

# How to use this book

## 1 Preparation

### Christmas

On the twenty-fifth of December, known as Christmas Day, people gather with their family and become busy preparing for merrymaking.

## 2 Comprehension

1. What does "merrymaking" mean?
2. According to the paragraph, what do people do on Christmas day?

## 3 Questions

1. How do you enjoy Christmas?
2. Do you go to church on Christmas Eve?
3. Do you decorate your house at Christmas?

## 4 Vocabulary & Expressions

**merrymaking** : Participation in festive activities

**gather** : To cause to come together

## 5 Review

1. Marble is used to \_\_\_\_\_ parts of buildings.
2. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ seats with me?

## ① Preparation

上课之前,自己练习说一说话题,检查对paragraph的理解程度,看网络教材并听三遍MP3录音,听完后模仿正确的发音和语气,慢慢读三遍再快速读三遍并背诵。

## ② Comprehension

利用paragraph,检查学生有没有正确地理解课文,学生应该提前准备paragraph相关内容,才能正常上课。

## ③ Questions

这个阶段, Topic多样的问题和老师互相交流意见,听问题,用英语思考,再用英语表达出来的主题对话的训练过程。对Topic的提问,本人用自己思考后的方式回答的这种努力过程,可以激发学生以前积累的词汇,英语写作等能力。

# LEVEL 4-A



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# Grammar Banging

\* Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

1. Are there \_\_\_\_\_ apples in the kitchen?  
A) much                      B) any                      C) some
2. That is \_\_\_\_\_ interesting book.  
A) the                      B) a                      C) an
3. I went \_\_\_\_\_ church last Sunday.  
A) at                      B) in                      C) to
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ he like? – He is very friendly.  
A) does                      B) did                      C) is
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ a new car last month.  
A) bought                      B) have bought                      C) buyer

## \* Questions

1. Do you find it hard choosing the missing word?
2. What do you think of your grammar?
3. Do you think you are doing well with your grammar?
4. Do you find it hard to study English grammar?
5. Do you think studying English grammar is important to improve your English speaking skill? Why or why not?

## \* Note

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## \* Practice

\* Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

1. Yuki is \_\_\_\_\_ in working in a foreign company.  
a) surprised  
b) studied  
c) interested  
d) pleased
2. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ of snakes?  
a) afraid  
b) famous  
c) have  
d) protect
3. When Steve found out that he \_\_\_\_\_ his finals, he let out a sigh of relief.  
a) passes  
b) to pass  
c) had passed  
d) has passed
4. I saw someone \_\_\_\_\_ Julie's purse in the bookstore.  
a) steals  
b) stealing  
c) stole  
d) to steal
5. There has been a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ about the concert.  
a) exciting  
b) excitement  
c) excited  
d) excitable
6. It is believed \_\_\_\_\_ employees appreciate money more than any other gifts from their employers.  
a) when  
b) what  
c) that  
d) whether
7. According to the personnel manager, Mr. Ralph, \_\_\_\_\_ Mary will be away on a business trip next week, she will not be able to attend the monthly meeting.  
a) when  
b) if  
c) because of  
d) since
8. The government will have to raise \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the gap between revenue and spending.  
a) a tax  
b) the tax  
c) tax  
d) taxes

## \* Answers

1. c  
5. b

2. a  
6. c

3. c  
7. d

4. b  
8. d

# Peter Piper

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.

Did Peter Piper pick a peck of pickled peppers?

If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper  
picked?

## \* Questions

1. Can you speak the sentences above fast?
2. What makes you difficult to say the above sentences?
3. Do you know what a tongue twister is?
4. Can you explain what pronunciation and intonation is?
5. What is the best way to improve pronunciation and intonation of English?

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## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

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**pepper:** Black pepper or any of several plants of the genus *Piper*, as cubeb, betel, and kava

**peck:** A measure of amount for dry substances such as fruit or grain

**pickle:** To preserve food in vinegar or salt water

**bitter:** Having a strong taste like black coffee without sugar or very dark chocolate

**batter:** A thick mixture of flour, eggs, milk, etc. used for making cakes

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## \* Practice

### \* Tongue Twister Practice

1. She sells seashells by the seashore.

The shells she sells are surely seashells.

So if she sells shells on the seashore,

I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

2. Betty Botter had some butter,

"But," she said, "this butter's bitter.

If I bake this bitter butter,

it would make my batter bitter.

But a bit of better butter –

that would make my batter better."

So she bought a bit of butter,

better than her bitter butter,

and she baked it in her batter,

and the batter was not bitter.

So it was better Betty Botter

bought a bit of better butter.

# Family Ties

Your mother's brother is your uncle.

Your father's sister is your aunt.

Your father's father is your grandfather.

Your mother's mother is your grandmother.

## \* Questions

1. How many uncles and aunts do you have?
2. Who are you closer to, your paternal side or maternal side?
3. Can you explain the different names in family ties of Korea?
4. What do you think is the most important thing in family?
5. How is the general relationship between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law in Korea?

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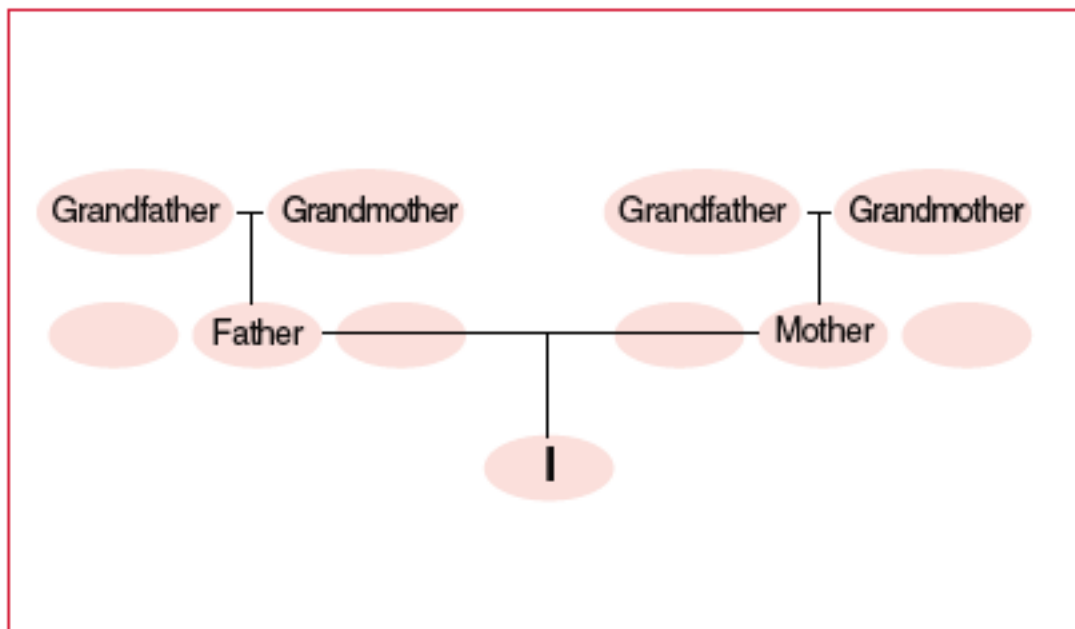
## \* Practice

\* Fill in the blank with the proper name of family members.

1. Your wife's mother is your \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Your sister's daughter is your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Your brother's son is your \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Your sister's husband is your \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Your husband's father is your \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Your brother's wife is your \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Your uncle's son is your \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Your aunt's son is your \_\_\_\_\_.
9. My husband is my parents' \_\_\_\_\_.
10. My wife is my parents' \_\_\_\_\_.

## \* Review

\* Draw your family tree referring to the names mentioned above.





# Christmas

On the twenty-fifth of December, known as Christmas Day, people gather with their family and become busy preparing for merrymaking. It is a family gathering holiday; therefore, it is not an exaggeration to say that Christmas is the most important celebration of the year. People decorate their homes with many colorful lights. Also, the family members gather to eat turkey with gravy and exchange gifts.

## \* Comprehension

1. What does "merrymaking" mean?
2. According to the paragraph, what do people do on Christmas day?

## \* Questions

1. How do you enjoy Christmas?
2. Do you go to church on Christmas Eve?
3. Do you decorate your house at Christmas?
4. Is there a particular food your family enjoys having for dinner at Christmas?  
If so, what is it?
5. Describe the street on Christmas day in your country.

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

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**merrymaking** : Participation in festive activities

**gather** : To cause to come together

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## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

prepare      decorate      become      gather      exchange

1. Marble is used to \_\_\_\_\_ parts of buildings.
2. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ seats with me?
3. Is there anything I can do to \_\_\_\_\_ for it?
4. In the evenings, we \_\_\_\_\_ around the fireplace and talk.
5. Sometimes, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ increasingly anxious about my behavior.

## \* Answers

1. decorate      2. exchange      3. prepare      4. gather      5. become

## \* Note

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# Sports

Sports have become a part of our daily life as recreational and competitive activities. Some people get into sports to release their tension and stress, but some people just enjoy watching them on TV. These days some national athletes have gained international attention for their successful career.

## \* Comprehension

1. What meaning do sports have in our life?
2. Why do people enjoy sports?

## \* Questions

1. What is the most popular sport in your country?
2. What do you think is the most popular sport in the world?
3. What sports do you like to watch or play?
4. What do you think about importing foreigners to play professional sports?
5. Who is your favorite athlete? Why?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**recreation** : An activity that you do for pleasure or amusement (adj. recreational)

**competitive**

: A competitive situation is one in which people or organizations try very hard to be more successful than others

**release** : To let someone go free

**tension** : A nervous worried feeling that makes it impossible for you to relax

**athlete** : Someone who is good at sports

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

competitive	tension	release
gain	attention	

1. They decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the bird from its cage.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ was becoming unbearable and I wanted to scream.
3. Please pay \_\_\_\_\_ to the announcer.
4. How much weight did you \_\_\_\_\_?
5. Advertising is an intensely \_\_\_\_\_ business.

## \* Answers

1, release      2, tension      3, attention      4, gain      5, competitive

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# Dreams

A dream can be defined as the practice of envisioned images, voices, or other feeling in your sleep. Dreams often occur with impossible or unrealistic images that cannot be controlled easily by the dreamer. Dreamers can experience strong emotions while they are dreaming unpleasant or frightening dreams: nightmares.

## \* Comprehension

1. What is a dream?
2. What are nightmares?

## \* Questions

1. How many hours do you sleep?
2. How often, and when, do you dream?
3. Do you usually remember your dreams?  
If so, can you describe some of them?
4. What was the worst nightmare you've ever had?
5. Have you ever had a dream that foretold the future?  
Have you heard one?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**envision** : To imagine that something will happen in the future; envisage

**occur** : To take place; come about

**nightmare** : A dream arousing feelings of intense fear, horror, and distress

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

occur

envisage

weird

appeared

nightmares

1. Mike's got a really \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor.
2. Years after the accident I still have \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
3. Many accidents \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
4. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ any major problems.
5. The city \_\_\_\_\_ calm after the snowstorm had ended from last night.

## \* Answers

1, weird

2, nightmares

3, occur

4, envisage

5, appeared

## \* Note

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# Friends

Usually we rely and share personal thoughts with our friends. Good friends are the people who help us whenever we have problems and we need them. They help us solve our problems and they comfort us when we feel down. True friends don't leave you when you're in trouble and you can share your secrets with them.

## \* Comprehension

1. Who are friends?
2. What do friends do when we feel down?

## \* Questions

1. How many friends do you have?
2. Why do you think people make friends?
3. Have you made any friends over the Internet?
4. How do you make new friends?
5. What's the difference between having male friends and female friends?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**solve** : To find or provide a solution to a problem

**comfort**

: To make someone feel calmer and more hopeful by being kind and sympathetic to them when they are worried or unhappy

**be in trouble** : A difficult or dangerous situation

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

comfort

in trouble

feel down

leave

share

1. Whenever I \_\_\_\_\_, I go window shopping or go to the movies alone.
2. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ our opinions regarding to this project.
3. I have to think it over for a while. Please \_\_\_\_\_ me alone.
4. I think we're \_\_\_\_\_. Let's call the police.
5. There was nothing I could do to \_\_\_\_\_ Steve when his son died.

## \* Answers

1. feel down

2. share

3. leave

4. in trouble

5. comfort

## \* Note

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# Traveling

In order to travel, you need to save money and arrange the trip beforehand. That's what Mr. Smith was doing. Traveling around the world had been his main dream. So he had been working at a convenience store, but he had to take extra part-time jobs on the side to supplement his income. He plans to travel most of the countries in Europe and Asia.

## \* Comprehension

1. What was Mr. Smith's dream?
2. Explain what you need to have in order to travel.

## \* Questions

1. Do you like to travel abroad? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever saved the money for a specific purpose?  
If so, what was the purpose?
3. What do you think of saving money for traveling around the world?
4. Which country do you like to travel the most? Why?
5. Which one do you prefer, a backpacking trip or a package tour with a guide? Why?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**arrange** : To organize or make plans for something such as a meeting, party or trip

**beforehand** : Before something else has happened or is done

**supplement** : To add something, especially to what you earn or eat, in order to increase it to an acceptable level

**income** : The money that you earn from your work or that you receive from investment

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

supplement

income

plan

beforehand

abroad

1. Most of my \_\_\_\_\_ goes on my rent.
2. When you give a speech, it's natural to feel nervous \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Some of my friends \_\_\_\_\_ their regular salary by tutoring in the evenings.
4. Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ for tomorrow night?
5. Some teenagers would like to go \_\_\_\_\_ to study English.

## \* Answers

1. income

2. beforehand

3. supplement

4. plan

5. abroad

## \* Note

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# Smoking

Smokers always complain whenever cigarette prices go up. However, I think cigarettes are not expensive considering the bad effects of smoking. Not only smoking is a bad habit, but also it gives us many kinds of disease and increases medical costs all over the world.

## \* Comprehension

1. What do smokers complain about?
2. What does the writer think about the cigarette price?

## \* Questions

1. Do you smoke? If so, how many cigarettes do you smoke in a day?
2. What do you think about a law that bans smoking inside the building?
3. Do you think cigarettes are expensive?
4. What do you think about women's smoking?
5. Are you worried about smoke-related disease?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

### complain

: To express the feeling of annoyance, dissatisfaction or unhappy about something or someone

**ban**: To say that something is not allowed to do or use

**related**: Connected in some way

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

sincreased	banned	medical
complain	related	

1. My colleagues often \_\_\_\_\_ about not feeling appreciated at work.
2. Jamie's been \_\_\_\_\_ from driving for a year.
3. I'm going to talk about drug abuse and other \_\_\_\_\_ issues.
4. The population of New York \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically in the first half of the century.
5. The injury required urgent \_\_\_\_\_ attention.

## \* Answers

- 1, complain      2, banned      3, related      4, increased      5, medical

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# Martial Arts

Did you know that fighting is actually considered an art? The different forms of martial arts that hail from Korea, China and Japan exemplify by this. One may know survival techniques on the streets, but others prefer to learn the art of fighting in schools of martial arts, where students not only learn self-defense and formidable fighting skills, but also learn, most importantly, discipline.

## \* Comprehension

1. What is fighting considered?
2. What countries have the martial arts?

## \* Questions

1. Have you ever studied a martial art?
2. Can you name any Japanese / Chinese / Korean martial arts?
3. Have you ever been in a fight? If so, tell me about it.
4. Do you think it is useful to learn martial arts? Why or why not?
5. What kind of martial arts would you like to learn? Why?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

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**hail from:** To have been born in a particular place

**exemplify:** To be a very typical example of something

**survival:** The state of continuing to live or exist

**formidable**

: A formidable person, etc. is one that you feel respect for because they are very powerful or impressive

**discipline**

: The practice of making people obey rules and orders or the controlled situation that results from this practice

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## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

survival

hail

discipline

survival

formidable

1. My friends all \_\_\_\_\_ from a noble family.
2. Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_ America's diversity.
3. His doctors said he had a 50-50 chance of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. With her management skills and his marketing expertise, they make a \_\_\_\_\_ combination.
5. We have high standards of \_\_\_\_\_ at this school that must be maintained.

## \* Answers

- 1, hail      2, exemplifies      3, survival      4, formidable      5, discipline

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# Celebrities

Celebrities are famous and sensational people who appear in movies and on television. They are also known as superstars. People love celebrities for many reasons. It may be because of these stars' talent, beauty and charisma, or because of the issues surrounding them.

## \* Comprehension

1. Who are celebrities?
2. Why do people like celebrities?

## \* Questions

1. Have you ever seen a celebrity in person? If so, how did you feel?
2. Which celebrity would you like to meet?  
What would you do if you could spend a day with this person?
3. Do you think it is okay to sell your private life to the media in exchange for fame? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think people are interested in gossips about celebrities?
5. Have you ever thought of being a celebrity?  
Why do you think people sometimes dream of being a celebrity?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**celebrity** : A famous person, especially someone in the entertainment business

**talent** : A special natural ability or skill

**charisma** : A powerful quality to attract people and make them admire you

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

issue

surrounding

charisma

fame

sensational

1. Few Presidents have had the \_\_\_\_\_ of Kennedy.
2. The effect of the discovery was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After the explosion the army sealed off the \_\_\_\_\_ area.
4. Drug testing of employees is a sensitive \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Barbara Streisand first won \_\_\_\_\_ as a singer before she became an actress.

## \* Answers

- 1, charisma      2, sensational      3, surrounding      4, issue      5, fame

## \* Note

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# Money

I'm going to teach my children how to spend money. I'll have my children make their own pocket money when they are 16 and they'll know money is not easy to get. I'll also teach them when and where to spend money. It's important to prevent them from being either a stingy person or a big spender.

## \* Comprehension

1. What is the writer going to teach the children?
2. What does "stingy person" mean?

## \* Questions

1. How do you teach your children how to spend money?
2. Have you ever given money to a charity?
3. How powerful do you think money is?
4. What do you usually do with your monthly allowance?
5. Have you ever lent any money to anyone?

Did you have any problems getting it back?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**pocket money** : Money given regularly to a child by its parents to spend on small things

**stingy** : Not generous to share, especially money

**allowance** : An amount of money that you are given regularly or for a special reason

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

spends

prevent

allowance

charity

stingy

1. His father gave him a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ of \$200 a month.
2. The rules are intended to \_\_\_\_\_ accidents.
3. Jim's too \_\_\_\_\_ to give money to a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Sophie \_\_\_\_\_ her pocket money to sweets and magazines.

## \* Answers

1. allowance

2. prevent

3. stingy, charity

4. spends

## \* Note

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# Communication

How do people communicate these days? Surprisingly, the traditional forms of communication, such as writing a letter, are still gaining influence over people's mind. For example, although there is no difference in the message, a letter makes people more pleased than a phone call. It adds more romance or sensibilities to the letter. People seem to miss the personal touch while technology is in the process of developing.

## \* Comprehension

1. What does the writer mention as a traditional form of communication?
2. What does the writer talk about a letter?

## \* Questions

1. Talk about the differences between making a call and writing a letter.
2. When did you last write a letter?
3. What other communication forms do you use?
4. How often do you call your parents?
5. Why do you think people prefer making a call or using an e-mail to writing a letter?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

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**form**: A type of something that exists in many different types

**influence**: Power to have an effect on the way someone or something develops, behaves, or thinks without using direct force or commands

**be in the process of doing something** :

To have started doing something and not have been finished

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## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

miss	form	in the process of
traditional	influence	

1. Trains are a very cost-effective \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.
2. She used her \_\_\_\_\_ with the chairman to get me the job.
3. The company is \_\_\_\_\_ moving to new offices.
4. Many international students really \_\_\_\_\_ their family when they study abroad.
5. Could you recommend \_\_\_\_\_ Korean food for my foreign friends?

## \* Answers

1, form      2, influence      3, in the process of      4, miss      5, traditional

## \* Note

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# Tsunami

Tsunami is a devastating natural phenomenon that usually arises from the East. It affects coastal countries and other places beside the sea or ocean, especially countries with beautiful beaches such as Thailand and Indonesia. The tsunami of December in 2004 has destroyed thousands of families and livelihood, showing only how powerful nature can be.

## \* Comprehension

1. What is tsunami?
2. Where can be mainly damaged by tsunami?

## \* Questions

1. Do you know of any other natural calamity?
2. What natural calamity is common in your country?
3. While Japan experiences tsunamis every year, does it ever reach Korean coasts?
4. What do you think is the most dangerous natural calamity?
5. What do you think is more dangerous between natural calamity and industrial disaster? Why?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

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**tsunami**: A very large ocean wave that flows over the land and destroys things

**devastating** : Destroying or badly damaging something

**phenomenon**

: Something that happens or exists, especially something that is studied because it is not understood (pl. phenomena)

**coastal** : In the sea or on the land near the coast

**livelihood** : The way you earn money in order to live

**calamity**: A terrible and unexpected event that causes a lot of damage or suffering

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## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

livelihood

phenomena

coastal

devastating

calamity

1. It would be a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ for the farmers if the crops failed again.
2. Typhoon is more threatening to the \_\_\_\_\_ areas.
3. Acid rain has a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ effect on the environment.
4. New fishing regulations will threaten the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fishermen.
5. There are some violent natural \_\_\_\_\_ such as hurricanes and typhoons.

## \* Answers

1. calamity

2. coastal

3. devastating

4. livelihood

5. phenomena

## \* Note

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# Newspapers

As time goes on, new inventions tend to win over the old creations. However, there is an exception. 91 percent of interviewees in a survey still considered newspapers as important sources of information despite the rapid growth in the number of people with access to the internet. Only 4 percent of interviewees answered newspapers were unnecessary.

## \* Comprehension

1. What is the writer talking about?
2. What percentage of interviewees answered that newspapers were not essential?

## \* Questions

1. Do you read a newspaper everyday? Why or why not?
2. What do you think of reading news through the Internet instead of reading newspapers?
3. Do you think newspapers are still necessary? Why or why not?
4. When you read a newspaper, what section do you read first?
5. Where do you usually get current information? Why?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**interviewee** : The person who answers the questions at an interview

**survey** : A set of questions that you ask a large number of people in order to find out about their opinions or behavior

**rapid** : Done or happening very quickly and in a very short time

**essential** : Extremely important and necessary

**section** : A separate part of something that is written such as a book or newspaper

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

section

rapid

current

essential

access

1. The patient made a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.
2. If you're taking a walk in the mountains, strong boots are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The house is in a central location with good \_\_\_\_\_ to the mall.
4. Who has the sports \_\_\_\_\_ of the newspaper?
5. Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ exchange rate?

## \* Answers

1, rapid

2, essential

3, access

4, section

5, current

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# Eating Habit

San Antonio is considered the fattest city in the nation of America as of now. With the introduction of more fast food chains and the rising costs of healthy food products, it is no wonder that people continue to gain weight. The number of overweight people has risen from 15% to 20% and the number of obese people has risen from 4% to 7%.

## \* Comprehension

1. Why do people in San Antonio continue to gain weight?
2. How are obese people different from other people?

## \* Questions

1. Do you enjoy fast food? If so, what kind of fast foods do you enjoy?
2. How is your eating habit?
3. Do you eat special food for your health? If so, what is it?
4. What do you think is a balanced diet?
5. What do you do for your health?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**as of now:** At the present time

**chain:** A number of shops, restaurants, etc. owned or managed by the same company or person

**obese:** Very fat in a way that is unhealthy

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

as of now

chain

obese

introduction

wonder

1. Increasing of \_\_\_\_\_ children is very serious in modern society.
2. You can find important information from the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. There are a lot of bargains in the shops \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ why Kathy came to my birthday party, because I didn't invite her.
5. There is a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ of Pizza Hut near my place.

## \* Answers

1. obese

2. introduction

3. as of now

4. wonder

5. chain

## \* Note

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# Singing Room (NoRaeBang)

Speaking of pastimes, 'Singing Room' is one of the favorites among young and old people. They usually go to a singing room at a night out with their friends and sing as if they are the only singers found in the sound-proof room. Also, the working generation would go to the singing room to sing their problems away – any stress related to their work.

## \* Comprehension

1. Who enjoys going to the singing room?
2. Why do the office workers go to the singing room?

## \* Questions

1. Do you enjoy singing?
2. When do you usually go to a singing room?
3. There are many lists of songs to choose from in a singing room.  
What kinds of songs do you sing?
4. Do you think that singing in a singing room is a good means of entertainment? Why or why not?
5. What other entertainments do people enjoy to release their stress in your country?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**favorite** : Something that you like more than other things of the same kind

**night out** : Casual evening activity done by a group of people

**sound-proof room** : A room where sound cannot be heard outside

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

entertainment

release

means

favorite

generation

1. I like all her books but this one is my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Tourist information center is providing \_\_\_\_\_ for tourists.
3. The younger \_\_\_\_\_ don't know what hard work is.
4. They decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the hostages.
5. What would be the most effective \_\_\_\_\_ of advertising our product?

## \* Answers

1. favorite

2. entertainment

3. generation

4. release

5. means

## \* Note

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# White Lie

So many people are guilty of telling lies especially the white lies. For example, I tell someone, "Oh, nice hair!" without meaning it, but I just say it because I know it will make the person feel good. People love hearing compliments from others, especially on their appearances. Sometimes people even tell white lies in their relationships. I tell my spouse that I want to see my mom when I really want to spend some time with my old friends. That does not mean I love my spouse any less, but I just do not want my spouse to be hurt.

## \* Comprehension

1. According to the paragraph, when do people usually feel guilty?
2. Why does the writer tell a lie to her spouse?

## \* Questions

1. What do you think of people who often tell a lie?
2. How do you feel when you find out someone has been lying to you?
3. Define 'white lie' in your own words.
4. To tell a lie is a sin, but is there any moral justification to tell a white lie?
5. Have you ever told a white lie? If so, what was it?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**compliment** : A remark that expresses admiration of someone or something

**hang out** : To spend a lot of time in a particular place or with particular people

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

complimented

hangs out

spouse

means

especially

1. I think he \_\_\_\_\_ that he does not want this marriage to turn out like his friend's.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ me on my new hairstyle.
3. Millions of wild flowers color the valleys, \_\_\_\_\_ in April and May.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ with a pretty wild crowd.
5. If you are applying to invite your \_\_\_\_\_ to the U.S. to live, you will need to fill out this application form first.

## \* Answers

1. means

2. complimented

3. especially

4. hangs out

5. spouse

## \* Note

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# Weather Forecast

Another chilly day is in store for the western Great Lakes and Ohio Valley. High temperature will only be in the 30s across the northern half of Michigan, with 40s into eastern Kentucky. Lake-effect snow will linger through the morning across parts of Michigan, while clouds will extend across much of Ohio and Kentucky. Sunny skies can be expected across most of the Plains, with maximum temperature in the 60s and 70s for western Nebraska and Kansas. The lowest temperature of 40s will be felt along the U.S.-Canadian border where a few clouds are possible.

## \* Comprehension

1. What does "linger" mean?
2. Where can we see the warmest weather?

## \* Questions

1. What is today's weather forecast?
2. Does weather affect your feelings? What is your favorite weather?
3. Have you ever been caught in bad weather? If so, what did you do?
4. Are there many natural disasters in your country caused by weather?
5. Describe the weather in each of four seasons in your country.

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

**chilly**: Cold enough to make you feel uncomfortable

**linger**: To stay somewhere a little longer, especially because you do not want to leave

**extend**: To stretch out over a particular area

**disaster**

: A sudden event such as a flood, storm or accident which causes great damage or suffering

**climate**: The typical weather conditions in a particular area

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

extend

disasters

lingers

affect

climate

1. Bad habits can \_\_\_\_\_ your health.
2. The high-speed train service is planned to \_\_\_\_\_ from Paris to Bordeaux.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ here is quite pleasant.
4. The scent of her perfume always \_\_\_\_\_ on in the room.
5. Thousands of people die from natural \_\_\_\_\_.

## \* Answers

1. affect

2. extend

3. climate

4. lingers

5. disasters

## \* Note

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# Computer & Internet

In a few decades computer has revolutionized the way humans live and work. It is not only a machine, but also a communication device. Computers are constantly redesigned to make them easier to use. The Internet browser is the term used for the most commonly used program in the Internet and it is the gateway of each person to find out different information throughout the globe.

## \* Comprehension

1. What effects has the computer had on our life?
2. What is the Internet browser?

## \* Questions

1. When did you first use the Internet?
2. What do you use computers for?
3. What do you use the Internet for?
4. What are the sites you most commonly access?
5. What negative effects has the computer had on your life?

## \* Vocabulary & Expressions

### revolutionize

: To completely change the way people think or do things, especially because of a new idea or invention

**commonly** : Usually or by most people

**gateway** : Something that serves as an entrance or means of access

**globe** : A body with the shape of a sphere, especially a representation of the earth in the form of a hollow ball

## \* Review

Fill in the blank with the proper words in the box.

device	decades	gateway
throughout	constantly	

1. The theme song of the movie is so memorable because it repeats \_\_\_\_\_ the film.
2. This electronic \_\_\_\_\_ that protects your vehicle 24 hours a day will be provided.
3. He walked across the park and through the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. One of my colleagues is \_\_\_\_\_ complaining in the office.
5. Tree breeders must wait \_\_\_\_\_ to see the fruits of their labor.

## \* Answers

1, throughout      2, device      3, gateway      4, constantly      5, decades

## \* Note

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