

Unit 1 Superman

More Reading Skills

A

imagination / childhood

indestructible

villain / hero

B

(B)

C

For example

However

In fact

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. My favorite superhero character is Batman. I like him because I am fascinated by the many wonderful gadgets that he uses to fight crime.
2. If I were a superhero, I would really want to help people in Africa because many of them suffer from hunger, disease, and the trauma of war all the time.

Unit 2 The Hopper

More Reading Skills

A

identity / disguise

distances / disable / command

costume / villains

B

(A)

C

For example

In addition

Furthermore

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If I could have a super-power, I would want teleportation. I want this power because I could then go anywhere I want.
2. If I could be a superhero, I would choose to be Batman. I would choose this character because he has many amazing gadgets.

Unit 3 The Greatest Volcano

More Reading Skills

A

natural disasters

devastation

ash / atmosphere

B

(C)

C

As a result of

In addition

Interestingly

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If I had a chance to watch a volcano erupt, I would like to see it because it is one of the most awesome sights in nature.
2. Other natural disasters that can be as destructive as volcanoes include hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods.

Unit 4 The Story of Pele

More Reading Skills

A

goddess / islands

shelter

rangers / curse

B

(B)

C

(B)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If Pele really did curse people for taking rocks from her volcano, I think she would make them catch some kind of disease or go crazy.
2. I think they would need to take the rock back to the volcano to break the curse.

Unit 5 The Academy Awards

More Reading Skills

A

prestigious honors

embarrassing / ceremony

excitement

B

C, B, D, A

C

(C)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If I won an Academy Award, I would say thank you to the Academy for giving me this award, and thank you to my parents for letting me pursue my dreams instead of making me go to college.
2. An actor who has won an Oscar is Daniel Day-Lewis. In fact, he has won Best Actor three times. I think he really deserved those awards because his acting is superb.

Unit 6 Young Oscar Winners

More Reading Skills

A

talented

nominees

Supporting Actress

lead

B

However

As a result

Although

C

(A)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. No, I don't think that child actors should compete against adult actors for Oscars because children and adults have different skill levels, which puts children at a disadvantage.
2. Yes, I think there should be a separate category for child actors in the Academy Awards because children are usually limited to cute roles, while adults can play a wide variety of roles.

Unit 7 Hans Christian Andersen

More Reading Skills

A

biographies / author

host / bore

unique

B

(B)

C

(B)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. I think that Andersen probably made himself unwelcome in Dickens's house by talking too much and constantly bothering the Dickens family.
2. I think that Dickens probably politely hinted to Andersen that it was time for him to leave.

Unit 8 The Myth of the Little Mermaid

More Reading Skills

A

distracted

predecessors

statue / hooligans

B

D, B, A, C

C

Understandably

Also

Sadly

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. I believe that mermaids are real because there are paintings and statues of mermaids in every culture all over the world. Surely, those ideas came from something real.
2. No, I wouldn't like to live under the sea like a mermaid because I might get eaten by a shark!

Unit 9 Australia's Wildest Animals

More Reading Skills

A

pouch

isolated

extinct / fossils

B

Supposedly

Also

As a result

C

(A)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. The Australian marsupial that is most interesting to me is the wallaby. It interests me because it has the shape of a kangaroo but is much smaller in size, which makes it cute and adorable.
2. Other strange Australian animals include the duckbill platypus, echidna, and the Tasmanian devil.

Unit 10 Life in the Outback

More Reading Skills

A

barren / convenience

oasis

ranch / forgive

B

(C)

C

C, A, D, B

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If I had to move to the Australian Outback, I would not like it because it sounds like a really boring place with nothing interesting to do.
2. If I lived in the Outback, I would miss having my friends around the most.

Unit 11 A Brave New World

More Reading Skills

A

pioneers / settlement

programmed / invention

miraculous

B

(B)

C

B, D, C, A

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If I could design one of the dream-games, it would look like a school playground, and it would feel like my friends and I were really there. We could go there anytime and have fun.
2. Yes, I think that some of the amazing things that happen in this passage can come true someday because technology advances constantly and rapidly. Furthermore, scientists are studying the possibility of living on the moon or Mars.

Unit 12 A Community Service Project

More Reading Skills

A

community service

patrons / adequate

contribution

B

(B)

C

In fact

Today

All in all

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. Some of the ways that I could volunteer to help people in need are cooking food for homeless people, tutoring younger students, or visiting the homes of elderly people.
2. Yes, I think that helping other people is good for me. It can make me see that my own problems are relatively minor, and it can also make me feel good.

Unit 13 Amazing Athletes

More Reading Skills

A

reestablishment / dedication

gymnastics

cater

B

(C)

C

For example

Also

Not surprisingly

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. No, I don't think it's a good thing for athletes to start preparing for the Olympics at a very early age because the intensive training and immense stress can harm a young child's development.

2. A great Olympic athlete from my country is Hak-Seon Yang. He became the first South Korean gymnast to win an Olympic gold medal in 2012, and he has won many other world competitions.

Unit 14 A Special Gymnast

More Reading Skills

A

exceptional

prodigy

wowed / garnered

B

(B)

C

C, B, D, A

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. I know a person who is an exceptional student. She is not only always the top student in our class, but she is also great in sports.
2. Yes, I would like to compete in the Olympics one day because it is the dream of all athletes to be an Olympic champion.

Unit 15 Feral Children

More Reading Skills

A

feral / separated

crucial period

cruel

B

Thus

Occasionally

However

C

(A)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. I think that a feral child can become a normal member of society because I believe that with lots of patience, love, and compassion, the child will learn to speak and behave like a normal person.
2. Besides language, children learn how to behave properly, what is right and wrong, and how to avoid danger from their parents.

Unit 16 I Am Kaspar Hauser

More Reading Skills

A

curious / origins

coaxed / piece together

enthralled

B

D, C, A, B

C

(A)

Critical Thinking and Writing

Sample answers:

1. If I were the teacher who communicated with Kaspar, I would try to teach him how to speak, then how to read and write, and finally about the rules of society.
2. I think he felt afraid at first, but then maybe he would have felt that it was wonderful to be free.