

# Reading for the Real World Intro - Unit 4

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. In South Africa, the apartheid laws promoted \_\_\_\_\_, ensuring the white minority were favored over the black majority.
  - a. inequality
  - b. aggression
  - c. promotion
  - d. diversity
2. This morning's class was suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ by a fire alarm.
  - a. paved
  - b. interrupted
  - c. burdened
  - d. transported
3. There is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ range of dishes on the restaurant's huge menu.
  - a. diverse
  - b. dishonest
  - c. unauthorized
  - d. inclined
4. Every winter, many birds and people \_\_\_\_\_ south to warmer climates.
  - a. punish
  - b. profit
  - c. cooperate
  - d. migrate
5. Saving a certain percentage of your earnings is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ decision for your future.
  - a. aggressive
  - b. corporate
  - c. sympathetic
  - d. sensible

## II. Cloze Test

### Questions 6 - 10

Many professional women fear that they can never make it to the top. Even though they work hard, few reach the most powerful positions in business. We call this the “glass ceiling.” There seems to be an unseen \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_ preventing women from rising higher. Among the world’s 500 biggest companies, only twenty-four had women as CEOs in 2014. Some feminists put most of the blame on discrimination. Attitudes toward women almost certainly \_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_ women's progress in some ways. For example, women are generally thought of as more caring and less aggressive than men. But most high-level managers think aggressiveness and competitiveness are positive \_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for leaders. A study in 2007 found that women who \_\_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_\_ showed these “masculine” traits at appropriate times were very successful. However, they also had to know when to appear “feminine.” Women who behaved in this way received more \_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_ than women who were “masculine” all the time or “feminine” all the time. They even received more promotions than men!

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| 6. | a. corporation<br>b. inequality<br>c. burden<br>d. barrier    | 9.  | a. dishonestly<br>b. unequally<br>c. deliberately<br>d. diversely |
| 7. | a. inhibit<br>b. pave the way<br>c. interrupt<br>d. cooperate | 10. | a. promotions<br>b. traits<br>c. interruptions<br>d. stereotypes  |
| 8. | a. volitions<br>b. sympathies<br>c. tricks<br>d. traits       |     |   |

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

11. \_\_\_\_ A glass ceiling seems to stop women from getting top positions in business.
12. \_\_\_\_ The world’s largest companies have 500 female CEOs.
13. \_\_\_\_ Discrimination against women helps them to get top jobs.
14. \_\_\_\_ Most high-level managers think masculine qualities are good for leaders.
15. \_\_\_\_ Women with masculine characteristics can be very successful.

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

- a. volition
- b. trait
- c. inclined
- d. inhibit
- e. tricky

- 16. \_\_\_\_ likely to do something
- 17. \_\_\_\_ free will
- 18. \_\_\_\_ a quality that makes one person or thing different from another
- 19. \_\_\_\_ requiring skill or caution
- 20. \_\_\_\_ to prevent or slow down

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

deliberately    punishment    sympathy    penalize    stereotype
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- 21. Because we have \_\_\_\_\_ for our neighbors whose house burned down, we invited them to stay with us.
- 22. The referee is going to \_\_\_\_\_ Olivia for tripping the other player.
- 23. One unfair \_\_\_\_\_ is that people with blonde hair are not as smart as people with dark hair.
- 24. Helen arrived late \_\_\_\_\_ because she wanted to see how patient Andrew would be.
- 25. To avoid \_\_\_\_\_, you should make sure you hand in your essays before the deadline.

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T	F	F	T	T
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c	a	b	e	d
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sympathy	penalize	stereotype	deliberately	punishment