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Content Chart

	Type of Reading	Title	Reading Skill	Vocabulary Builder
Unit 1	Online Forum	Does a Sloth Make a Good Pet?	Scanning for Personal Opinions	The Prefix <i>in-</i>
Unit 2	Letter	Why People Say “Yes” to Late Marriage	Using Context Clues	The Suffix <i>-ize</i>
Unit 3	Web Article (1)	Spotify: A Singing Success	Skimming for Typographical Cues	The Prefix <i>fore-</i>
Unit 4	FolkTale	Why Do Dogs Chase Cats?	Identifying Character Traits	The Suffix <i>-en</i>
Unit 5	Environmental Article	The Man Who Grew a Forest	Guessing the Meaning of Unfamiliar Vocabulary	The Suffixes <i>-ery</i> and <i>-ry</i>
Unit 6	Advertisement	Find Your Dream Job Today	Recognizing an Author’s Motivation	The Prefix <i>sub-</i>
Review 1				



	Type of Reading	Title	Reading Skill	Vocabulary Builder
Unit 7	Biography (1)	Hans Christian Andersen's Two-Way Mirror	Identifying Misleading Questions	Diminutive Suffixes
Unit 8	Web Article (2)	Water Shortages: The Next Global Catastrophe	Understanding Cause and Effect	The Suffix <i>-age</i>
Unit 9	Journal	The Hippie Movement	Recognizing the Chronological Sequence	The Prefix <i>anti-</i>
Unit 10	Op-Ed Article	Time to Put the Brakes on Fast Fashion	Interpreting Tone and Rhetorical Questions	The Suffix <i>-ish</i>
Unit 11	Biography (2)	From Pictures to Words: The Evolution of Jimmy Liao	Interpreting an Author's Values	The Suffix <i>-ique</i>
Unit 12	Health Article	Confronting Your Fears: How ERP Can Help Solve OCD	Scanning for Abbreviations	The Root Word <i>sure</i>
Review 2				



▶ Reading Skill

Reading Skill teaches skimming, scanning, etc. Task 1 helps students practice the newly learned skill, and Task 2 shows students how to apply the skill to the reading.

Reading Skill Guessing the Meaning of Unfamiliar Vocabulary

Reading texts may contain words or phrases with which we are unfamiliar. Strikes using correct clues as demonstrated in the previous unit, the meaning of an unknown word might be guessed from its prefix, suffix, or root word. Often, a combination of factors might give us a good clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Task 1: Look at the paragraph and then answer the following question. Give the reasons for your answers.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has released that global economic growth may be affected by countries that pursue **protectionism**. In its latest economic industries may be contributing to economic slowdown.

The word "protectionism" is closest in meaning to a policy that ____.

- slows down global economic growth
- raises excessive taxes on a country's citizens
- protects a country's own industries
- protects a country's citizens from violence

Reasons:

Task 2: Read the second paragraph of Reading. As you read, find the words that match the definitions below and write them in the spaces provided.

- the removal of taxes ____
- to keep something existing ____
- threat and plans ____

Vocabulary Builder The Suffixes -ary and -ry

The suffixes -ary and -ry are used in various ways. In Reading, for example, we saw the words library and primary. The first word refers to the acquisition of working to maintain forests, and the second refers to plants and recreation. There are several general ways of categorizing words that use these suffixes.

Task 1: Classify the words in the box according to the general rules in the table below. The first one has been done for you.

Words	These are a group of activities	An occupation or condition	A place where something is done
mechanical			primary
visitory			
silvatory			
stipulatory			
juvatory			
seminary			
dentistry			
brewery			
bakery			

▶ Vocabulary Builder

Vocabulary Builder introduces useful mechanics of English words such as prefixes and suffixes.

Task 2: Choose a word from Task 1 to complete the sentences.

- We were allowed to sample some of the different beers during our visit to the ____.
- Michelangelo was famous for his ____ in a number of fields.
- Do not operate this ____ when you are tired, as it could be dangerous.

Let's Think About It!

As environmental awareness increases, more and more eco-friendly products are being produced. These might use recyclable materials or manufacturing processes that don't harm the environment. They might also help to conserve energy. Work in groups of four and come up with an innovative green product. Then, hold a short class conference or product launch to introduce it. An example has been done for you in the table below.

Type of Product	Brand Name	Features	Target Market	Cost
Self-priming computer	Syphonic	Requires no electricity recharges by using solar energy	Young professionals	US\$2,000

▶ Let's Think About It!

Let's Think About It! incorporates four learning skills that are crucial to success in the modern world: Communication, Collaboration, Creativity, and Critical Thinking.

▶ Review

Review contains four types of questions: Definition Matching, Sentence Completion, Cloze Test, and Reading Comprehension.

Review 1 (Units 1-6)

I. Definition Matching
Match the words to the correct definitions.

- consciousness • a. to send away and prevent from returning
- counterpart • b. one's awareness or perception of something
- compile • c. feeling unhappy and hopeless
- banish • d. another person or thing with a similar position or function
- gloomy • e. to produce or make something by assembling information, songs, etc.

II. Sentence Completion
Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- Where can I download those cute animal stickers you have for LINE? They are absolutely ____.
- This ____ species of snake can only be found on one very small South Pacific island.
- Statistics show that the global ____ or the total number of people in employment, is somewhere around three billion people.
- Paul wrote to his favorite author in the hope that she would write the ____ to his new book.
- In the famous video game, Super Mario goes on a ____ to save Princess Peach.
- Ian was on a bad path in life before he discovered basketball, which he thinks of as his ____.
- The ruins of the ancient city contained an advanced ____ system for agriculture.
- Ken has originally planned to become a doctor, but in the end he chose ____ as his profession.
- Mandy has always had a(n) ____ to become a famous actress on Broadway.

III. Cloze Test
Choose the correct words to complete the passages.

When my friends heard that I wanted to open a themed bookstore about dogs, they thought I was crazy. They knew I was ____ with two animals and that I loved reading. However, they didn't think I could make money by combining these two interests. I ____ why they felt shocked, but opening a themed bookstore is ____ a trend. More and more people keep dogs nowadays, and they enjoy that furry friend ____ \$5,000. From the perspective of these dog owners, it is beneficial to have a dog-themed bookstore which provides them with professional books about dog health, training, and even psychology. I have no ____ that these dog owners would want to know more about their pets.

- obsessed b. celebrated c. adorable d. collective
- a. threaten b. paddle c. comprehend d. destitute
- a. considerably b. accordingly c. definitely d. occasionally
- a. opportunity b. companionship c. curriculum d. mammal
- a. trend b. plot c. outcome d. doubt

If you're an unsigned musician, you probably can't count on digital formats to sell your music. Streaming services like Spotify give low payments to musicians ____ with the number of artists on Spotify right now passing the two million ____ it can be difficult to stand out. However, streaming services have that advantage because they make your music ____ to the public. As a worst-case scenario, your songs won't get many plays, but the only thing you're lost is a small amount of time putting up your songs, which is really just a minor ____.

- Otherwise b. However c. Besides d. Nevertheless
- a. observer b. make c. server d. spark
- a. indefensible b. inoperable c. unavailable d. accessible
- a. setback b. guilt c. beta d. heap
- a. pack up b. drop out c. follow suit d. cash in on

is, as most people would consider, scientific fact. One of those myths is, or just another tall tale ____ when biologists realized that they common for people at that time. In fact, it's true in some ways. An elephant's home territory can be as the relatively small American parts can remember their entire ____ of the familiar area in which they get a little too crowded, it's time when it comes to elephants, it's the But she never forgets her family globe her mother, even after the two all the old stage about an elephant's ____ a herd of elephants gets too big, elephant will leave? oldest male child oldest female child oldest female child

1. A weak institution of marriage, overall, means a healthier economy.
2. A strong institution of marriage can be linked to a strong economy.
3. How does delaying marriage affect the economy, according to the article?
4. It equates more kids, which equates more mouths to feed.
5. It means fewer children, which leads to a smaller workforce.
6. It means more children, which leads to a stronger economy.

usually just stones.
1. Proverbs can prove them true.
2. What can we infer from the article about the character traits of elephants?
3. They are family-oriented.
4. They are heavy creatures.
5. They are family-oriented.

What is true of an elephant's home range, according to the article?
1. It is as big as a medium-sized nation.
2. It is the same size as a small state.
3. It is the same size as a small town.
4. It is lesser in size than a few city blocks.

Who has research shown about elephants when it comes to family members?
1. They will gradually forget family members after moving out.
2. They will reunite with one another 23 years later.
3. They can remember one another even after decades apart.
4. They can remember the directions to their homes.

Unit 1

Online Forum

A close-up photograph of a brown sloth with a white and yellow face, looking directly at the camera. It is holding a smaller, lighter-colored sloth in its arms. The smaller sloth has a bright red flower on its head. The background is a blurred green forest.

Does a **Sloth**
Make a
Good Pet?

Let's Get Started

A. Before You Read

1. Look at the following animals and match them to their names.



Mini Lop

Sloth

Lizard

Hedgehog

Owl

- Do you think these animals above are suitable for keeping as pets? Choose two animals that you would keep as pets and give your reasons.
- Do you have a pet? If you do, what is it and why do you have it as a pet? If you don't, what pet do you want to get?

B. Words in Context




Use the words from the box to complete the following sentences. Change the word form if necessary.

collective	humid	consciousness	obsessed
comprehend	habitat	definitely	companionship

- Jenny's young daughter is currently _____ with a cartoon called *Peppa Pig*.
- Hollywood actors and actresses can easily enter the public _____ but can just as easily be forgotten.
- Over-development in the mountains has destroyed the natural _____ of many animals.
- I cannot _____ why anyone would do such a terrible thing to that nice family.
- We decided to make a(n) _____ decision on the important matter that affected us all.
- Look at those dark clouds in the sky over there; it is _____ going to start raining soon!
- The weather in Japan in the summer is usually very hot and _____.
- The elderly lady enjoys the _____ that her cats provide her with.

Nov 27, 2021 #1



CharloCY

Join Date:
Nov 2017
Posts: 12


5 I watched the animated movie *Zootopia* and became so obsessed with one of the supporting characters—the sloth working in the office. After that, I went on to the *Ice Age* series. Sid the Sloth was adorable in an ugly sort of way. He had a cute little speech impediment, and he was incredibly clumsy. But there was also something endearing about him. He was unfailingly kind and loyal. From that point on, sloths have never been far from my mind.

10 Because of my love of this animal, I'm interested in raising one on my own. A few years ago, I was a pretty inattentive kid, but now I'm financially independent and live in my own house with a big backyard. I think I'm ready to get a pet now, and my one and only choice is definitely a sloth!

15 Would anyone be willing to share any information about getting a sloth as a pet? Thanks!



Nov 27, 2021 #2



Beaky0506

Join Date:
Nov 2014
Posts: 61

20 I understand that you want to have a pet that you will love, and I'm sure your pet will provide you with the companionship that you need. But I don't think learning about an animal only from movies is a good idea. If you had done some basic research on sloths, you would comprehend that they do not make good pets.

25 Generally speaking, a sloth is an exotic animal that only lives in some parts of South America and Central America. A sloth basically lives in trees. It has a very low body temperature, so it is unable to stand the cold. So, if you really want to get a sloth, you will need to spend quite a lot of time and money to build a warm

Notes

impediment *n.* a condition that makes it difficult for someone to do something such as speaking
clumsy *adj.* moving or doing things in a way that is not careful or graceful
endearing *adj.* inspiring affection



and humid environment for it. You will also need to plant a lot of trees for it to climb.

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Next, a sloth likes to eat fresh leaves and fruits, so you'll have to grow these things or provide them for your pet sloth. This is not an easy job. Besides, the digestive system of a sloth is also very SLOW. Your pet sloth may need a few weeks or even a month to digest one meal!

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A sloth is cute, but I seriously doubt that it will be a good pet. I hope you think twice before you get one.

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Nov 28, 2021

#3



Min<3Bella

Join Date:
Mar 2013
Posts: 26

I remember a few months back everyone was really into owls. I believe it started when people in the West suddenly became aware of owl cafés in Japan—places where people can sit and enjoy a cup of coffee with a tiny owl for company. I admit that I, too, was taken in by the allure of this trend for a short while, but I've never wanted to really keep an owl as a pet.



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I think that we are interested in these special animals mostly because we are not familiar with them. Actually, I would suggest that you get a cat or a dog now that you have a big backyard! Cats and dogs are lovely, and you can build a real relationship with them. You also have more resources available to take care of them.

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digestive *adj.* things related to digestion, which is the process of food passing through the body
allure *n.* the quality of being mysteriously attractive

Nov 30, 2021

#4

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SnowTK

Join Date:
May 2016
Posts: 22

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Sloths are tropical mammals. Their claws are so long that they have difficulty walking on the ground. They also spend most of their time sleeping and hanging from branches in trees.

In some states in America, it is against the law to keep a sloth as a pet. What if you were attacked or injured by one? The sloth could be infested with parasites, and you may develop a serious infection if you are injured by it. In short, sloths should live in the wild, not in your home.



Dec 7, 2021

#5

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CharloCY

Join Date:
Nov 2017
Posts: 13

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Thanks for all the comments. I did some research on the Internet, and then my desire to get a sloth as a pet died down. I also would not want to buy a sloth because of what I learned about animal trafficking.

Yet, I think using a sloth as a cartoon character puts it into the collective consciousness of people who normally might not think about this animal at all. This helps draw attention to conservation groups and sanctuaries such as The Sloth Sanctuary and Slothville, which provide safe habitats for sloths in areas where their normal abodes might be threatened by encroachment by humans. Nowadays, people are becoming more and more educated about sloths and finding out about their naturally friendly manner. I can only hope that this trend will continue and that we can go on to provide even more care and protection for this animal.



Notes

- infest** *v.* (of creatures) to be present in large numbers and often cause damage
- trafficking** *n.* the illegal trade of certain things, such as drugs, stolen items, or people
- sanctuary** *n.* a place where a person or animal is safe from enemies or attackers
- abode** *n.* a place where a person or animal lives
- encroachment** *n.* movement into territory that belongs to others

Reading Comprehension

Multiple Choice: Based on the reading, choose the best answer to each question.

DETAIL

1. What do we know from the first post?
 - a. CharloCY seldom watches animated movies.
 - b. CharloCY is interested in getting a pet.
 - c. CharloCY wants to invite people to watch *Ice Age*.
 - d. *Zootopia* is a movie about sloths.

VOCABULARY

2. In Line 6, the word “unfailingly” is closest in meaning to _____.
 - a. successfully
 - b. immediately
 - c. always
 - d. never

DETAIL

3. Based on the second post, what do we know about a sloth?
 - a. Its skin is very wet.
 - b. It enjoys eating parasites.
 - c. It is able to survive in cold places.
 - d. Its eating habits require special care.

INFERENCE

4. What did Min<3Bella imply in the post?
 - a. A sloth may not develop a relationship with humans.
 - b. CharloCY should get an owl instead.
 - c. Keeping a sloth is a very good idea.
 - d. There should be a sloth café.

REFERENCE

5. What does the word “one” refer to in Line 64?
 - a. A tropical mammal
 - b. A parasite
 - c. A sloth
 - d. An injury

PREDICTION

6. What will CharloCY do after reading all of the posts?
 - a. He or she will find a way to use animal trafficking.
 - b. He or she will keep on caring about sloths.
 - c. He or she will keep a sloth.
 - d. He or she will go to visit Slothville.

Think More

1. What do you know about sloths? Do you like them? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever had an obsession with a certain kind of animal? What was it, and why were you so interested in it?

Reading Skill

Scanning for Personal Opinions

Sometimes in an article or a piece of reading text, the author offers personal opinions on a certain topic. As we read, we learn to recognize the author's attitude toward the topic, whether it's positive, negative, ambivalent, or critical.

Task 1: Read the following short passage and underline the author's personal opinion(s).

I was not really into owls. One day after work, I passed by a so-called "owl café." Out of curiosity, I stepped in because I wanted to know why it was so popular these days. I saw about 15 owls in the room. Some were big, some were small, some looked sleepy, while some seemed quite alert. The owner told me that I could try to stroke one small owl, so I did. It was amazing! The owl was really cute and sweet. From then on, the owl café became a healing place whenever I needed to relax.

Task 2: Scan the second post in Reading and answer the questions.

- Which of the following is Beaky0506's personal opinion?
 - Sloths only live in some parts of South America.
 - Providing sloths with food is not an easy job.
 - Sloths can't stand the cold.
 - The digestive system of a sloth is very slow.
- Beaky0506's attitude toward keeping a sloth is _____.
 - positive
 - ambivalent
 - optimistic
 - negative



Vocabulary Builder

The Prefix *in-*

The prefix *in-* means "the opposite of" or "not," and it is used to form negative words in English. It can be used with adjectives, adverbs, and nouns. In Reading, we saw the examples *independent* and *inattentive*, the former meaning "not dependent" and the latter meaning "not attentive."

Task 1: Which of the following words can take the prefix *in-*? Write the prefix in the space for those which can take it or put an "X" in front of the words which can't.

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. ____sensitive | 2. ____action |
| 3. ____attractive | 4. ____happiness |
| 5. ____flexibility | 6. ____complicated |
| 7. ____capable | 8. ____accurately |



Task 2: Use the words from the box to complete the passage.

indefensible inescapable inexpensive inappropriate inorganic

Morgan went to the supermarket, looking for some (1) _____ produce. She needed to save money, but she wanted to eat healthily as well. She soon found that the cheapest vegetables were (2) _____. That means they may have been grown using many chemicals. If she wanted to buy organic food, high prices were (3) _____. Morgan thought that this was (4) _____. Why should healthy food be out of reach for people who have a low income? She went to speak to the manager about what she felt was an (5) _____ pricing scheme. The manager, however, merely said he would look into it.

Let's Think About It!

The number of endangered animal species continues to grow. This includes two of the six species of sloths. The table below shows some of the causes. Working in pairs, look at each cause in the table and think about what we can do to protect animal species. You can also list other causes and discuss them with your partner. You may do some online research if necessary.

Causes	What we can do
Climate change (Global warming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set temperature of air-conditioners at moderate to cut CO₂ emissions
Environmental pollution	
Invasive species	