## ReadingWay 1



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## men <br> 虽㬴 <br> Introduction

Reading Way is a comprehensive series designed for lower-level students. Each book includes 20 units centered on high-interest topics such as the arts, careers, entertainment, the environment, and many others.

Reading passages and exercises use carefully controlled vocabulary and grammar to facilitate comprehension. Critical thinking and active student engagement are also encouraged. Unit after unit, students' reading, vocabulary, grammar, listening, and speaking skills are strengthened.

Following is an explanation of the unit components:

The general topic is given next to the unit number.

Units are divided into two parts covering different aspects of the topic. Part 1 starts with a story or article. In Reading Way 1, these passages are between 50-75 words long. Sentences are on average less than 10 words long. The track number next to the headphones icon corresponds to the audio recording of the passage.

This vocabulary building exercise contains four target words or phrases selected from the reading passage. They are
 chosen for their frequency and usefulness. To build fluency further, students can be asked to write their own sentences using the target words.


This reading comprehension exercise includes detail, analysis, and vocabulary questions. Some questions go beneath the surface, encouraging students to consider the material more deeply and employ critical thinking skills.

Each grammar check covers an important language structure such as pronouns, word forms, verb tenses, prepositions, and so on. There are also several word order exercises in which students rearrange words to make a complete sentence.

Part 2 opens with a unique element of Reading Way: a visual reading component. It is included because in today's world, literacy extends beyond the ability to read passages of text. It means being able to read maps, graphs, tables, charts, schedules, dialogues, and so on.

In Reading Way, these components are presented in simplified, yet authentic English to provide students an opportunity to practice and improve these critical 21st century skills.

This basic true and false exercise checks students' understanding of the material. Teachers are encouraged to go further and base classroom activities on the visual reading components through role plays, student-generated materials and presentations, etc.



This dialogue is related to the unit's general topic. The track number next to the headphones icon corresponds to the audio recording of the dialogue. Students should listen to the audio recording and fill in the blanks. As a fluency building exercise, students can then pair up and take turns reading each character's lines.

The dialogue is followed by a comprehension exercise.

Finally, there is a series of discussion questions related to Part 1 and Part 2 of the unit. Students may ask each other questions in pairs, or the class can answer the questions together. Students are encouraged to go beyond "yes/no" answers and provide examples and details from their own lives, as well as reasons for their points of view.

## Part 1: Digital Art

Read the following article.

Digital art is made on computers.
Artists use different computer programs. Some programs are used to draw things and add color. Others are used for special effects.


Becoming a good artist takes time and skill. Artists learn to use at least two or three programs. Finishing a job can take a long time. One piece may take 100 hours or more.


## Vocabulary Check

Write the correct word in each blank.

| hour | learn | color |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

1. What $\qquad$ should I paint my house?
2. I have to wash these clothes. It will take about a(n) $\qquad$ .
3. He wants to $\qquad$ Spanish. It's an important language.
4. Theresa is a(n) $\qquad$ . Her work is beautiful.
5. ( ) Digital artists $\qquad$ .
A: all use the same programs
B: rarely use computers
C: need to have skills
D: usually finish jobs quickly
6. ( ) What does the article say about computer programs?

A: They can be expensive.
B: They take two or three hours to learn.
C: They are only used for adding color.
D: They have different uses.
3. ( ) How can you become a digital artist?

A: Draw a lot with a pen and paper.
B: Work hard to learn computer programs.
C: Spend 100 hours reading about art.
D: Find a person with time and skill.
4. ( ) In the second paragraph, what is a "job"?

A: a piece of digital art
B: a computer art class
C: a period of time
D: a way to meet artists

## Grammar Check ?

Write the correct form of each word.
Ex: We enjoy looking (look) at art.

1. I like $\qquad$ (use) computers.
2. $\qquad$ (Learn) to paint takes time.
3. This program is good for $\qquad$ (make) movies.
4. My sister is good at $\qquad$ (tell) stories.

## Part 2: Event Schedule

Look at the following information.

## Whatito do In New Yorka May 12-18

## Shows

Chicago
Tickets: \$25-\$150
Time: Daily. 8:00 PM
Phantom of the Opera
Tickets: $\$ 35$ - $\$ 175$
Time: Mon, Wed. 8:00 PM

## Music

Jazz
Location: The Music Well
Time: Starts at 6:00 PM

## Rock

Location: Rock the Clock Time: Starts at 7:30 PM

## Music in the park

 Location: Central Park Date: May 17 (all day)Walking tour of New York Location: Starts at Lincoln Center

## Free Events

 Date: May 18. 2:00 PM
## Museums

Museum of Modern Art Special showing: French art Open: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Metropolitan Museum Special showing: Glass art Open: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

True or False Circle true ( $T$ ) or false (F).

1. (T/F) Some activities don't cost any money.
2. (T/F) The Museum of Modern Art has a music event.
3. (T/F) Every listing tells you the nearest subway station.
4. (T/F) On Monday, you can see Chicago or Phantom of the Opera.

Nancy: What should we do this ${ }_{1}(\quad$ ?
Anthony: How about going to Central Park?
Nancy: All right. I'll check the event guide.... Wow, there's a ${ }_{2}(\quad)$ concert! It's called "Music in the park."

Anthony: Sounds great. Then we $\operatorname{can}_{3}(\quad)$ in the area. Any ideas for later today?

Nancy: We could go to the Museum of Modern Art. Their French art exhibit is open until 6:oo.

Anthony: Nice one. It's probably ${ }_{4}$ ( to buy gifts, too.
B. Choose the best answer.

1. ( ) Nancy wants to $\qquad$ .
A: eat French food
B: look at art
C: buy gifts
D: play music
2. ( ) What is not part of their plan?

A: Visiting a museum
B: Eating lunch near a park
C: Listening to a concert
D: Meeting a friend

## Discussion

## Discuss these questions together.

1. What kind of art do you like? (Ex: drawings, paintings)
2. Do you make any art yourself?
3. Do you ever visit museums or galleries? If so, which ones?

## Part 1: The Iditarod

Read the following article. If Track 3

The Iditarod is a dogsled race across Alaska. Every March, around 65 teams take part. Each team includes one person and up to 16 dogs.

Together, they race almost 2,000 kilometers. It's a long, hard, and very cold race. Just finishing the Iditarod is a challenge. Winning it is a dream come true.

| almost | dream | hard | across |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

1. My $\qquad$ is to open my own pet store.
2. The truck is $\qquad$ full. There's room for one more box.
3. Sam's job is $\qquad$ . He works 12 hours a day.
4. Katie, my classmate, lives $\qquad$ the street.
5. ( ) About how many teams race in the Iditarod?

A: 16
B: 17
C: 65
D: 2,000
2. ( ) The article does not say the race is $\qquad$ .
A: short
B: hard
C: long
D: cold
3. ( )"Winning it is a dream come true." What does this mean?

A: All of the stories about the Iditarod are true.
B: Everything in life is a challenge.
C: People think about winning it for a long time.
D: Most people dream at night.
4. ( ) What does the article suggest about the Iditarod?

A: The length of the race changes yearly.
B: Teams have to work hard just to finish.
C: Every team has a good chance of winning.
D: Racers only win in their dreams.

## Grammar Check

Complete each sentence with it, its, or it's.

Ex: It's getting dark outside.

1. A dog and $\qquad$ owner are good friends.
2. $\qquad$ time to go home.
3. I'm curious about the note. What does $\qquad$ say?
4. I love $\qquad$ here. The food is amazing.

## Part 2: Weather and the Iditarod

Look at the following weather report.

Anchorage is the starting point of the Iditarod. Ophir is in the middle of the race. The finish line is in Nome. Here is a weather report for these three places.

|  | Currently (March 5) |  | Three-Day Forecast |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \hline \mathrm{A} \\ \mathrm{n} \\ \mathrm{c} \\ \mathrm{~h} \\ \mathrm{o} \\ \mathrm{r} \\ \mathrm{a} \\ \mathrm{~g} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $1^{\circ}$ | Sunny | Conditions | High/Low |
|  |  |  | March 6 (9) | 0\%-6 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | March 7 D | $-2^{\circ} /-8^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | March 8 \% | $-3^{\circ} /-10^{\circ}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & o \\ & p \\ & \text { p } \\ & \text { i } \\ & \text { r } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Conditions | High/Low |
|  |  |  | March 6 | $-3 \%-8{ }^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | March 7 | $-5^{\circ} /-10^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | March 8 \% | $-6 \%-11^{\circ}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{N} \\ & \mathrm{o} \\ & \mathrm{~m} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | Conditions | High/Low |
|  |  |  | March 6 | -9\%-15 ${ }^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | March 7 | $-10 \%-17^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  | March 8 \% | $-1 \%^{\prime}-19^{\circ}$ |

## True or False

1. (T/F) Currently, it is cloudy in Ophir.
2. (T/F) Anchorage may see a low of $-8^{\circ}$ on March 7.
3. (T/F) Ophir will be colder than Nome on March 6.
4. (T/F) On March 8, all three places expect snow.

Judy: The marathon is this ${ }_{1}$ ( ). It will pass right in front of our building.

Matt: Should we watch it from the ${ }_{2}($ )?

Judy: Actually, I want to stand outside. It's such a long race. I have $30_{3}(\quad)$ for the racers.

Matt: You're always so nice to people. Do you want some help?
Judy: That would be great. The water is $\mathrm{a}_{4}($ ).

Matt: No problem. I'll bring it downstairs.
B. Choose the best answer.

1. ( ) Matt offers to $\qquad$ .
A: buy some water
B: carry something heavy
$C$ : run in the race
D: clean the window
2. ( ) What do we learn about the marathon?

A: The whole race is in another city.
B: It takes place during the weekend.
C : It might rain in the morning.
D: You can't give things to runners.

## Discussion

1. Do you ever watch long races? (Ex: the Iditarod, marathons, long-distance skiing)
2. What does it take to become a good racer? (Ex: training)
3. Would you ever join a long-distance race? Why or why not?

## Part 1: Movie Snacks

Read the following article.
Snacks and movies go hand in hand. Popcorn is the most famous movie snack. Some people eat it plain. Others like it sweet or salty. You can also put butter on top.

Candy and chocolate are two other popular snacks. Movie theaters also sell drinks like soda and tea. Going to the movies is a lot of fun.
Snacks make the day out even better.


## Vocabulary Check

 Write the correct word in each blank.movie fun eat famous

1. The actor is really $\qquad$ . Everyone knows him.
2. I'm going to see a(n) $\qquad$ after work.
3. What do you want to $\qquad$ for lunch?
4. Did you have $\qquad$ at the park?
5. ( ) What does the article say about popcorn?

A: People enjoy different flavors.
B: Everyone likes it the same way.
C: Only a few theaters sell it.
D: It's better to eat popcorn salty.
2. ( ) Which movie snack is not discussed in the article?

A: Chocolate
B: Popcorn
C: Potato chips
D: Candy
3. ( ) What does "go hand in hand" mean?

A: be easy to carry
B: go together well
C: have a fun time
D: be very friendly
4. ( ) What does the article say about movie theaters?

A: It's better to see movies at night.
B: Some theaters give you free popcorn.
C: Just a few let you eat snacks inside.
D: Besides snacks, they also sell drinks. many, or lot.

## Ex: There are just a few people in line.

1. Do you have a $\qquad$ minutes? I'd like to ask you something.
2. My computer has a $\qquad$ of problems. I need a new one.
3. $\qquad$ people are here for the concert. Every seat is full.
4. The sports car has a $\qquad$ of power.

## Part 2: Movie Posters

Look at these movie posters.

In San Francisco, everything is possible...
...even falling in love.

## Across the Golden Gate

Starring: Patty Reed \& Blake Strong Directed by: Allen Aston with music by The Craftsmen
opens everywhere May 25


## True or False

 Circle true (T) or false (F).1. (T/F) In Taiwan, Electric Kid might open in July.
2. (T/F) Each poster shows the director's name.
3. (T/F) Chad Thurman is probably older than Blake Strong.
4. (T/F) The Craftsmen wrote the music for Across the Golden Gate.

Dorian: What movie should we see?
Cheryl: Something light - no horror films or ${ }_{1}($ ) that. How about a comedy?

Dorian: That could work. Let's see something with ${ }_{2}$ ( Romantic comedies aren't really my thing.

Cheryl: I hear you.... All right, I found the movie listings. We have a couple of good ${ }_{3}($
). Actually, one is a cartoon.
Dorian: That ${ }_{4}($ and decide?
Cheryl: Let's do it.
B. Choose the best answer.

1. ( ) Dorian wants to see $\qquad$ .
A: a romantic movie
B: any kind of cartoon
C: an action comedy
D: a horror film
2. ( What will they probably do next?

A: Invite a friend somewhere
B: Drive to the theater
C: Read some movie reviews
D: Buy popcorn

1. What kinds of movies do you like?
2. What are your favorite movie snacks?
3. Do you like reading movie reviews? Do they affect your decisions about movies?
