularly. Sometimes I stretch after sitting for a long time, but I only do that for a few seconds.
2. No, I've never taken an aerobics class. An advantage to that kind of class is they are fun and a good way to exercise. A disadvantage is that you can't do it alone and you can't do it anytime you want to.
3. People don't exercise because they don't think they have time. They are too busy working or watching TV.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. d
3. a
4. a
5. a
6. b
7. c
8. c
9. b
10. b

Unit 15

The Misunderstood Tomato

Pre-reading

1. Yes, I like those foods. They all have tomatoes in them.
2. I think the tomato is originally from South America.
3. I think the tomato is a vegetable because we eat it in hamburgers and salads.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. make a living
2. are due for
3. By law

Summary

1. apprehension
2. caused
3. poison
4. living
5. import
6. fruit

Listening

1. d
2. c
3. c

Discussion

1. I like apples because you can eat them anywhere.
2. I eat tomatoes several times a week. I like them.
3. My favorite foods containing tomatoes are all kinds of pasta, salads, and pizza.

Vocabulary Review

1. a
2. a
3. c
4. d
5. a
6. b
7. d
8. a
9. b
10. b

Unit 16

East is East, West is West

Pre-reading

1. Yes, I like watching French movies because they are so different from American movies.
2. Jackie Chan makes action movies and comedies.
3. Yes, different cultures have different styles of comedy. American comedy is usually related to playing with words and language. Comedy in my country is more physical comedy.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. spare no expense
2. is far from
3. case in point

Summary

1. opera
2. propelled
3. starring
4. distributed
5. far from
6. realized

Listening

1. d
2. d
3. a

Discussion

1. The funniest comic actor is Jim Carrey.
2. I prefer action movies because they are exciting to watch.
3. I see three or four foreign movies each year. I like French and Russian movies the best.

Vocabulary Review

1. c
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. d
6. a
7. b
8. b
9. c
10. c

Unit 17

Rights of Lefties

Pre-reading

1. I write with my right hand.
2. My friend from high school wrote with his left hand.
3. No, I don't think there are any big differences between left-handed and right-handed people.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. have...in common
2. turn out
3. results in

Summary

1. prejudice
2. frustrated
3. dropped out
4. hemispheres
5. creative
6. contrast

Listening

1. b
2. d
3. c

Discussion

1. Yes, more people are right-handed, so it is considered better in my country.
2. Yes, teachers and parents hit a child's hand if that child kept writing with the left hand.
3. I think I am both creative and logical, but I only use my right hand.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. a
6. b
7. a
8. c
9. a
10. b

Unit 18

The Longest Walk

Pre-reading

1. I see a cross in the picture.
2. I think someone went to this place and built the cross there.
3. I think this is somewhere in the desert, maybe in Mexico.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. make
2. Keep on
3. work out

Summary

1. feat
2. journey
3. cross
4. assaulted
5. preaching
6. made

Listening

1. b
2. c
3. a

Discussion

1. I would not like to visit a country at war. It would be dangerous.
2. No, I couldn't do what he did. I don't like walking that much.
3. The islands in the Pacific Ocean are interesting to me. I like beaches and tropical places.

Vocabulary Review

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. a
5. d
6. b
7. c
8. b
9. a
10. b

Unit 19

Not All Hackers Are the Same

Pre-reading

1. I use a computer every day.
2. Yes, I have bought flowers and gifts over the Internet.
3. Yes, my computer got a virus once. I had to install several new programs to fix the problem.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. by far
2. sort of
3. get a rush

Summary

1. threats
2. illegal
3. passive
4. altering
5. valid
6. password

Listening

1. a
2. c
3. c

Discussion

1. There was a story about a young hacker in Germany in the news several months ago. He released a virus on the Internet, but the police caught him.
2. Hackers should have to pay a really big fine. But if they hack into government computers, they should go to jail.
3. I keep all of my bank information private. I also keep my government ID and passport numbers private. I keep this information in a safe place at home.

Vocabulary Review

1. b
2. d
3. b
4. d
5. a
6. c
7. a
8. b
9. c
10. a

Unit 20

Weird Inventions

Pre-reading

1. I use lights, CD players, computers, cars, and telephones every day.
2. Some famous inventors are Alexander Graham Bell, Charles Babbage, Henry Ford, and the Wright Brothers.
3. Bell invented lots of things. Babbage invented computers. Ford invented a way to mass produce cars. The Wright brothers invented the airplane.

Vocabulary Preview

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

Reading Comprehension

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

Idiomatic Expressions

1. out in left field
2. are in good company
3. set (her) off

Summary

1. bizarre
2. inventions
3. tubes
4. wave
5. design
6. considered

Listening

1. b
2. a
3. a

Discussion

1. People invent things to get rich.
2. Lots of inventions were developed in my country, including planes, computers, and medical devices.
3. I would like to invent something to translate spoken language instantly!

Vocabulary Review

1. d
2. a
3. a
4. b
5. b
6. b
7. c
8. a
9. a
10. a

