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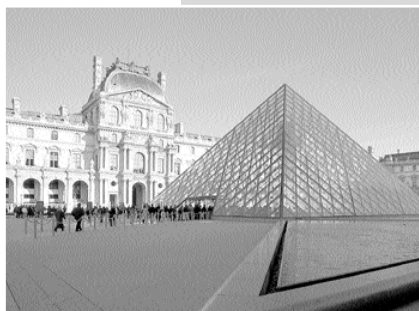
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01 The Sun and the Earth

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He" (line 7) refers to one man (Copernicus).
2. The word "They" (line 13) refers to people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) Copernicus said the Earth moves around the Sun
2. (c) Copernicus' New Idea

Understanding Details

1. (a) the Sun moved around the Earth
2. (b) Venus
3. (c) burned to death

Vocabulary Practice

1. John's mother yelled at him for not telling the truth.
2. Many people thought that Copernicus was crazy.
3. It was natural for them to think that the Sun moved around the Earth.
4. Copernicus later concluded that the Earth moves around the Sun.
5. A person who tells lies all the time is called a liar.

Making a Summary

Long ago, people thought that the Sun moved around the Earth.

But one man concluded that the Earth moved around the Sun.

His name was Copernicus.

At first, people thought that Copernicus was crazy.

But later they learned that he was telling the truth.

Listening Practice

1. For hundreds of years, people thought the Sun moved around the Earth.
2. But Copernicus thought that the Earth moved around the Sun.
3. People thought he was crazy.
4. Copernicus was burned to death.
5. Later, people learned that he was telling the truth.

02 Happy Valentine's Day

Understanding Pronouns

1. The words "this day" (line 2) refer to Valentine's Day.
2. The word "they" (line 8) refers to Lots of people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Valentine's Day is the day when people confess their love to other people
2. (a) The Most Romantic Day of the Year

Understanding Details

1. (c) the most romantic day
2. (b) confess their love to others
3. (a) chocolate or flowers

Vocabulary Practice

1. Jason confessed his love to Olivia on Valentine's Day.
2. He also prepared lots of chocolate for her.
3. The candles and wine made the evening so romantic.
4. He didn't have the courage to tell her how he felt.
5. Words cannot express my love for you.

Making a Summary

February 14th is Valentine's Day.

People give special treats to the person they care about on this day.

Many people even confess their love.

It is nice to have someone that cares about you.

If you like somebody, you can use Valentine's Day to express your true feelings.

Listening Practice

1. On Valentine's Day, people prepare many special treats to give to others.
2. Some people prepare flowers and some people prepare chocolate.
3. Some people even choose this day to confess their love.
4. It is nice to have someone that cares about you.
5. Valentine's Day is a very romantic day.

03

Riding on an Airplane

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 4) refers to flight attendants.
2. The word "They" (line 15) refers to the airplanes.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) traveling by airplane is fun and safe
2. (c) Traveling by Airplane

Understanding Details

1. (c) The food served on airplanes is always delicious.
2. (a) are the safest way to travel
3. (b) convenient

Listening Practice

1. The flight was very convenient because the flight attendants were so nice.
2. I saw a report of a big fire in the mountains.
3. We almost had an accident because we were driving too fast.
4. Thinking about our trip is so exciting.
5. The airline took care of my personal bags.

Making a Summary

It is very fun and convenient to travel by airplane.

The flight attendants are nice and the airlines serve a variety of food.

Many years ago, airplanes were not very safe.

Nowadays, however, they are considered to be one of the safest ways to travel.

Fewer people were hurt because of airplane accidents than car accidents.

Listening Practice

1. Riding airplanes is always fun.
2. Flight attendants try to make traveling more comfortable.
3. Some airlines even have a personal screen for each seat.
4. The earliest airplanes were slow and primitive.
5. Many people consider airplanes the safest mode of travel.

04 Harry Potter

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He" (line 3) refers to Harry Potter.
2. The word "They" (line 8) refers to the letters.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Harry experiences two different ways of living
2. (a) The Two Lives of Harry Potter

Understanding Details

1. (c) do not take good care of him
2. (c) his uncle would destroy the letter
3. (a) a place where students learn to be wizards

Vocabulary Practice

1. There are thousands of war orphans in this country.
2. I put a lot of things in the closet in my room.
3. Did you get an invitation to the party?
4. It was her destiny to become famous.
5. It was a really boring movie.

Making a Summary

Harry is lonely and mistreated in his aunt's house.
One day a wonderful thing happens to Harry.
He is invited to Hogwart's Wizard School.
He has many exciting experiences at the school
such as hatching a dragon and playing Quidditch.
Harry's life no more boring or unhappy.

Listening Practice

1. Harry potter is an orphan who lives with his aunt and uncle.

2. He has to sleep in a small closet under the stairs.
3. One day on Harry's birthday, a letter arrives for Harry.
4. Harry comes to a wonderful place.
5. His life is exciting and eventful.

05 World Cup

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "It" (line 5) refers to the World Cup.
2. The word "they" (line 15) refers to France.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) the World Cup is a big sports event
2. (c) Facts about the World Cup

Understanding Details

1. (b) Uruguay
2. (c) 4 years
3. (a) failed to score even one goal

Vocabulary Practice

1. Bill is perhaps the smartest student in our school.
2. The weatherman predicts that it will rain tomorrow.
3. The next World Cup is scheduled to be held 4 years later.
4. The Olympics is a worldwide event.
5. All the players want to become champions.

Making a Summary

The World Cup has become a large sports event. It is held every 4 years in different countries. The next World Cup will be held in South Africa in 2010.

It is difficult to predict which team will win the World Cup.

The World Cup is so much fun to watch because something new happens every time.

Listening Practice

1. The World Cup is a big worldwide soccer event.
2. It was first held in Uruguay in 1930.
3. Every 4 years, millions of people watch to see which country has the best soccer team.
4. It is difficult to predict which team will win.
5. That is why the World Cup is so much fun.

06

The Internet and Us

Understanding Pronouns

1. The words "it" (line 2) refers to the Internet.
2. The word "they" (line 13) refers to people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) the Internet has become very important to us
2. (a) The Internet: A Very Useful Tool

Understanding Details

1. (a) useful
2. (b) a few seconds
3. (c) go to the library

Vocabulary Practice

1. With the Internet, we can now get information very fast.
2. People go to the library to borrow books.
3. The Internet has become very important to our daily lives.
4. We can get lots of useful information using the Internet.
5. Using computers, people can send messages in just a few seconds.

Making a Summary

The Internet is very important to our daily lives. But we often take the Internet for granted and forget how important it is.

Before the Internet, it took a very long time to send a message.

Information was also very hard to find.

Thanks to the Internet, people can find information very easily.

Listening Practice

1. The Internet is a very useful tool in our daily lives.
2. Have you ever thought of what life was like before the Internet?
3. Long ago, it took over a week to send a letter to another country.
4. It was also very hard to find information.
5. People had to go to the library to find the information they were looking for.

07

Let's Go! Pluto!**Understanding Pronouns**

1. The word "its" (line 7) refers to Pluto's.
2. The word "It" (line 8) refers to New Horizons.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) New Horizons will visit and study Pluto
2. (c) New Horizons goes to Pluto

Understanding Details

1. (a) 3 billion miles
2. (c) become too far from Earth
3. (a) no spacecraft has ever been sent that far before

Vocabulary Practice

1. Albert Einstein was the greatest scientist of the 20th century.
2. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.
3. Japan will launch a rocket into outer space.
4. Mars has a very thin atmosphere.
5. We will analyze the information that New Horizons sends back to us.

Making a Summary

NASA launched a new spacecraft called New Horizons.

It will travel to Pluto to take pictures and analyze its atmosphere and temperature.

It will also study its moons and the Kuiper Belt.

New Horizons is important because no spacecraft has ever been sent that far before.

The mission will help to explain what the solar system looked like 4.5 billion years ago.

Listening Practice

1. NASA launched New Horizons on January 19, 2006.
2. Pluto is the last planet in the solar system.
3. If we do not send a spacecraft now, Pluto will become too far from Earth.
4. No spacecraft has ever been sent to Pluto before.
5. The solar system was formed 4.5 billion years ago.

08

Ice Cream**Understanding Pronouns**

1. The word "she" (line 4) refers to Sarah Thompson.
2. The word "they" (line 9) refers to crickets.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) crickets are turning up in ice cream
2. (b) Crickets in Ice Cream

Understanding Details

1. (b) screamed
2. (a) 5 minutes
3. (c) protein

Vocabulary Practice

1. I like little bugs such as ants and flies.
2. Eggs, bacon, bread, and milk would be a very nutritious meal.
3. Have you tried the new ice cream flavor?
4. Meat, milk, and even crickets have lots of protein.
5. Sarah screamed when she first tried cricket ice cream.

Making a Summary

Crickets are turning up in ice cream. They are raised in cages, baked, and covered in chocolate. Crickets are actually very good for your health. They have lots of protein and are very nutritious. The next time you see crickets, think of them as a snack and give it a try.

Listening Practice

1. Crickets are turning up in ice cream.
2. They are first raised in cages for 6 weeks.
3. Then they are baked for 5 minutes and covered in chocolate.
4. Crickets are actually very good for your health.
5. Some people say eating crickets is better than eating too much chocolate.

09

Mobile Telephones

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "him or her" (line 4) refer to someone.
2. The word "them" (line 5) refers to wireless telephones.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) mobile phones have become very important to our lives
2. (a) The Importance of Mobile Phones

Understanding Details

1. (c) walk faster
2. (b) we did not have mobile phones
3. (c) our lives are more convenient

Vocabulary Practice

1. People think Jack is crazy because he does very strange things.
2. We tried for 2 hours to reach Mr. Smith on the telephone.
3. We can make telephone calls in the subway if we use a mobile phone.
4. Finding information is very convenient using the Internet.
5. People use computers for faster communication.

Making a Summary

50 years ago, no one thought we would be using mobile phones. Now, almost everyone is using a mobile phone. The phones can be used to do many different things. They have become a very important part of our lives. They have made our lives very convenient.

Listening Practice

1. Almost everyone has at least one mobile phone.
2. People use them to reach other people.
3. They can also be used to play games and pay money online.
4. Mobile phones have changed the way we live.
5. Now we can call anyone, at any place, at any time.

10

Money Today, Money Tomorrow

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "him" (line 3) refers to Daniel.
2. The word "they" (line 9) refers to candy bars.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) the value of money drops as time goes by
2. (a) The Time Value of Money

Understanding Details

1. (b) 20 cents
2. (c) one dollar earned later
3. (b) the price of candy bars has risen

Vocabulary Practice

1. One dollar today is more valuable than one dollar next year.
2. I have to buy a present for my aunt and my uncle.
3. I asked my sister what she wanted to eat but she wouldn't reply.
4. Daniel didn't say anything. He just nodded.
5. George asks a lot of questions. He is a very curious boy.

Making a Summary

Daniel and his uncle Bob went to the store together. Uncle Bob told Daniel that prices were lower when he was a child.

Today, candy bars are 50 cents but they only cost 20 cents a long time ago.

This is called the time value of money.

The value of one dollar drops as time goes by.

Listening Practice

1. Uncle Bob and Daniel went to the store together.
2. Uncle Bob gave Daniel one dollar and told him he can buy whatever he wanted.
3. Daniel bought two chocolate candy bars.
4. The price of candy bars has risen to 50 cents.
5. This is called the time value of money.

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "She" (line 6) refers to Cindy.
2. The word "He" (line 11) refers to Dad.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Cindy's family has made New Year's resolutions
2. (c) New Year's Resolutions

Understanding Details

1. (b) get up at 6 a.m. every day
2. (c) write a book
3. (c) try hard not to become lazy

Vocabulary Practice

1. Dad wants to quit smoking this year.
2. The whole family gathered in the living room.
3. You should try hard not to become lazy.
4. His breath smells bad because he smokes all the time.
5. I tried to call Jake several times but he wouldn't answer the phone.

Making a Summary

Cindy's family has made resolutions for the New Year.

Cindy will learn to play tennis and try out for the school tennis team.

Timothy will try to get up early every day.

Dad will try to quit smoking.

Mom wants to write a book.

Listening Practice

1. Cindy wants to learn to play tennis.
2. Her brother, Timothy, will try to get up early every day.
3. Dad wants to quit smoking this year.
4. Mom has decided to write a book.
5. The most important thing is to try and not become lazy.

12 The Stars in the Sky

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "She" (line 2) refers to Sarah.
2. The word "them" (line 14) refers to the stars.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) it is hard to see the stars in the city because of the bright lights
2. (b) Why Sarah Couldn't See So Many Stars

Understanding Details

1. (b) cute
2. (c) bright lights
3. (c) summer

Vocabulary Practice

1. My parents told me not to play with matches.
2. Karen is very interested in beautiful paintings.
3. My favorite food is pizza.
4. I was very surprised to see my friend on television.
5. Jeff made a promise that he would not steal money again.

Making a Summary

Sarah likes to look at the stars in the sky. She was very surprised to see that there were more stars in the country. This was because the city has so many bright lights. That is why it is hard to see the stars in the city. Sarah made a promise that she would visit her grandparents' house every summer.

Listening Practice

1. There are many stars in the sky.
2. Sarah likes to find constellations at night.
3. But it is hard to see many of them in the city.
4. This is because the city has so many bright lights.
5. Sarah will visit the country every summer from now on.

13 Computer Games

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "them" (line 2) refers to children.
2. The word "it" (line 8) refers to playing games on the computer.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) there are bad sides to playing computer games
2. (c) The Problems of Computer Games

Understanding Details

1. (b) you cannot spend a day without playing
2. (a) their eyes are fixed on the screen for too long
3. (c) they spend too much time in front of the computer

Vocabulary Practice

1. This chair is fixed to the floor.
2. I had the opportunity to meet the President last week.
3. She wears glasses because she has bad eyesight.
4. Smoking can cause many health problems.
5. If you do not get enough exercise, you will become fat.

Making a Summary

Many children these days are addicted to computer games.

Playing computer games has many bad sides.

Children do not get enough exercise because they don't have to move much.

They get bad eyesight because their eyes are fixed on the screen.

They don't spend much time with their family.

Listening Practice

1. Many children are addicted to computer games these days.
2. They don't get enough exercise and their eyesight becomes bad.
3. They don't even spend much time with their family.
4. Playing computer games may not be such a bad thing.
5. But playing too much can cause many problems.

14

Robin Hood

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He" (line 8) refers to Robin Hood.
2. The word "They" (line 12) refers to the people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Robin Hood stole from the rich to give to the poor
2. (c) Robin Hood: A Good Thief

Understanding Details

1. (b) stole from the rich
2. (c) hero
3. (b) were in need

Vocabulary Practice

1. A person who steals is called a thief.
2. Picasso was a very famous artist.
3. Robin Hood stole money and food for a good reason.
4. King Arthur is a legend in England.
5. It is very cloudy outside, and so it will probably rain later.

Making a Summary

Robin Hood stole money and food from the rich.

He stole from them to give to the poor.

Back then, the rich did not care about poor people.

The people loved him and thought of him as a hero.

His name has now become a legend.

Listening Practice

1. Robin Hood lived in the Middle Ages.
2. He stole money and food from the rich to give to the poor.
3. Rich people did not like Robin Hood.
4. But the poor people loved him very much.
5. He was a hero to the poor.

15

The Genius of Mozart

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "him" (line 6) refers to Mozart.
2. The word "his" (line 14) refers to Mozart's.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (a) Mozart was a great musician
2. (b) A Genius Musician

Understanding Details

1. (a) 1756
2. (b) Bach
3. (c) 625

Vocabulary Practice

1. Albert Einstein was known to be a genius.
2. Mozart played music for the royal family.
3. A person whose job is to play music is called a musician.
4. I loved the song so much that I decided to memorize all the words.
5. John and Paul used to work together and compose great songs.

Making a Summary

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in 1756 in Austria.

He became one of the greatest musicians in history.

He was so good that people called him a genius.

Mozart wrote many songs and later influenced musicians like Beethoven and Rossini.

His music is still played and loved today.

Listening Practice

1. Mozart was one of history's greatest musicians.
2. He could memorize an entire song just by hearing it once.
3. Mozart could even play the piano with his eyes covered.
4. He did not live very long and died at 35.
5. His music is still loved today.

16

Visiting the Louvre

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "It" (line 5) refers to the Louvre.
2. The word "They" (line 14) refers to some people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) the Louvre is a large museum with lots of exhibits
2. (a) Louvre, the Museum

Understanding Details

1. (c) museum
2. (b) Paris
3. (a) they cannot see everything in one visit

Vocabulary Practice

1. We are going to visit Jane in the hospital.
2. The tower is located in the middle of the city.
3. I tried to call her several times.
4. I liked the exhibits in the museum.
5. My mother found my shirt under my bed.

Making a Summary

The Louvre is one of the most famous and largest museums in the world.

The museum attracts millions of visitors each year.

It has many famous paintings and sculptures.

The Louvre is so large that it takes about 4 months to see all the exhibits.

Some people come to the museum several times.

Listening Practice

1. The Louvre is located in Paris and has many famous sculptures and paintings.
2. The museum attracts millions of visitors each year.
3. It has many exhibits other than art.
4. The museum is so large that it takes 4 months to see everything.
5. Some people visit the museum because they cannot see everything in one visit.

17

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 7) refers to black people.
2. The word "He" (line 11) refers to Dr. King.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Dr. King worked for equal rights for black people
2. (c) The Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Understanding Details

1. (a) vote
2. (b) equal rights
3. (a) in Memphis

Vocabulary Practice

1. Dr. King led peaceful marches in Washington D.C.
2. People did not have equal rights a long time ago.
3. The robbers demanded money from us.
4. Did you vote for our president?
5. We should thank Dr. King for his efforts.

Making a Summary

Years ago, black people did not have the same rights as white people.

The man who set out to change all this was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

He led peaceful marches in many cities and demanded equal rights.

He later won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

Dr. King was killed in Memphis, but his dream continues to touch the lives of many people.

Listening Practice

1. Black people did not have equal rights long ago.
2. Dr. King set out to change all this.
3. He led peaceful marches and demanded equal rights.
4. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.
5. Dr. King was killed in Memphis in 1968.

18 Indian Movies

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "it" (line 5) refers to the United States.
2. The word "them" (line 16) refers to movies.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) India makes the most movies in the world
2. (c) Bollywood: India's Movie Industry

Understanding Details

1. (c) India
2. (a) Bollywood
3. (b) its large population likes to watch movies

Vocabulary Practice

1. Newspapers estimate that there will be about 10,000 people at the concert.
2. I got an average score of 90 on my test.
3. People in India like to produce many movies.
4. China and India have a large population.
5. The movie industry has become very large in India.

Making a Summary

The country that produces the most movies is India. The United States makes the most money, but India makes the largest number of films.

The reason is that India has a large population and the people like to watch movies.

The industry is so large that people now call it Bollywood.

Indian people take pride in the fact that they make the most films.

Listening Practice

1. Many people think that the US makes the most movies in a year.
2. In fact, however, India is the largest producer of films.
3. The movie industry in India is so large that people now call it Bollywood.
4. India has a large population and the people like to watch movies.
5. Indian people are proud of making the most films.

19 Making Priorities

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He" (line 2) refers to Justin.
2. The word "him" (line 11) refers to your father.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) you must prioritize when making decisions
2. (b) Making Prioritize

Understanding Details

1. (c) how to spend his money
2. (a) prioritizing
3. (b) easier to make decisions

Vocabulary Practice

1. Sam doesn't know what to do, but he must make a decision now.
2. It will be easier to eat your food if you use a fork.
3. I want to go see the rap concert on Saturday.
4. Robert cannot seem to get any satisfaction from his new clothes.
5. You should focus your attention on the matter.

Making a Summary

Every now and then we have to make hard decisions. We sometimes cannot decide what to do. We cannot do everything at one time. We must ask ourselves what is more important. If we prioritize, it will be easier to make decisions.

Listening Practice

1. It is hard to make decisions.
2. We must choose what we are going to do.
3. We want to do everything, but we can't.
4. This is why we must prioritize.
5. Then it will be easier to make decisions.

20

After Katrina

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "It" (line 2) refers to New Orleans.
2. The word "them" (line 19) refers to the people of New Orleans.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) a hurricane destroyed New Orleans and people are trying to rebuild the city
2. (c) New Orleans After Katrina

Understanding Details

1. (c) hurricane
2. (b) below sea level
3. (b) destroyed

Vocabulary Practice

1. The big fire completely destroyed our town.
2. There was a flood after the big rain.
3. The beautiful buildings in Europe attract many tourists each year.
4. The hurricane did much damage to our city.
5. The city suffered very much after the big rain.

Making a Summary

New Orleans used to be a city that attracted many tourists.

However, hurricane Katrina changed all that.

Buildings, cars and homes were all destroyed.

People say it will cost a lot of money to rebuild the city.

But there is still hope for the people of New Orleans.

Listening Practice

1. New Orleans is an old city in the southern part of the US.
2. A nasty hurricane named Katrina destroyed the city.
3. Houses were gone and buildings were ruined.
4. Experts say it will cost a lot of money to rebuild New Orleans.
5. People have sent money and supplies to help with the rebuilding.

01 When We Grow Up

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 3) refers to Randy, Jennifer, Maggie, and Dustin.
2. The word "you" (line 11) refers to Maggie.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) 4 kids are talking about what they want to do in the future
2. (b) Dreams for the Future

Understanding Details

1. (c) Randy wants to fly an airplane
2. (a) is going to write his own songs
3. (a) deal with money

Vocabulary Practice

1. A pilot is a person who flies airplanes.
2. I would like to invite you to my birthday party.
3. That movie looks very boring. Let's watch another one.
4. My mother says she once went to The Beatles' concert when she was young.
5. The new girl isn't very good at the job but I think she has great potential.

Making a Summary

Randy, Jennifer, Maggie, and Dustin are talking

about what they want to do in the future. Randy wants to become a pilot and fly airplanes. Jennifer wishes to become a banker because she likes to deal with money. Maggie is not sure yet, but she might become a teacher. Dustin is going to form a rock band and write his own music.

Listening Practice

1. The boys and girls are talking about what they want to do.
2. Randy wanted to fly ever since he watched Top Gun.
3. Jennifer likes to deal with money.
4. Maggie thinks science is boring.
5. Dustin will write his own music when he grows up.

02 Tongue Twister

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "It" (line 7) refers to tongue twister.
2. The word "them" (line 23) refers to tongue twisters.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) tongue twisters help us to pronounce words more accurately
2. (b) Twisting Your Tongue

Understanding Details

1. (a) made up of words that are hard to pronounce
2. (a) pronounce words faster and more accurately
3. (b) the "s" and "sh" sounds are similar

Vocabulary Practice

1. You can find many shells on the seashore.
2. My brother is very annoying. He always wants to know what I am doing.
3. We are looking for ways to improve our living conditions.
4. You must learn to pronounce words accurately if you want to go on TV.
5. It is hard to know the difference between similar sounds.

Making a Summary

Tongue twisters are made up of words that are hard to pronounce.

They help us to tell the difference between similar sounds.

They also help us to pronounce words faster and more accurately.

Tongue twisters may seem very annoying, but they are very important when learning English.

If you wish to improve your pronunciation skills, try practicing tongue twisters.

Listening Practice

1. The words are very hard to pronounce.
2. Tongue twisters may seem annoying, but they are very important.
3. They help us to pronounce words more smoothly.
4. Tongue twisters do not have much meaning.
5. They are made up of words with very similar sounds.

03

Siberian Tiger

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They " (line 4) refers to Siberian tigers.
2. The word "She " (line 14) refers to Sybill Klezendorf.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) have become close to extinct
2. (b) Protecting Siberian Tiger

Understanding Details

1. (a) Korea
2. (b) close to extinct
3. (c) protect the living tiger population

Vocabulary Practice

1. It is hard for animals to find food in the forest during the winter.
2. It was easy to find tigers roaming the wild a long time ago.
3. Many people are working to protect animals that have become close to extinct.
4. The tiger population has dropped because of illegal hunters.
5. Everyone is concerned that a storm might come soon.

Making a Summary

A long time ago, Siberian tigers were not hard to find. But in recent years, they have become close to extinct. People are concerned that the tiger population is decreasing.

Many scientists set out to study the number of tigers in the wild.

They hope to find better ways to stop the tigers from becoming extinct.

Listening Practice

1. Not many tigers roam the wild.
2. They were not hard to find a long time ago.
3. In recent years, they have become close to extinct.
4. People are concerned that the tiger population is decreasing.
5. They hope to find better ways to help the tigers.

04

Korean War

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 13) refers to Kim Dae-jung.
2. The word "They" (line 14) refers to Kim Dae-jung and Kim Jung-il.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) North Korea and South Korea were divided after a civil war
2. (a) A Tragic War

Understanding Details

1. (b) Kim Jung-il
2. (c) millions of people were killed
3. (a) work on peaceful relations

Vocabulary Practice

1. During World War II, the United States sent troops to fight in Europe.
2. North Korea and South Korea were separated after the Korean War.
3. The people in my group like to work together.
4. There were people from many countries at the theater.

5. When I grow up, I want to become the president and lead my country.

Making a Summary

On June 25, 1950, war broke out between North and South Korea.

No fewer than 16 countries came to help the South, while China and the Soviet Union decided to help the North.

The war lasted for 3 years and many people were killed. In 2000, the President of South Korea made a visit to North Korea.

Many people hope that there will never be war in Korea again.

Listening Practice

1. This day shall never be forgotten in the minds of the people.
2. Many countries sent troops to help with the war.
3. Both countries have remained divided ever since.
4. They agreed to help reunite separated families.
5. Many people are hoping that both governments will work in harmony.

05

Jules Verne

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 5) refers to science fiction stories.
2. The word "he" (line 10) refers to Jules Verne.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) Jules Verne was one of the first authors to write science fiction
2. (c) Jules Verne: The Father of Science Fiction

Understanding Details

1. (a) law
2. (c) Five Weeks in a Balloon
3. (a) still read and loved today

Vocabulary Practice

1. A person who writes a book is called an author.
2. Jerry likes to read science fiction stories at night.
3. Jules found his passion in writing novels.
4. Dan is one of the most creative writers that I know.
5. Her fun stories quickly gained wide popularity.

Making a Summary

Jules Verne was one of the first authors to write science fiction.

His father wanted him to study law, but he later found his passion in story-telling.

Verne even predicted man's journey to the moon.

He gained wide popularity from his creative writing.

His books are still read and loved today.

Listening Practice

1. Science fiction stories have been around for over a hundred years.
2. Jules Verne was one of the first authors to write science fiction.
3. His father wanted him to study law.
4. He later found his passion in writing stories.
5. His books are still read and loved today.

06

Jesse's Summer

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 1) refers to Jesse.
2. The word "She" (line 8) refers to guidance counselor.
3. The word "one" (line 18) refers to summer.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) will participate in a house-building program this summer
2. (b) Jesse's Plans for This Summer

Understanding Details

1. (a) do volunteer work and help other people
2. (c) build houses for poor people
3. (a) memorable

Vocabulary Practice

1. This winter, Sarah will tutor her cousins in English.
2. Kim and Rachel have decided to work at the library during their summer vacation.
3. We went to the movie theater to find out which movies were available.
4. I am sure that going to this school will be a good experience for you.
5. Their trip to France was surely a memorable one.

Making a Summary

Jesse wants to do something different this summer and help other people.

So he went to his guidance counselor to see what volunteer activities were available.

He decided that he will build houses for the poor.

Although he has never built a house before, he is eager to learn.

Jesse is sure that this summer will be a very memorable one.

Listening Practice

1. Jesse has decided that he will do volunteer work.
2. He wants to know which activities he could take part in.
3. This summer, Jesse will build houses for poor people.
4. Although he has never built a house before, he is very eager to learn.
5. He is sure that this summer will be a very memorable one.

07 The Car of the Future

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 8) refers to scientists.
2. The word "They" (line 16) refers to hybrid cars.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) hybrid cars will become more popular in the future
2. (b) The Car of the Future

Understanding Details

1. (c) require less fuel than ordinary cars
2. (a) becoming a big problem
3. (b) they cause less air pollution

Vocabulary Practice

1. Air pollution is a serious problem these days.
2. She is much taller than I imagined.
3. Using too much shampoo is not good for the environment.

4. Hybrid cars have become very popular in the past few years.
5. He worked very hard to make his dream a reality.

Making a Summary

People have been trying for years to make a car that does not cause pollution.

Engineers have succeeded in making a car that runs on gasoline and electricity.

Because this car has a gasoline engine and an electric motor, it is called a hybrid car.

Hybrid cars do less harm to the environment.

People believe that hybrid cars will become more popular in the future.

Listening Practice

1. Try to imagine a world with clean air.
2. Fuel shortage is a big problem these days.
3. Hybrid cars do less harm to the environment than ordinary cars.
4. This car does not require much fuel, and so it costs less money.
5. It would be nice to have clean air in the future.

08 Great Ideas

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 7) refers to James Watt.
2. The word "he" (line 12) refers to Archimedes.
3. The word "him" (line 14) refers to Isaac Newton.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) many great ideas come from simple beginnings
2. (c) Great Ideas with Simple Beginnings

Understanding Details

1. (b) the 18th century
2. (b) he stepped into the bath tub
3. (a) simple beginnings

Vocabulary Practice

1. Isaac Newton noticed that an apple had hit him on the head.
2. When water boils, it becomes steam.
3. Gravity is the pulling force of the earth.
4. The steam engine was a great invention by James Watt.
5. To make great ideas, we should make careful observations and work hard.

Making a Summary

Some of the greatest inventions and discoveries began with simple beginnings.

James Watt noticed steam pushing the lid of the kettle, and later created the steam engine.

Archimedes came up with the idea of how to find the purity of gold when he stepped into the bath tub.

Isaac Newton discovered gravity after an apple fell and hit him on the head.

Hard work and careful observation is all it takes to become a discoverer or inventor.

Listening Practice

1. Many great ideas began with simple beginnings.
2. James Watt created the steam engine.
3. Archimedes came up with an idea when he went to the bath tub.
4. Isaac Newton thought of gravity when an apple hit him on the head.
5. Even you can become a great inventor.

09

Fortune-telling

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 7) refers to fortune-tellers.
2. The word "they" (line 10) refers to many people.
3. The word "It" (line 15) refers to the future.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) you shouldn't believe what fortune-tellers say too much
2. (c) Fortune-tellers: Believe Them or Not?

Understanding Details

1. (b) tell you what your future will be like
2. (b) they feel insecure
3. (a) is to be created

Vocabulary Practice

1. People go to fortune-tellers when they feel insecure.
2. Washing your hands is very important before eating a meal.
3. No one knows what will happen in the near future.
4. The future is to be created.
5. Do you believe his story?

Making a Summary

People go to fortune-tellers when they feel insecure. Fortune-tellers tell you what your future will be like. However, the future is not pre-determined.

Your future can be whatever you want it to be.

So don't believe what fortune-tellers tell you too much.

Listening Practice

1. Have you ever been to a fortune-teller?
2. Fortune-tellers tell you what your future is going to be like.
3. The future is not to be predicted, but it is to be created.
4. You shouldn't believe fortune-tellers too much.
5. You can make your future whatever you want it to be.

10

Foreign Language

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "them" (line 6) refers to millions of grown-ups.
2. The word "they" (line 10) refers to children.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) better to learn a foreign language when you're young
2. (c) Languages: The Younger the Better

Understanding Details

1. (c) have a special ability
2. (a) learn a foreign language
3. (c) begin as soon as possible

Vocabulary Practice

1. Cindy speaks French very fluently.
2. You should begin early if you have the desire to learn a new language.
3. Mike loves to watch foreign movies because he likes to see new cultures.
4. Scientists are trying to study children's ability to learn new languages.
5. Many adults fail to succeed in learning new things.

Making a Summary

Many adults spend a lot of money to learn a foreign language.

However, many of them fail to succeed in becoming fluent.

Children can learn new languages without much difficulty.

This is because they have a special ability to learn languages.

If you have the desire to learn a language, you should begin early.

Listening Practice

1. It is difficult for adults to learn new languages.
2. Not many of them succeed in becoming fluent speakers.
3. Children can learn foreign languages without much difficulty.
4. This is because they have a special ability.
5. If you wish to learn a foreign language, you should begin as early as possible.

11

Computers

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "It" (line 10) refers to ENIAC.
2. The word "They" (line 13) refers to personal computers.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (a) computers are getting smaller and smaller
2. (c) The Development of Computer Technology

Understanding Details

1. (a) revolutionary
2. (c) make computers smaller
3. (c) the world's first electronic calculator

Vocabulary Practice

1. PDAs are so small that we can carry them in our pockets.
2. Computers are becoming so small thanks to technology.
3. Personal computers were revolutionary when they were first introduced.
4. People use a calculator when they add numbers.
5. Scientists are trying to find ways to make computers smaller.

Making a Summary

The first computers were large enough to take up more than one room.

As technology developed, computers became smaller and smaller.

Personal computers were introduced in the 1970s and were revolutionary at the time.

Scientists are finding ways to make computers smaller and smaller.

Someday, computers may become as small as a fingernail.

Listening Practice

1. ENIAC was large enough to take up more than one room.
2. Computers became smaller and smaller as technology developed.
3. Personal computers were surely revolutionary at the time.
4. Scientists are trying to find ways to make computers as small as possible.
5. Someday, we won't need the big desktops and laptops we use today.

12

Cloning

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He or she" (line 10) refer to the person next to you.
2. The word "It" (line 14) refers to cloning.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) cloning is a very hot issue
2. (b) The Debate Over Cloning

Understanding Details

1. (c) curing serious illnesses
2. (a) is exactly the same
3. (b) there is only one of each person

Vocabulary Practice

1. I like to imagine that I am a rich person.
2. Scientists are finding ways to cure serious illnesses.
3. The person with the hat looks very similar to you.
4. The new technology might be used for a bad purpose.
5. Do you think we should allow the children to cross the street?

Making a Summary

There is no one on earth that looks exactly like you.

This is what makes people unique.

Cloning technology may take this all away.

But cloning can also be used for good purposes, too.

The debate over cloning is a very hot issue.

Listening Practice

1. There is no one that looks exactly the same.
2. People are unique because there is only one of each person on earth.
3. Cloning can be used for good purposes.
4. It can be used to cure serious illnesses.
5. Cloning is still a very hot issue.

13

Christmas

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "it" (line 7) refers to Christmas.
2. The word "they" (line 14) refers to the Europeans.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) the image of Christmas changed with the passage of time
2. (a) The Changing Image of Christmas

Understanding Details

1. (b) in the desert
2. (c) changed the image of Christmas
3. (c) picture snow and pine trees when they think of Christmas

Vocabulary Practice

1. The Smith family decorated their Christmas tree with bright lights.
2. The climate of Israel's desert land is very warm and dry.
3. Christmas has a very holy meaning to Christians.
4. Camels can be found in deserts.
5. The image of Christmas has changed from its original meaning.

Making a Summary

Jesus was born in a very dry and warm land. However, the image of Christmas has changed from its original image. After the Europeans adopted Christianity, the image of Christmas changed, too. People now think of pine trees, Santa Claus, etc. when they think of Christmas. This is a good example of how the image of a holiday can change according to the culture that adopts it.

Listening Practice

1. Some people say it just doesn't feel like Christmas without snow.
2. Jesus was born on desert land, which is warm and dry.
3. The image of Christmas became something completely different from its original image.
4. Europeans spread Christianity to countries all around the world.
5. People like to think of pine trees and snow when they think of Christmas.

14

China and Chinatown

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "These people" (line 9) refer to the millions of Chinese people scattered around the world.
2. The word "them" (line 15) refers to Chinese people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Chinese people around the world have formed their own town called Chinatown
2. (c) The Chinese and Chinatown

Understanding Details

1. (a) China
2. (c) purchase Chinese products at low prices
3. (b) scattered around the world

Vocabulary Practice

1. I purchased this bag in Chinatown.
2. Millions of Jewish people are scattered around the world.
3. Canada has a very small population compared to China.
4. The new restaurant is designed like an old Chinese house.
5. We are going shopping in downtown New York.

Making a Summary

There are many Chinese people scattered around the world.

These people live together and have formed towns called Chinatown.

Chinatown can be found in the downtown area of cities in Asia and the US.

Everything there is designed the Chinese way.

Everything about Chinatown makes you feel like you are actually in China.

Listening Practice

1. The most widely spoken language is Chinese.
2. The Chinese people that are scattered around the world have formed small towns.
3. Most stores in Chinatown are designed the Chinese way.

4. You can hear people speaking in their mother tongue.
5. Everything about Chinatown makes you feel like you are actually in China.

15

Books

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 2) refers to children.
2. The word "they" (line 11) refers to books.
3. The word "They" (line 16) refers to words and sentences.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) there are many good sides to books
2. (a) Why We Should Read Books

Understanding Details

1. (c) stimulate our imagination
2. (a) read books
3. (b) we ask questions to ourselves and try to find answers

Vocabulary Practice

1. Ronald thinks he is king of the world. He has a big imagination.
2. The love story was very touching that I cried.
3. I had nothing to do, so I stayed at home and surfed the Internet.
4. I really liked the funny characters in the story.
5. Anna's knee hurt so much that tears began to fall from her eyes.

Making a Summary

When there were no televisions or computers, children read books.

Books provide many things that television or computers cannot.

Books use only words to tell stories, and they can stimulate our imagination.

The words and sentences used in books are also very interesting.

They also challenge us to think harder.

Listening Practice

1. Children nowadays can watch television or play video games.
2. Books provide many things that television or computers cannot.
3. When you read books, you can imagine what the characters are feeling.
4. The words and sentences in books are very beautiful and touching.
5. These are some of the reasons books are fun to read.

16

Manhattan

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 11) refers to American Indians.
2. The word "it" (line 15) refers to land.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) the Indians sold Manhattan Island to Peter Minuit for 24 dollars
2. (c) Peter Minuit's Outstanding Deal

Understanding Details

1. (a) 24 dollars
2. (c) the Indians did not think of land as something they could sell or buy
3. (b) its many skyscrapers and busy streets

Vocabulary Practice

1. We ate an expensive dinner last night because we had a lot of money.
2. Peter Minuit was able to purchase Manhattan for very little money.
3. The Indians thought that land was given to them from nature.
4. Manhattan now has many tall skyscrapers.
5. Peter Minuit's purchase was surely an outstanding deal.

Making a Summary

Manhattan is one of the most expensive places on earth.

But in 1626, Peter Minuit purchased it for only 24 dollars.

This was because the Indians thought of land as something given to them from nature.

Land was not something that they could buy or sell.

Peter Minuit surely got an outstanding deal.

Listening Practice

1. Manhattan Island is one of the most expensive places.
2. Peter Minuit purchased it for only 24 dollars.
3. The Indians did not think of land as something they could sell or buy.
4. Manhattan has become famous for its busy streets.
5. Peter Minuit surely got an outstanding deal.

17

Obesity

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 10) refers to players.
2. The word "it" (line 16) refers to the video game.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) schools in West Virginia are using a video game to make kids exercise
2. (b) Losing Weight through Video Games

Understanding Details

1. (a) help kids get more exercise
2. (c) 157
3. (b) high blood pressure

Vocabulary Practice

1. When playing Dance Dance Revolution, players must move their feet on the mat.
2. You should exercise a lot if you want to lose weight.
3. Many kids in West Virginia eat too much and are overweight.
4. The kids in the school are running every day just to stay healthy.
5. Extra weight can lead to cancer and other health issues.

Making a Summary

Many people in West Virginia are considered overweight.

Public schools in the state are using a video game to help kids get more exercise.

Players must stand on a special mat and move their feet on certain symbols.

Extra weight can lead to serious health problems.

That is why schools are using this game to help kids lose weight.

Listening Practice

1. West Virginia is one of the heaviest states in the US.
2. Public schools are using a game called Dance Dance Revolution.
3. Players must stand on a special mat in front of a TV screen.
4. With each song, kids get more exercise.
5. Extra weight can lead to serious health problems.

18

Phi

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "this number" (line 5) refer to Phi.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) the golden section is considered the most stable and beautiful of all ratios
2. (c) The Golden Section

Understanding Details

1. (b) 1.618
2. (b) the golden section
3. (b) can be found in our body

Vocabulary Practice

1. How do you think we should divide the pizza?
2. Is there any way we can measure our height without using a ruler?
3. Can anyone think of another example of a good book?
4. Do you know the length of your arm?
5. The human body looks most stable when it follows the golden section.

Making a Summary

Many people agree that Phi is the most beautiful number.

Phi is used when describing the golden section.

It is considered the most stable and most beautiful of all ratios

Our entire body is closely related to Phi.

There are many other examples in nature that follow the golden section.

Listening Practice

1. People agree that Phi is the most beautiful number.
2. The golden section is considered the most beautiful of all ratios.
3. This ratio can be found in many parts of our body.
4. There are many examples in nature that follow the golden section.
5. This is why people thought Phi was the most beautiful number.

19

The Great Depression

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "This period" (line 15) refer to The Great Depression.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (a) The Great Depression affected many people
2. (b) The Days of The Great Depression

Understanding Details

1. (c) many people were unemployed
2. (c) depressed
3. (c) economically dark years followed

Vocabulary Practice

1. Everyone had plenty of food to eat.
2. Imagine that you are living in a house with many rooms.
3. World War II was a horrible tragedy.
4. If you had no money and had no job, you would feel depressed.
5. The Great Depression affected many countries.

Making a Summary

Before 1929, people had a lot of food to eat and didn't have to worry about money.

In 1929, however, people lost their jobs and stores went out of business.

This was The Great Depression.

This period continued for several years.

It later gave rise to World War II.

Listening Practice

1. Imagine that you have plenty of food to eat.
2. The people who became unemployed were very poor.
3. In 1929, stock prices fell and banks closed their doors.
4. The Great Depression continued for several years and affected many countries.
5. World War II was a horrible tragedy in human history.

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 9) refers to Piñatas.
2. The word "they" (line 13) refers to children.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) how Mexican people exchange gifts
2. (b) Presents and the Piñata

Understanding Details

1. (b) covered
2. (c) sticks
3. (a) is a very old Mexican tradition

Vocabulary Practice

1. I went to the beach with my friend to collect seashells.
2. Baby clothes are usually made of soft material.
3. Children use their sticks to try to break the piñata.
4. My father gave me a very special present for my birthday.
5. We hung the new picture on the wall.

Making a Summary

The Mexicans have a very special way of giving presents.

It is called a piñata.

Children use a stick and try to break the piñata with their eyes covered.

The children can keep the candy and toys that come out of the piñata.

The Mexicans have used the piñata for hundreds of years.

Listening Practice

1. Piñatas are used to give presents to others.
2. Children can collect the candy and toys that fall out.
3. Piñatas are mostly shaped like people or animals.
4. Children use sticks to try and break it.
5. It is a very old Mexican tradition.

01 Zoo

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 6) refers to Dogs.
2. The word "He" (line 25) refers to Junior.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) animals also make laughing sounds
2. (a) Laughing Animals

Understanding Details

1. (b) a psychologist
2. (b) making laughing sounds
3. (c) laughed out loud

Vocabulary Practice

1. My clothes got drenched in the big rain.
2. I'm too tired to get up. Ross, could you toss me my wallet?
3. It is nice to watch comedy movies because they say that laughter is the best medicine.
4. Frankly, I was very delighted to see my brother at my graduation ceremony.
5. Patricia Simonet likes to record various doggie sounds.

Making a Summary

New research suggests that dogs make laughing sounds.

Patricia Simonet recorded various sounds and found that dogs laugh.

Rob Shumaker says that great apes definitely have a sense of humor.

One hot day, Rob flicked Junior some water.

Junior began to laugh and later drenched Rob with water.

Listening Practice

1. Research shows that animals, too, make laughing sounds.
2. Researchers are trying to find if dogs have a sense of humor.
3. One day, Rob Shumaker was watering the orangutan cage.
4. A great ape named Junior begged for some water.
5. Rob flicked him some water and Junior began to laugh.

02 Bullfighting

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "It" (line 2) refers to Toros.
2. The word "They" (line 14) refers to some people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) a tradition in Spain that the people cherish
2. (c) Toros and Spain

Understanding Details

1. (b) animal lovers
2. (c) the spring and summer
3. (c) Toros allows Spanish people to think of the meaning of life itself

Vocabulary Practice

1. My teacher's speech last night gave much inspiration to all of us.
2. I am opposed to the new law. I just don't agree with it.
3. We should learn to cherish what valuable resources we have.
4. Glen failed to grasp the profound meaning of Descartes' work.
5. The masked dance is a proud tradition of the Indian tribe.

Making a Summary

There is a famous national festival called Toros in Spain.

It is a traditional bullfighting game held throughout the spring and summer.

Toros has a much more profound meaning related to death, art and passion.

Some people, such as animal lovers, are opposed to Toros.

But the Spanish people cherish their tradition because it allows them to think of the meaning of life.

Listening Practice

1. Toros is a famous national festival in Spain.
2. Most people think of bulls and the color red when they think of Spain.
3. We cannot understand the Spanish culture without studying Toros.
4. Toros has provided inspiration to many Spanish works of art.
5. Spanish people cherish their tradition.

03

Alien

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 5) refers to some people.
2. The word "it" (line 11) refers to Earth.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) there may be living creatures elsewhere in the universe
2. (a) The Search for Life in Our Galaxy

Understanding Details

1. (c) close to the edges of our galaxy
2. (c) scientists are still searching for alien life forms
3. (b) life only on Earth would be an inefficient use of space

Vocabulary Practice

1. Spending an entire day to go jogging is an inefficient use of time.
2. My parents claim that I don't study hard. This is not true.
3. Jack says there must be UFOs. I don't agree with his argument.
4. Scientists continue to look for living creatures in the universe.
5. Karen's statement that she has seen aliens is hard to believe.

Making a Summary

Some people claim that they have actually seen aliens. This may seem hard to believe.

However, it is also hard to believe that there aren't any aliens.

This is because Earth is just a small planet throughout the entire universe.

This is why scientists continue to search for alien life forms.

Listening Practice

1. People have been trying to find aliens for centuries.
2. Some people claim they have met aliens face to face.
3. Earth is located close to the edges of our galaxy.
4. Scientists continue to search for alien life forms.
5. Maybe someday we will be able to say hello to ETs.

04

Alison Lapper

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "She" (line 1) refers to Alison Lapper.
2. The word "them" (line 17) refers to others.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) Alison Lapper's positive attitude has inspired many disabled people
2. (a) Alison Lapper: Painter and Inspirer

Understanding Details

1. (a) mouth
2. (c) she wanted to express herself as freely as normal people
3. (b) never to give up hope of becoming successful

Vocabulary Practice

1. Lenny thinks he is inferior to his brother because he is small.

2. Pamela cannot hear very well. She has a hearing disability.
3. There is nothing special about my car. It's just an ordinary sedan.
4. You should have lots of physical strength to become a football player.
5. I liked Derek's presentation very much. It was very impressive.

Making a Summary

Alison Lapper paints pictures for a living.

She is different from other painters because she paints with her mouth.

Alison was born without any arms and very short legs.

However, she wanted to express herself as freely as others and so began to draw paintings.

Alison's positive attitude continues to inspire many disabled people around the world.

Listening Practice

1. Alison Lapper paints pictures with her mouth.
2. She spent 17 years in the hospital because of her physical disabilities.
3. She never stopped thinking she was inferior to others.
4. Alison continues to encourage others by telling them never to give up.
5. Her positive attitude has inspired many disabled people.

05

Baseball

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "them" (line 2) refers to Americans.
2. The word "it" (line 6) refers to baseball.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) baseball will hopefully become a truly global sport
2. (a) The Fun of Baseball

Understanding Details

1. (b) 30
2. (c) the United States
3. (a) Europe

Vocabulary Practice

1. Keith is very popular among his classmates.
2. I don't know the rules to this game.
3. You should never hesitate to say the truth.
4. Baseball is America's favorite pastime.
5. I want to become a professional baseball player when I grow up.

Making a Summary

Baseball is America's favorite pastime.
It was first introduced in the 19th century.
Baseball is not yet as popular around the world as soccer.
The World Baseball Classic Championship was first held in 2006 to advertise the fun of baseball.
Baseball will hopefully grow into a truly global sport.

Listening Practice

1. Baseball was first introduced in the 19th century.
2. It is not yet as widely popular as soccer.
3. But it is beginning to gain popularity in many countries.
4. The WBC was held in the United States in the spring of 2006.
5. Hopefully, baseball will become a truly global sport.

06

Bermuda Triangle

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 13) refers to nineteen Navy airplanes.
2. The word "it" (line 10) refers to this name (or the Bermuda Triangle).

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) known for many disappearances
2. (a) Lost in the Bermuda Triangle

Understanding Details

1. (b) were never seen again
2. (a) is not known for sure
3. (c) known for many strange disappearances

Vocabulary Practice

1. He offered to buy my books at a very reasonable price.
2. My meeting Jane at the party was just a coincidence. I never thought she would be there.
3. I want an explanation for why you weren't at home last night.
4. I thought I left my watch on my desk, but now it has disappeared.
5. We were unable to find a trace of where your dog went.

Making a Summary

Many airplanes have disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle.
The Bermuda Triangle is a region marked by Florida, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda.
There were so many disappearances that some people call this place the Devil's Triangle.

Maybe there was a reasonable explanation for these disappearances.

But some people think that this was all because of supernatural reasons.

Listening Practice

1. The Bermuda Triangle is famous for many mysterious disappearances.
2. Some people think this was because of supernatural reasons.
3. Some people call this place Devil's Triangle.
4. You cannot find the Bermuda Triangle on the map.
5. This is because it is not an official name.

07

British English

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "He" (line 3) refers to Danny O'Brian.
2. The word "them" (line 20) refers to these words.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (a) there are some differences in British and American English
2. (b) Different English

Understanding Details

1. (a) lorry
2. (b) say good-bye
3. (a) friend

Vocabulary Practice

1. It is very strange when you try to speak in a British accent.
2. As a doctor, you should be able to notice subtle changes in people's health.
3. Sales in 2005 and 2006 were \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively.
4. I was quite surprised to see my sister at my friend's birthday party.
5. What is the difference between a hen and a rooster?

Making a Summary

Danny O'Brian, an American student, visited London for a few days.

He was surprised to find that the British spoke English a little differently.

Besides the accent, the words and spelling were slightly different, too.

They also used words that Americans don't usually use.

Danny found these differences so interesting that he decided to do more research.

Listening Practice

1. Danny O'Brian visited London with his father for a few days.
2. He thought he would have no trouble communicating.
3. Other than the accent, the biggest difference between British English and American English was in vocabulary.
4. The British also used words that Americans do not often use.
5. Danny found this very interesting.

08 Career

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 7) refers to people.
2. The word "he" (line 15) refers to Vincent Van Gogh.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (a) careers are always open to change
2. (c) Changing Careers

Understanding Details

1. (b) 10 years before he died
2. (c) an actor
3. (b) finding what you really want to do

Vocabulary Practice

1. I went shopping yesterday and I saw former President Clinton!
2. I don't know which major I should choose when I go to college.
3. Have you ever thought about doing political work and becoming mayor?
4. You should not let your feelings dictate your actions.
5. Jerry has a great passion for baseball.

Making a Summary

There are many examples where people became successful after changing their careers.

Vincent Van Gogh became a painter after being a salesman and a preacher.

Ronald Reagan decided to do political work after being an actor.

J.K. Rowling was a schoolteacher before she chose to write books.

Careers are always open to change.

Listening Practice

1. Many people have become successful after changing their careers.
2. Van Gogh decided to paint 10 years before he died.
3. Ronald Reagan was an actor before he became President.
4. J.K. Rowling was unemployed before Harry Potter came out.
5. The most important thing is to find what you are really good at.

09 What on Earth is Earth Day?

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 11) refers to Gaylord Nelson.
2. The word "their" (line 16) refers to people.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) people celebrate Earth Day to protect our planet
2. (c) The Meaning of Earth Day

Understanding Details

1. (b) 1970
2. (a) educate people about their role in protecting our planet
3. (b) worried about the environment

Vocabulary Practice

1. We should do our best to protect endangered animals.
2. Many people nowadays partake in environmental movements.

- I think that all schools should celebrate Earth Day from now on.
- Take a look around and think about what you can do to save the environment.
- Global warming is a serious problem.

Making a Summary

Today, people around the world take time to protect our environment.

The idea for Earth Day came from a former US politician, Gaylord Nelson.

He thought that there should be a special day to teach people about how to make the environment better.

The idea quickly caught on and the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970.

Earth Day eventually became a global celebration.

Listening Practice

- People try to help make our environment better.
- The idea for Earth Day came from a former US politician.
- Environmentalists use this day to educate people about their role in protecting the Earth.
- Earth Day eventually became a global celebration.
- People gather on this day to talk about environmental matters.

10

Eiffel

Understanding Pronouns

- The word "it" (line 3) refers to the Eiffel Tower.
- The word "his" (line 14) refers to Gustave Eiffel's.

Understanding the Main Idea

- (b) the Eiffel Tower has become the most famous symbol of Paris
- (a) The Symbol of Paris

Understanding Details

- (b) the Eiffel Tower
- (c) it is an open structure
- (a) it did not go well with the city's skyline

Vocabulary Practice

- I think Chicago has the most beautiful skyline in the world.
- The Statue of Liberty overlooks the island of Manhattan.
- The new law was met with much resistance when it was first introduced.
- My sister thinks the Mona Lisa is the most striking piece of art she has ever seen.
- Jake doesn't like the new sculpture. He thinks it is a monstrosity.

Making a Summary

For most people, the Eiffel Tower is the first thing that comes to mind when they think of France.

The tower is situated next to the Seine and overlooks the entire city.

It was extremely hard to build because it has no floors.

At first, it was met with great resistance from the public.

But now, it has become the symbol of Paris.

Listening Practice

- Most people think of the Eiffel Tower when they think of France.
- It was named after its designer, Gustave Eiffel.

- The tower was hard to build because it is an open structure and has no floors.
- At first, people did not think the tower went well with the city's skyline.
- Now, it has become the symbol of France.

11

Evolution

Understanding Pronouns

- The word "He" (line 4) refers to John Thomas Scopes.
- The word "it" (line 20) refers to creationism.

Understanding the Main Idea

- (b) people are still debating over creationism and evolution
- (b) Creationism or Evolution

Understanding Details

- (b) he did not follow the law
- (c) humans had evolved from apes
- (c) an explanation by a particular religion

Vocabulary Practice

- There was much controversy over where to build the new school.
- I hope my teacher doesn't punish me for being late.
- My friend doesn't believe in God. He has no religion.
- Jack's father is very conservative and won't let him stay out late at night.
- The policeman said I violated the law by driving too fast.

Making a Summary

John Thomas Scopes was punished because he taught evolution in his class.

At the time, teachers were only allowed to teach creationism.

The United States was a very conservative society at the time and did not allow evolution to be taught in public schools.

Later, the Supreme Court ruled that creationism cannot be taught in classrooms.

The debate over which theory is correct continues to this day.

Listening Practice

- Teachers were not allowed to teach evolution in class.
- This was because the United States was a very conservative society.
- There was much controversy over which theory to teach in schools.
- The court later ruled that creationism was a theory put forth by a religion.
- The debate continues to this day.

12

Math

Understanding Pronouns

- The word "it" (line 9) refers to math.

Understanding the Main Idea

- (b) we learn math to think logically
- (c) Why Do We Learn Math?

Understanding Details

1. (c) doesn't understand why we learn math
2. (b) thinking logically
3. (c) it helps us solve problems

Vocabulary Practice

1. You will need math when solving a problem.
2. There are too many numbers to add. Do you have a calculator?
3. Why is Jill trying to avoid me? Is she angry at me?
4. Our team used a computer to crunch the data.
5. I wasn't very good at geography. I don't even know where Tokyo is.

Making a Summary

Many students hate to learn math.
Some people think learning math is a waste of time.
However, there is much more to math than just calculating numbers.
Math teaches us to think logically.
It also helps us to solve problems.

Listening Practice

1. Most students will say that they hate math.
2. Yet students cannot avoid learning it.
3. But math is not just about calculating numbers.
4. It is about thinking logically.
5. We learn math to learn to solve problems.

13

Death

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 11) refers to Anglo-Saxons.
2. The word "They" (line 16) refers to Mexicans.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) people in different cultures view death in different ways
2. (c) Death in Different Cultures

Understanding Details

1. (c) keep dead bodies clean
2. (c) don't mind touching and kissing dead bodies
3. (b) reflected in people's way of life

Vocabulary Practice

1. The new law is very unfair if you look at it from a woman's viewpoint.
2. We must not speak ill of the deceased.
3. I have very vivid memories of my grandfather.
4. I am going to keep my mouth shut and take my secrets to the grave.
5. His performance in the play was absolutely terrible.

Making a Summary

Researchers recently studied four groups of people on their attitudes toward death.
Anglo-Saxons and Mexicans showed vividly contrary attitudes.
Anglo-Saxons kept dead bodies neat and clean.
Mexicans didn't mind touching or kissing dead bodies.
Different cultures have distinct viewpoints of death.

Listening Practice

1. Researchers did a recent study on attitudes toward death.
2. Anglo-Saxons kept dead bodies clean.
3. They also decorated them so that they seemed like they were sleeping.
4. Mexicans like to express their feelings about death publicly.

5. Their different viewpoints are reflected in their way of life.

14 Orangutan

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 13) refers to the apes.
2. The word "us" (line 24) refers to humans.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) study our past by studying how apes use tools
2. (a) Apes and Their Tools

Understanding Details

1. (a) some great apes have the ability to think ahead
2. (c) kept the tools with them
3. (a) study our evolutionary past

Vocabulary Practice

1. Scientists are trying to know if monkeys have the capacity to understand human language.
2. In order to know more about your past, you should know who your ancestors are.
3. There are many endangered species in the wild.
4. I couldn't identify his face because it was too dark.
5. Janet had the foresight to know it was going to rain today.

Making a Summary

Research shows that great apes can think ahead. The apes were taught how to use tools for getting treats.

They later remembered which tools to use and kept them for future use.

Humans and great apes are believed to share a common ancestor.

Scientists hope to study our evolutionary past by studying their capacities.

Listening Practice

1. People aren't the only ones making plans.
2. Great apes have the ability to think ahead.
3. The great apes used in the study knew which tools to use.
4. It is believed that great apes and humans share a common ancestor.
5. Scientists hope to study our evolutionary past.

15 Peace Corps

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "They" (line 12) refers to Peace Corps Volunteers.
2. The word "He" (line 18) refers to John F. Kennedy.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) an organization of people who help others in the developing world
2. (a) The Efforts of the Peace Corps

Understanding Details

1. (c) help prevent the spread of diseases
2. (a) solve problems of the people
3. (b) helps to better understand other peoples and cultures

Vocabulary Practice

1. The Peace Corps is an organization that helps people in the developing world.
2. The Red Cross is dedicated to the cause of helping sick people.
3. Rhett loves China. He went there last year to learn more about their culture.
4. Doctors are working to stop the spread of disease in our village.
5. Alexander the Great had the vision of uniting the world.

Making a Summary

The Peace Corps is a US government organization dedicated to helping others.

Peace Corps Volunteers help to solve problems in the developing world.

They teach in schools, protect the environment, stop the spread of diseases, etc.

The Peace Corps was founded by former US President John F. Kennedy.

The Volunteers help people learn more of who they are.

Listening Practice

1. The Peace Corps is an organization that helps people in the developing world.
2. The Volunteers teach in schools and help build small businesses.
3. They also help farmers to grow food more efficiently.
4. The Peace Corps was founded by former President Kennedy.
5. The Volunteers help people better understand themselves.

16

Poker face

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word " they " (line 1) refers to people.
2. The word " They " (line 17) refers to politicians and businessmen.
3. The word " she " (line 20) refers to a witness.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) sometimes it is important not to let your emotions show through your expressions
2. (b) Making A Good Poker Face

Understanding Details

1. (b) not let your opponents know what cards you are holding
2. (a) act as if nothing is wrong
3. (c) sometimes important not to let your true emotions show

Vocabulary Practice

1. We expect to meet a very strong opponent at the next soccer game.
2. You should always listen to what others are saying when you negotiate with them.
3. My teacher said it is important to maintain a calm face even when you are angry.
4. I can see from her facial expression that she is very upset.
5. Sandy tried to hide her embarrassment when I asked her how old she was.

Making a Summary

Sometimes it is important not to let your true emotions show.

This is important when playing poker.

This is where the expression "poker face" comes from.

A poker face is also important when negotiating with others.

It also comes in handy in court.

Listening Practice

1. Sometimes showing your true feelings may not be the right thing to do.
2. A poker face is a facial expression that shows none of your true feelings.
3. It is very important when negotiating with others.
4. Most politicians and businessmen have a very good at poker face.
5. It is also important when in court.

17

The Bard* of Avon

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 7) refers to Shakespeare.
2. The word "he" (line 18) refers to one historian.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) probably the greatest poet and playwright ever to have lived
2. (a) The Great Shakespeare

Understanding Details

1. (c) Shakespeare had 3 children with Anne
2. (b) his works in plays and poems
3. (b) Shakespeare was a very important person to England

Vocabulary Practice

1. A person who studies history is called a historian.
2. Ron and Don are very close friends. The two are inseparable.
3. Meg is the star of the play. She plays a significant role.
4. Kelly wrote the words to my new song. I think she is a very good poet.
5. Everyone thinks John should study literature because he likes to read books so much.

Making a Summary

Shakespeare is probably the greatest poet and playwright ever to have lived.

He was born in a region called Avon and later married Anne Hathaway.

He is best known for his work in plays and poetry.

Shakespeare also played a significant role in shaping the English language.

The words and expressions he used are still quoted by many people today.

Listening Practice

1. Shakespeare was a great poet and playwright.
2. Not much is known about what his youth was like.
3. He is best known for his work in plays and poetry.
4. Many of his plays are read and loved today.
5. He played a significant role in shaping the English language.

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 12) refers to Fred Smith.
2. The word "it" (line 14) refers to FedEx (or Fred's company).

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (c) luck can play a big role in becoming successful
2. (a) Lucky FedEx

Understanding Details

1. (b) had very little customers
2. (a) flew to Las Vegas and gambled for money
3. (b) luck also plays a role in becoming successful

Vocabulary Practice

1. The new pizza store in town offers the best delivery service.
2. When the company couldn't pay its bills, it almost went bankrupt.
3. When Lou asked Jen to marry him, she answered with a definite yes.
4. I will make him an offer he can't refuse.
5. Walt Disney was the founder of the company Walt Disney.

Making a Summary

When Fred Smith was a college student, he had a new kind of business idea. He started his own company called FedEx. However, his company soon had little money and almost went bankrupt. Fred went to Las Vegas and won money at the gambling table, keeping his company alive.

Listening Practice

1. Fred Smith started a company called FedEx.
2. At first, he had very little customers.
3. The company almost went bankrupt.
4. Fred Smith went to Las Vegas and tried his luck at the gambling table.
5. Luck also plays a big role in becoming successful.

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "they" (line 9) refers to the Olympic Games.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (a) are peaceful amateur sports games
2. (c) The Olympics: Peace and Sports

Understanding Details

1. (a) four years
2. (b) the five continents
3. (c) Athens

Vocabulary Practice

1. My grandfather's house is located in a very quiet and peaceful place.
2. I've visited every country in Asia. I want to go to another continent next year.
3. The statue is a reminder that we must always keep freedom alive.
4. The festival was revived last year after 100 years.
5. Peter's dream is to become a tennis athlete.

Making a Summary

The Olympics are the most influential amateur sports games in the world.

It is a peaceful sports event that is held every four years.

It originated in Greece two thousand years ago.

The Olympics are a means through which countries unite in a peaceful event.

The five rings stand for the five continents of the world.

Listening Practice

1. The Olympics are held every four years in different cities.
2. The first modern games were held in Athens, Greece.
3. The Olympics are more than just sports games.
4. The five rings stand for the five continents of the world.
5. The Olympics are a means through which countries unite in a peaceful event.

20

Young Age

Understanding Pronouns

1. The word "he" (line 10) refers to Thomas Edison.
2. The word "he" (line 16) refers to Steve Jobs.

Understanding the Main Idea

1. (b) you are not too young to do great things
2. (b) Young Age, Young Success

Understanding Details

1. (a) 18
2. (c) businessman
3. (c) effort

Vocabulary Practice

1. Babe Ruth has become a legend in the world of American baseball.
2. I want to go to a school that is renowned for its science department.
3. Do you think you can accomplish this hard task?
4. We were all surprised at Lenny's big achievement.
5. I need more supplies in my science laboratory.

Making a Summary

Many great people achieved great accomplishments when they were young.

Michael Jackson began singing when he was 4.

Edison made his first laboratory before puberty.

Muhammed Ali won the gold medal at 18 and

Steve Jobs made his company at 21.

You don't have to be a certain age to do great things.

Listening Practice

1. Many people became successful when they were quite young.
2. Michael Jackson began singing when he was only 4 years old.
3. Thomas Edison made his first science laboratory before puberty.
4. Muhammed Ali was only 18 when he won the gold medal.
5. What's important is how much effort you put into your work.