

Reading for the Real World 1 - Unit 1

Name _____

I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. Because he usually does very well at math, it was _____ to teachers that Arun failed the last quiz.
 - a. rational
 - b. puzzling
 - c. superstitious
 - d. legendary
2. Investigators who work on the _____ are often ignored by those who work more in the center of accepted science.
 - a. fringe
 - b. habitat
 - c. specimen
 - d. remains
3. The story that a one-eyed monster lives in a cave on that island is probably just a _____.
 - a. contradiction
 - b. myth
 - c. survey
 - d. respondent
4. Although they're not common, the police do receive _____ sightings of UFOs around this lake.
 - a. skeptical
 - b. upright
 - c. extinct
 - d. periodic
5. Hakan's claim that his two-year-old sister can eat twenty-five hamburgers for lunch is _____.
 - a. likewise
 - b. indicative
 - c. physical
 - d. ridiculous

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

American and Canadian Indian tribes have passed down stories for thousands of years about giant ape-men living in the forests of the western United States and Canada. They called these creatures Bigfoot, Sasquatch, or Mountain Devils. ____ (6) ____ of the name, the descriptions of these animals are usually the same. Bigfoot is described as being very tall, well over two meters. It is covered in thick, dark hair and usually ____ (7) ____ a bad odor. Its body is usually very ____ (8) ____ and ape-like, yet it walks ____ (9) ____ and has a face more similar to that of humans than that of apes. For the most part, this creature appears not to be violent or aggressive. Bigfoot sightings are usually of lone, or single, creatures, but there have been ____ (10) ____ reports of people seeing groups or families of Bigfoot.

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| 6. | a. Likewise b. Contradictory c. Regardless d. Similarity | 9. | a. upright b. mythically c. rationally d. physically |
| 7. | a. emits b. extincts c. eludes d. exists | 10. | a. specimen b. habitual c. periodic d. survey |
| 8. | a. muscular b. legendary c. skeptical d. ridiculous | | |

III. Reading Comprehension: Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, indicate whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

11. ____ Canadian Indian tribes have told stories about large ape-men for a long time.

12. ____ Bigfoot is usually described as giving off a pleasant forest smell.

13. ____ Bigfoot usually walks on four feet, like a bear.

14. ____ Most reports suggest bigfoot travel in groups.

15. ____ Most Bigfoot are said to be over 2 meters tall.

IV. Word Study: Choose the SYNONYM (=) or ANTONYM (↔) for each word.

16. Which of the following is a synonym for *specimen*?

- a. example
- b. habitat
- c. clover
- d. superstition

17. Which of the following is an antonym for *emit*?

- a. admit
- b. ridicule
- c. absorb
- d. conduct

18. Which of the following is an antonym for *similarity*?

- a. respondent
- b. groom
- c. difference
- d. myth

19. Which of the following is a synonym for *rationality*?

- a. logic
- b. indication
- c. fringe
- d. muscularity

20. Which of the following is a synonym for *confess*?

- a. send out
- b. deny
- c. comprise
- d. admit

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

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21. The police were not able to catch the _____ thief.

22. When the construction company cut down the forest, they also destroyed the _____ of a lot of animals, like deer, rabbits, and squirrels.

23. Alicia does well at chemistry; Juan, _____, gets high grades on chemistry tests.

24. It may seem _____ to sleep during the day, but doctors say it is a healthy practice.

25. It is important to have _____ checkups with your doctor to make sure you are staying healthy.

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