UNIT

03

SUMMARY COMPLETION

FORMAT

Marcel Bich

The man who turned a luxury item into an everyday object

Marcel Bich, a French manufacturer of traditional ink pens, was the man who turned the ballpoint pen into an item that today almost anyone can afford. Bich was appalled at the poor quality of the ballpoint pens that were available, and was also shocked at their high cost. However, he recognised that the ballpoint was a firmly established invention, and he decided to design a cheap pen that worked well and would be commercially successful.

Bich went to the Bib brothers and asked them if he could use the design of their original invention in one of his own pens. In return, he offered to pay them every time he sold a pen. Then, for two years, Bich studied the detailed construction of every ballpoint pen that was being sold, often working with a microscope.

Complete the summary below by choosing NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS from the passage

It is thanks to Marcel Bich that most people today are able to 1. ..... a ballpoint pen. It was the bad quality and 2. ..... of the pens which were available at the time that inspired him to design a 3. ..... ballpoint pen that would be both inexpensive and reliable.

SUMMARY COMPLETION WITH A WORD LIST

Complete the summary using the list of words and phrases, A-J, below.

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spider through her headset. It only took two sessions for her to stop being 4. ..... the spiders in her dreams.

A. afraid of	F. quickly
B. amused by	G. slowly
C. contact	H. touch

Note: .....

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Penguin facts

Penguins are one of about 40 species of flightless birds, a category that also includes the ostrich, emu and kiwi. Penguins are neither the smallest nor the largest of the lot, but some may think of them as the most interesting. The waddling birds are known for their white bellies and dark-colored backs and wings, resembling a tuxedo. This distinct coloring is thought to hide penguins from predators in the sea.

Complete the summary. Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer

The ostrich, emu, kiwi and penguin are from the same group of 1. ..... birds.

Penguins can conceal themselves from predators with their 2. .....

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Check-up

The Siberian Tiger

The Siberian tiger can be found in what was the USSR and seems to live mainly on the lower slopes of mountains. It likes to eat wild boar, wapiti and moose and will travel long distances in search of food. The male tiger weighs more than the female and is bigger than any other

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species of tiger. Genetically it is closely linked to the now extinct Caspian tiger. Although brown bears are capable of killing tigers, they make up approximately 8% of their diet. Russian conservatives are trying to protect Siberian tigers because they keep the wolf population under control.

a. Complete the summary below. Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

The main habitat of the Siberian tiger is in low mountainous areas of the former 1. ..... It hunts a variety of animals including wild boar, wapiti and 2. ..... for food. It is similar genetically to the 3. ..... Russian conservatives want to 4. ..... the number of wolves by protecting the Siberian tiger.

b. Complete the summary by entering, A-I, below.

The main habitat of the Siberian tiger is in low mountainous 1. ..... The female is 2. ..... than the opposite sex. The Caspian tiger is 3. ..... genetically to the Siberian tiger. Russian conservatives are 4. ..... the Siberian tiger and at the same time reducing the wolf population.

A. bigger	D. close	G. protecting
B. closely	E. area	H. lighter
C. protect	F. heavier	I. regions

EXAM PRACTICE

Exercise 1.

English	Part of speech	Vietnamese
Register	Verb	
Agreement	Noun	
	Verb	Mượn
Overdue	Adjective	
	Noun	Tiền phạt

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How to borrow books[57]

Most libraries require you to register before you are allowed to borrow any of their materials. This means you will probably be asked to fill out and sign a registration card. When you do this, you are not only giving the library your name and address for their files, you are also signing an agreement. The agreement says, basically, that you will obey the rules of the library. A parent or guardian is sometimes also required to sign the card.

To be entitled to use your school library, you probably must only be enrolled in that school. Once you are registered, you will be issued a library or borrower's card. On this card will be your name and a number. Each time you check out, that is, officially borrow something from the library, you will have to present this card to the librarian.

If your library is large enough, it may have film equipment that you may borrow. To do so, however, the library usually requires a separate registration. You may also have to take and pass a course the library gives on how to operate the different pieces of equipment.

You usually check out and return borrowed materials at the same desk. The sign on this desk may read Circulation Desk, Check Out Here, or perhaps Charge Desk.

The library staff member at this desk will take your card and stamp the book card with a date. This is the date by which you are expected to return the material to the library, so others can have the chance of borrowing it. Many libraries allow you to renew the book if it has not been requested by others.

Some libraries charge a fine for each day a library book is overdue, kept out beyond the date stamped on the hook card. There are also often fines for books returned damaged or written in. Should you lose a library book, you may be required to pay the library the amount it was worth. Not paying fines could result in your losing all library privileges.

Complete the summary below by choosing NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the passage

[57] Tham khảo trang 15 sách Basic IELTS Reading

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Most libraries require you to register before you borrow any books. First of all, you will need to fill out and sign 1. ..... and while doing so, you are also 2. ..... with the library. Later each time you check out, you will have to present a library card to the librarian. In some libraries, you will be required to make a separate registration if you want to borrow 3. ..... and at the same time, you will have to take and 4. ..... on how to operate the equipment. When you borrow library books, the librarian will put 5. ..... on the book card so that you know when to return them. If you want to keep the books longer, you can 6. ..... it if nobody requests them.

Exercise 2.

English	Part of speech	Vietnamese
Behavior	Noun	
	Noun	Sự điều trị
Virtual	Adjective	
Physical	Adjective	

Fighting fear using virtual reality[58]

Sara Considine had a serious spider phobia*, and had developed several spider-related behaviour patterns. Before going to bed, for example, she would check her room for spiders, then seal the windows with tape so none could get in. She had frightening dreams about spiders every night. Eventually, she decided to get treatment.

During twelve one-hour virtual reality sessions over a three-month period, Ms Considine started very slowly. First, she stood a long way from the virtual spider and just looked at it. Slowly, she moved a little closer. The therapist controlled the computer programme then made the virtual spider move. After just two sessions, Ms Considine reported that although she still saw spiders in her dreams, they were no longer frightening, and she had even managed to have an amusing 'conversation' with one of them. A few sessions later, the therapist encouraged her to hold the virtual spider in her virtual hand, and put it in places where the presence of a real spider would cause her fear. The next stage

[58] Tham khảo Exercise 5, trang 38, sách Complete IELTS band 4-5

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was to introduce touch. A large toy spider was placed next to her. Ms Considine then reached out to touch the virtual spider she could see on the screen, and at the same time her real hand touched the toy spider.

After her sessions were over, Sara Considine was able to stop her spider-related behaviour. She even took up camping, something she would never have considered before therapy. More recently she has appeared on a television nature programme, where for the first time she was able to hold a real spider in her hands.

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A. afraid of	F. quickly
B. amused by	G. slowly
C. contact	H. touch
D. held	I. three
E. observed	J. twelve

Exercise 3.

English	Part of speech	Vietnamese
Appointment	Noun	
		Ngoài tầm kiểm soát
Deal with		
Release	Verb	

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Stress of workplace[59]

Three warning signs alert Neil Plumridge about his workload: sleep, scheduling and family. He knows he has too much on when he gets less than six hours of sleep for three consecutive nights; when he is constantly having to reschedule appointments; "and the third one is on the family side", says Plumridge, the father of a three-year-old daughter, and expecting a second child in October. "If I happen to miss a birthday or anniversary, I know things are out of control." Being "too busy" is highly subjective. But for any individual, the perception of being too busy over a prolonged period can start showing up as stress: disturbed sleep, and declining mental and physical health. National workers' compensation figures show stress causes the most lost time of any workplace injury. Employees suffering stress are off work an average of 16.6 weeks. The effects of stress are also expensive. Comcare, the Federal Government insurer, reports that in 2003-04, claims for psychological injury accounted for 7% of claims but almost 27% of claim costs. Experts say the key to dealing with stress is not to focus on relief – a game of golf or a massage – but to reassess workloads. Neil Plumridge says he makes it a priority to work out what has to change; that might mean allocating extra resources to a job, allowing more time or changing expectations. The decision may take several days. He also relies on the advice of colleagues, saying his peers coach each other with business problems. "Just a fresh pair of eyes over an issue can help," he says.

Complete the summary below by choosing NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS from the passage

Statistics from National worker's compensation indicate stress plays the most important role in 1. ..... which cause the time losses. Staffs take about 2. ..... for absence from work caused by stress. Not just time is our main concern but great expenses generated consequently. An official insurer wrote sometime that about 3. ..... of all claims were mental issues whereas nearly 27% costs in all claims, Sports Such as 4. ..... as well as 5. ..... could be a treatment to release stress; However, specialists recommended another practical way out, analyzed 6. ..... once again.

[59] Tham khảo Stress of Workplace, http://mini-ielts.com/1180/reading/stress-of-workplace

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