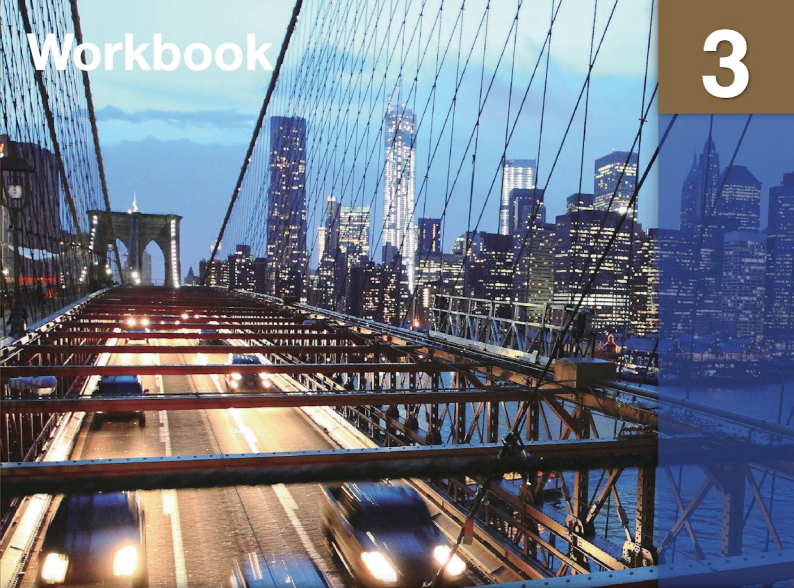


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**Vocabulary Check Up****A Write each vocabulary in your language.**

<b>1. burrow</b> <i>n.</i> a hole or tunnel in the ground dug by small animals	
<b>2. chemical</b> <i>n.</i> a type of substance produced in the body	
<b>3. ingredient</b> <i>n.</i> something necessary to make a certain thing	
<b>4. mammal</b> <i>n.</i> an animal that gives birth to live babies, not by hatching eggs	
<b>5. mechanism</b> <i>n.</i> a process that causes a living thing to react to something	
<b>6. odor</b> <i>n.</i> a smell that is unique, often not pleasant	
<b>7. defense</b> <i>n.</i> action of protecting someone or something against attack	
<b>8. species</b> <i>n.</i> a group of plants or animals whose members have similar traits	

**B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.**

stripes

mammal

odor

quite

- I can smell a strange \_\_\_\_\_ coming from my brother's room.
- Zebras are famous for their black-and-white \_\_\_\_\_.
- It was my first try at baking, but the cookies turned out \_\_\_\_\_ good.
- Which \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't have legs and lives in the sea? It's the whale!

**C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.**

- David's house looks like a castle \_\_\_\_\_ Jackie's tiny cottage.  
a. compared to      b. applied for      c. involved in      d. replaced with
- The animals came out of their \_\_\_\_\_ because of the wildfire on the mountain.  
a. reactions      b. hatches      c. behaviors      d. burrows
- A big problem with global warming is that it causes many \_\_\_\_\_ to disappear.  
a. stripes      b. failures      c. refugees      d. species

## Comprehension Check Up

### D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

Skunks are best known for their (A) defense mechanism — a terrible-smelling spray. The odor of this chemical has been compared to a mix of rotten eggs, garlic, and burnt rubber. (B) It can be smelled a mile away, and even scare away predators such as bears, wolves, and foxes! In general, skunks try not to use their spray often, but when (C) they do, they can spray up to 16 feet.

1. What is the skunk's (A) defense mechanism according to the paragraph?
  - a. throwing terrible-smelling household ingredients
  - b. making its body look bigger than its predators
  - c. shooting out something with a horrible odor
  - d. smelling predators from a mile away

2. What do (B) and (C) refer to?

(B)	(C)	(B)	(C)
a. The skunk	predators	b. Skunk odor	skunks
c. The skunk	skunks	d. Skunk odor	predators

## Writing Practice

### E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

There are people who say that various household (A) \_\_\_\_\_ can help remove skunk (B) \_\_\_\_\_. Some suggestions include tomato juice, vinegar, and soap. Unfortunately, most of these products do not work. Some (C) \_\_\_\_\_, commonly found in bleach, can help remove some of the odor. However, the best way to avoid getting the smell on you is to walk the other way if you see a (D) \_\_\_\_\_!

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

chemicals      ingredients      odor      skunk

2. What is the best solution when trying to avoid skunk odor?

→ The best solution is to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Vocabulary Check Up

## A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. bitter	<i>adj.</i> having a strong, often unpleasant taste	
2. combination	<i>n.</i> a mixture of two or more things	
3. awful	<i>adj.</i> very bad, ugly, or unpleasant	
4. imaginative	<i>adj.</i> being able to think new and interesting ideas	
5. ingest	<i>v.</i> to eat or swallow something	
6. interfere with	<i>phrasal v.</i> to prevent something from working successfully	
7. thorn	<i>n.</i> a sharp point that grows out of a plant stem	
8. release	<i>v.</i> to let gas, heat, or a substance leave and enter the surrounding atmosphere	

## B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

released

bitter

substance

interferes

- When I listen to music, it \_\_\_\_\_ with my concentration.
- The cars were all recalled because they \_\_\_\_\_ harmful gas into the air.
- A spider's web is built by a silky \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from its body.
- The boy doesn't like to take his medicine because it is \_\_\_\_\_.

## C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- Fusion music is a \_\_\_\_\_ of two or more styles of music.
  - combination
  - poison
  - defense
  - instance
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in my finger, and I can't get it out.
  - mechanism
  - species
  - tongue
  - thorn
- She doesn't like to \_\_\_\_\_ others. Instead, she does everything herself.
  - care for
  - give a favor to
  - rely on
  - speak well of

## Comprehension Check Up

### D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

So the acacia must rely on its next defense. When a giraffe starts chewing on (A) it, the acacia tree releases a substance called tannin. (B) It tastes awful and interferes with digestion. When it releases tannin, any acacia tree within 50 yards also begins to release the same bitter substance. Once this happens, the poor giraffe has to find another tree that has not yet detected the release.

1. What might have come just before this paragraph?
  - a. how long the acacia can live
  - b. what a giraffe eats when it is hungry
  - c. how far a giraffe can detect the smell of tannin
  - d. how the acacia defends itself from a giraffe

2. What do (A) and (B) refer to?

(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
a. tannin	the acacia	b. tannin	a giraffe
c. the acacia	tannin	d. the acacia	the acacia

## Writing Practice

### E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

The acacia tree has developed clever defense mechanisms to (A) \_\_\_\_\_ animals from chewing on it all day long. Taking its name after the Greek word for thorns — *akis* — some acacia species grow thorns that are as (B) \_\_\_\_\_ as 8-10 cm. These thorns are as sharp as (C) \_\_\_\_\_. However, not all animals are (D) \_\_\_\_\_ by this defense.

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

knives      prevent      discouraged      long

2. According to the paragraph, what is one of the defense mechanisms of the acacia?

→ \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Check Up

## A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. abbreviation <i>n.</i> a short form of a word or expression	
2. confirm <i>v.</i> to make something certain	
3. literally <i>adv.</i> with the meaning of each word given directly	
4. reflect <i>v.</i> to show or express something in a certain way	
5. reminder <i>n.</i> a note to let a person remember or think about something	
6. regulate <i>v.</i> to control an activity, especially by rules	
7. prick <i>v.</i> to press or poke something with a sharp point	
8. stitch <i>n.</i> a piece of thread sewn in cloth	

## B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

confirmed

regulate

reflects

reminder

- Mom left a \_\_\_\_\_ on the fridge that read, "Wash the dishes!"
- The movie \_\_\_\_\_ the people's lives of those times well.
- I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my sugar intake because I'm trying to lose weight.
- Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ that she was still interested in participating in the event.

## C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- When I applied the lotion on my face, I felt a slight, burning \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. injury                      b. situation                      c. sensation                      d. behavior
- Don't take what he said \_\_\_\_\_. You could miss what he really wanted to tell you.  
a. eventually                      b. literally                      c. fairly                      d. regularly
- Roses are beautiful, but take care not to \_\_\_\_\_ your fingers on the thorns.  
a. stitch                      b. abandon                      c. prick                      d. separate

## Comprehension Check Up

### D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

Some phrases have historical origins. A “baker’s dozen” is an expression meaning the number 13. Why is it 13 when a dozen is 12? During the Middle Ages, bakers used to sell bread by the dozen. Back then, the size and price of bread was regulated by law. To protect themselves, bakers would put in (A) \_\_\_\_\_ items for the price of (B) \_\_\_\_\_ in case something happened to one of the baked goods.

1. What are the correct numbers for (A) and (B)?

(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
a. 13	14	b. 13	12
c. 12	13	d. 12	11

2. What is the best title for the paragraph?

- |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Origins of Phrases about Bakers | b. Frequency of Using Phrases      |
| c. Phrases with Numbers            | d. Phrases with Historical Origins |

## Writing Practice

### E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

Certain phrases are from famous works of literature. To be “(A) \_\_\_\_\_” means to laugh very hard. The phrase was first used by William Shakespeare in his famous play, *Twelfth Night*. The expression (B) \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that ( hurt / you / very hard / your sides / laugh / will / if ). This (C) \_\_\_\_\_ can feel like being (D) \_\_\_\_\_ with a sewing needle.

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

pricked

reflects

sensation

in stitches

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

→ \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary Check Up

## A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. appreciate	v. to be fully aware of; realize fully	
2. commercial	n. an advertisement broadcast on radio or television	
3. gravity	n. the natural force that draws objects toward the ground	
4. groan	v. to make or express with complaining	
5. interpret	v. to tell the meaning of	
6. physically	adv. in a way which is characterized or produced by the forces	
7. state	n. the condition in which a person or thing is	
8. twist	n. an unexpected turn or development	

## B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

gravity

interpret

effective

commercials

- \_\_\_\_\_ should focus on what the consumers need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ makes satellites move around Earth.
- Honesty is the most \_\_\_\_\_ way of making people trust you.
- It's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning behind this painting.

## C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- After many \_\_\_\_\_ and turns, he finally reached his goal.  
a. expressions      b. twists      c. literatures      d. torches
- The student seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ what the poet was telling him.  
a. absolve      b. appreciate      c. command      d. raise
- This palace is \_\_\_\_\_ one of the world's greatest monuments.  
a. made of      b. used to      c. shared with      d. regarded as