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Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. numeral <i>adj.</i> referring to a number	
2. view <i>n.</i> an opinion or thought	
3. brilliant <i>adj.</i> very clever or wise	
4. be stuck in <i>phrasal v.</i> to be caught or blocked by something	
5. tricky <i>adj.</i> tough to do or understand	
6. deal with <i>phrasal v.</i> to be concerned with	
7. find out <i>phrasal v.</i> to discover or realize	
8. bizarre <i>adj.</i> very strange or odd	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

adventures

brilliant

deal with

found out

- Mom _____ that I played computer games last night.
- Today's meeting will _____ our summer vacation plans.
- Danny enjoys _____ while his girlfriend Jackie doesn't.
- When everyone else didn't know what to do, Scott came up with a _____ idea.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- The _____ ending of the TV show upset many viewers.
a. bizarre b. happy c. fun d. entertaining
- The problems in this workbook are very easy, but some are _____.
a. tricky b. a piece of cake c. not difficult d. hardly difficult
- Jane was _____ a swamp. Sadly, Tarzan didn't come to save her.
a. standing on b. eating for c. stuck in d. walked on

Comprehension Check Up

D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

Alice in Wonderland tells a story of a girl going on a journey to a fantastic world. However, (A) _____. It also deals with some very amazing mathematics! The author, Lewis Carroll, was (B) _____ a brilliant writer, (C) _____ a math teacher who taught in Oxford, England. Through this book, you can understand some of Lewis Carroll's views on the world of math.

1. Which of the following is most appropriate for blank (A)?

- a. her journey is not always exciting
- b. she meets bizarre creatures on the journey
- c. the book is more about her family
- d. the book is not just an adventure story

2. Choose the option that best fits blanks (B) and (C).

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|--------|-----|-------------|----------|
| (B) | (C) | (B) | (C) |
| a. not | as | b. not only | but also |
| c. not | but | d. as | as |

Writing Practice

E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

Alice tries to do multiplication but finds that she is (A) _____ a strange number system. What is 4 times 5? You (B) _____ know that the answer is 20. But Alice finds out that in Wonderland, the answer is 12! Alice keeps getting the wrong answers because of the strange (C) _____ system. This shows us that Lewis Carroll tried to create a world where even the math is (D) _____ !

1. Fill in the blanks, using words from the box below.

probably numeral stuck in bizarre

2. Why was Alice getting the math answers wrong over and over again in Wonderland?

→ She kept getting them wrong because of _____.

Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. normal	<i>adj.</i> common; regular	
2. star	<i>v.</i> to act as an important character in a movie or play	
3. issue	<i>n.</i> something published, such as a magazine or newspaper	
4. block out	<i>phrasal v.</i> to stop something from coming in	
5. planet	<i>n.</i> an object (i.e. Earth, Mars) that turns around a star (i.e. Sun)	
6. adjust	<i>v.</i> to change in order to match or fit	
7. in an instant	<i>phr.</i> right away; without waiting	
8. source	<i>n.</i> a place or thing that people get energy from	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

adjust

beloved

normal

planets

1. She takes her _____ dog wherever she goes.
2. I usually work eight to nine hours on a _____ day.
3. I don't know how to _____ the volume on my new MP3 player.
4. Venus and Mars are the nearest _____ to Earth.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

1. Let's watch a movie. Draw the curtains to _____ the sunlight.
a. protect b. measure c. block out d. watch out
2. Jason is so smart that whatever he is taught, he gets it _____.
a. in a row b. in danger c. in an instant d. in a hurry
3. This is my favorite science magazine, but I don't like this month's _____.
a. equipment b. economy c. planet d. issue

Comprehension Check Up

D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

The writers (A) _____ in several comic issues. (B) _____, in one issue, Superman ages in different ways because he is from a strange planet. He ages 10 years in an instant, and has gray hair and a white beard. In another issue, he ages when the sun is blocked out because the sun is the source of his power.

- What is most appropriate for blank (A)?
 - did talk about how Superman aged so quickly
 - did adjust Superman's age
 - did mention how the sun affects Superman
 - did maintain Superman's age
- What is most appropriate for blank (B)?
 - As a result
 - For instance
 - After that
 - Nonetheless

Writing Practice

E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

Perhaps it's a good thing that Superman doesn't age like a (A) _____ human being. After all, Superman is one of America's most (B) _____ superheroes that has (C) _____ in more than 700 comic books! Can you imagine Superman fighting with a cane? Or an elderly Superman with gray hair? That would look (D) _____!

- Fill in the blanks, using words from the box below.

beloved normal silly starred

- Describe each person in one complete sentence using the given information.

name	age	job	answer
Superman	31	superhero	Superman is a 31-year-old superhero.
me		student	

Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. absorb <i>v.</i> to take in and not throw back	
2. blink <i>v.</i> to shut and open the eyes quickly	
3. discovery <i>n.</i> an act of seeing or learning of especially for the first time	
4. curious <i>adj.</i> wanting very much to learn or know	
5. poke around <i>phrasal v.</i> to search for something by moving things around	
6. precise <i>adj.</i> very clear	
7. saliva <i>n.</i> the watery liquid produced in the mouth	
8. sticky <i>adj.</i> tending to hold on to anything that is touched	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

precise

saliva

blinked

discovery

- The _____ of electricity changed the way we live.
- Louis _____ because he felt something in his eyes.
- _____ helps you swallow the food in your mouth.
- The arrow's aim was so _____ that it split the apple in two.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- Plants _____ carbon dioxide and give out oxygen.
a. release b. absorb c. cause d. conceal
- If you are cold, _____ your knees with this blanket.
a. clean b. copy c. reveal d. cover
- The teacher is respected for her wide range of _____.
a. knowledge b. carelessness c. distinction d. bias

Comprehension Check Up

D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

Alexis' (A) second discovery involved collecting saliva from eighteen tongues. (B) It was so sticky that she had difficulty rubbing (C) it off! Although it is common knowledge that frogs' saliva is sticky, she found a new fact: their (D) saliva can go from watery to thick in an instant. When the tongue first touches the (E) prey, the saliva becomes watery and completely covers the insect.

- Which of the following does (A) refer to?
 - Frogs' saliva changes its stickiness.
 - Frogs control an amount of their saliva.
 - Frogs' tongues become thicker for the first prey only.
 - Frogs' saliva is so sticky that it is hard to wash it away.
- Which of the following refers to something different from the rest?
 - (B)
 - (C)
 - (D)
 - (E)

Writing Practice

E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

Her first discovery was that frogs' tongues are extremely soft, like (A) _____. She discovered that this plays two roles in catching prey. First, the softness (it / allows / around / to wrap / the insect), like a glove. Second, fat and muscle soften the tongue's (B) _____. Because the tongue moves faster than a person can (C) _____, it can push the tasty insect away. Fat and muscle, however, absorb the shock and stop the insect from (D) _____.

- Fill in the blanks, using words from the box below.

falling off

blink

brains

blow

- Unscramble the words in parenthesis to complete the sentence and the paragraph.

→ First, the softness _____, like a glove.

Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. awareness <i>n.</i> understanding of a subject, issue, or situation	
2. captivity <i>n.</i> a state of being kept in a park, zoo, etc.	
3. distinguish <i>v.</i> to recognize the differences between things	
4. extinct <i>adj.</i> having no living members	
5. poach <i>v.</i> to catch or kill animals against the law	
6. luxury <i>n.</i> something expensive that you enjoy but not necessary	
7. myth <i>n.</i> a widely known but false belief or idea	
8. roam <i>v.</i> to move or travel without a purpose	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

roam

extinct

captivity

awareness

- Most animals in _____ can't survive in the wild.
- Wild animals _____ freely in this national park.
- There is a saying that _____ without action changes nothing.
- There are several explanations why dinosaurs became _____.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- One of the _____ about pigs is that they are dull and dirty.
a. benefits b. poaching c. myths d. dangers
- When he came back, he was fined for his _____ parking.
a. illegal b. mature c. medical d. cultural
- More than 30 members _____ the basketball club.
a. belong to b. are made of c. are considered d. are gone