

## **Unit 1 Emperor Nero**

### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

government  
history  
Christians

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. As a result
- B. However
- C. In fact

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

A

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. If I had been a member of Nero's family when he started murdering everyone, I would have run away to another country that Rome did not control.
2. Yes, I know of another famous emperor or king who did bad things like Nero. One Roman emperor who did bad things was Caligula.

## **Unit 2 Lost in Rome**

### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

gladiators  
cone  
relieved

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. So
- B. However
- C. Suddenly

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

C

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. Yes, I have been in a tour group. I went to Paris with my parents, and we went as part of a tour group.
2. If I ever got lost in a crowd and couldn't find my parents, I would ask an adult where I could find a police officer. Then I would go to the police officer and ask for help.

## **Unit 3 Killer Plants**

### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

organisms  
slippery  
vines

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. For example
- B. In fact
- C. Furthermore

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

A

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. Yes, there are carnivorous plants in my country. They are Venus flytraps. My friend has one in his apartment, and it's fun to watch it digest flies and mosquitoes.
2. Yes, I know of other plants that are unusual, like the carnivorous plants. There are lichens, which can live on almost any surface.

### **Unit 4 A Bug's Life**

#### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

recycling bin  
dresser  
all of a sudden

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Actually
- B. Then
- C. At last

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context**

B

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. No, I would not like to raise a carnivorous plant in my bedroom, because I think they are kind of creepy. Besides, I wouldn't like to have to catch bugs to feed to them.
2. Yes, there are some bugs that I'm afraid of. The bugs that I'm afraid of are spiders and wasps.

### **Unit 5 The History of Domestic Cats**

#### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

practice  
notice  
sacred

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Of course
- B. In time
- C. Eventually

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

C

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. Yes, I think that cats make good pets because they keep rodents away. Also, they are clean and have no bad smell.
2. No, I don't think that people should be allowed to have dangerous pets because such animals can't be controlled and can hurt people.

### **Unit 6 Magoo**

#### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

cautious  
neighborhood  
meowing

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Actually
- B. However
- C. In fact

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

A

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. No, I would not be willing to take in a blind dog or cat as a pet because I think it would be too much trouble to take care of it. Also, it would make me very sad to see a blind animal.
2. If I lost my pet I would put pictures of my pet on posters and put them around my neighborhood.

### **Unit 7 A Music Lesson**

#### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

anxious  
approached  
hilarious

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Later
- B. Actually
- C. Also

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

B

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answers:

1. Yes, I know a man who never took piano lessons, but he played the piano beautifully.  
No, I don't know of anyone who has never had lessons and who can play an instrument.
2. To be good at music, I think to practice is more important because practice makes perfection.

### **Unit 8 Pirate Adventures Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

fled  
daring  
pregnant

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. In fact
- B. However
- C. As a result

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

C

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

**Example answer:**

1. Yes, I think a pregnant woman pirate should be punished the same as a male pirate because she has done the same bad things as a male pirate, for example, stealing and killing people.
2. Yes, I have heard of modern-day pirates. They are off the coast of east Africa.

## Unit 9 Life at Sea

### Further Reading Skills

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

lousy  
decent  
seasick

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. To tell the truth
- B. At least
- C. Finally

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

B

### Critical Thinking and Writing

Example answer:

1. After reading this passage, yes, I would want to take a ten-day vacation on a boat in the Caribbean Sea because I think it would be a great adventure. I think the writer of the story had a bad time because he or she didn't want to go on the trip.
2. No, I wouldn't want to try that because it would be very dangerous. Also, I would be lonely.

## Unit 10 Tower of Terror

### Further Reading Skills

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

fortress  
jewels  
haunted

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Although
- B. Even today
- C. In fact

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

A

### Critical Thinking and Writing

Example answer:

1. I think Mary put her sister Elizabeth in the Tower because Elizabeth made her angry one day. They probably had an argument, so Mary called the guards and said, "Put this naughty girl in the Tower!"

2. Yes, I know of other famous people who were kept in the Tower of London. Guy Fawkes and Lady Jane Grey were kept there.

### **Unit 11 The Tower Ravens** **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

postcards  
attraction  
ravens

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Actually
- B. So
- C. However

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

B

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. No, I don't think it's right that the wings of the ravens are clipped to keep them in the tower because birds should be allowed to be free to fly around. It's like keeping them in a cage, and I don't like to see birds in cages.
2. If I could choose a bird to bring me good luck I would choose a dove.

### **Unit 12 Alcatraz Island** **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

prison  
gangster  
maintain

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. In fact
- B. Also
- C. Furthermore

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

A

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. Yes, I think that a prison like Alcatraz is a suitable place for criminals because they have to be punished for their crimes. However, it should only be used for the worst criminals.

2. I am against death penalty because there might be victims of a false accusation

### **Unit 13 The Story of Elevators Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

elevators  
pressure  
bullets

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Amazingly
- B. Also
- C. In fact

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

B

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. No, I don't enjoy riding in elevators because I get scared and think that the cable might break when there are a lot of people.

2. Yes, I know of other ways to get the upper floors of tall buildings. You can ride an escalator or take the stairs. Also, some really tall buildings have a helicopter landing pad on top, so you can get there by helicopter.

Unit 14 Greek Gods

### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

ordinary  
escape  
ruler

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. However
- B. Surprisingly
- C. At last

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

B

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. Yes, I am interested in stories about Greek gods because the stories are very cleverly told, even though they are fantastic and unbelievable.
2. No, I don't think children should be required to learn about Greek gods because they were not real beings.

### **Unit 15 Fear of Heights**

#### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

logical  
panic  
hypnosis

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. Most important
- B. In fact
- C. In some cases

**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

B

### **Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. I am afraid of snakes. Yes, I have a fear that is not normal. I'm afraid to stand in front of the class and talk.
2. I think people can get over their fears of things like heights by experiencing them many times. If you are afraid of heights, go to high places many times. If you are afraid of spiders, get near spiders many times.

### **Unit 16 The Gigantic Tree**

#### **Further Reading Skills**

**Complete the outline of the passage.**

gigantic  
stranded  
terrified

**Choose appropriate words in A, B, and C.**

- A. First
- B. Next
- C. After a few minutes



**Choose the sentence that is irrelevant in context.**

C

**Critical Thinking and Writing**

Example answer:

1. Yes, I have had a special place where my friends and I liked to play. It was a playground near our apartment building that had equipment that we could climb and ride on.
2. Trees that are good to climb have many branches that are not high above the ground.