

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

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

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| 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.

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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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