

# Reading for the Real World 1 - Unit 8

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. In that movie, the hero faced a \_\_\_\_\_—save thousands of people or save his brother.
  - a. fraction
  - b. dilemma
  - c. status
  - d. resolution
2. The expression “hit the books” \_\_\_\_\_ “study.”
  - a. classifies
  - b. orbits
  - c. denotes
  - d. flattens
3. I can't go out tonight because I've only finished a \_\_\_\_\_ of the homework due tomorrow.
  - a. fraction
  - b. crater
  - c. diameter
  - d. ton
4. The police officer gave my mother a ticket for driving faster than the \_\_\_\_\_ posted on the signs.
  - a. terminology
  - b. velocity
  - c. telescope
  - d. affection
5. A nuclear power plant uses \_\_\_\_\_ energy to provide electricity to homes and businesses.
  - a. atomic
  - b. oddball
  - c. underworld
  - d. semantic

## II. Cloze Test

### Questions 6 – 10

Asteroids are small objects that orbit the sun. They are small compared to Earth and the other planets and are made of different kinds of \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_. Astronomers have mapped the \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of many asteroids, but not all. Though they may seem small and far away, asteroids have hit Earth many times, sometimes causing extreme destruction, and it seems clear that an asteroid will hit Earth again in the future.

There is no way to predict when an asteroid could strike Earth. In 1989, a NEA (near-Earth asteroid) passed very close, but it was only discovered as it was going away. If it had hit Earth, it would have been a \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_ surprise, with 50,000 times the destructive force of the \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_\_ bomb dropped on Hiroshima. Though the possibility of an asteroid striking Earth soon is not great, it is almost certain that Earth will be struck \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 6. | a. astronomers<br>b. velocities<br>c. dilemmas<br>d. minerals   | 9.  | a. telescopic<br>b. atomic<br>c. orbit<br>d. semantic         |
| 7. | a. destructions<br>b. tons<br>c. coordinates<br>d. vibrations   | 10. | a. diameter<br>b. underworld<br>c. sometime<br>d. incorporate |
| 8. | a. status<br>b. affectionate<br>c. meteoroid<br>d. catastrophic |     |   |

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

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Asteroids are large objects that orbit Earth.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Earth is made of different materials than asteroids are.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ In 1989, a Near-Earth asteroid crashed into Hiroshima.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ If an asteroid hits Earth, it causes great damage.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Astronomers believe an asteroid will never hit Earth in the future.

#### IV. Word Study: Match the word to its definition.

- a. sometime
- b. terminology
- c. coordinates
- d. semantic
- e. mineral

- 16. \_\_\_\_ of or relating to the meanings of words and phrases
- 17. \_\_\_\_ a set of numbers used to locate a point on a map, graph, etc.
- 18. \_\_\_\_ the special words or phrases used in a particular field
- 19. \_\_\_\_ a substance that is naturally formed under the ground
- 20. \_\_\_\_ at an unspecified time in the future

#### V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

ton   solar   fraction   incorporate   vibration
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- 21. If we can capture \_\_\_\_\_ energy, it will never run out as long as the sun still burns.
- 22. Be sure to \_\_\_\_\_ good examples into your essay in order to support your main idea.
- 23. People could feel the \_\_\_\_\_ from the earthquake more than 500 km away.
- 24. The workers moved more than a \_\_\_\_\_ of bricks this morning.
- 25. Though she has been reading every day for more than 60 years, my grandmother says she has only read a \_\_\_\_\_ of the books she wants to read.

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