Unit 6: Exercise 6

Read the information. Then read the sentences taken from the Reading passage that you read in Exercise 5. What do the words in bold mean? Choose the correct answers.

In the IELTS Reading test, there might be words you don't understand, but don't worry. Try looking at the surrounding words to get an understanding of the context. You can sometimes work out what the word might mean.

Remember, you can often answer the question without understanding every word.

1 However, by travelling through unknown and often dangerous new lands, a few of these explorers hoped to test themselves in a way that would increase their physical strength, their **courage** and their ability to rely on themselves and no-one else.

2 It can be hard for people today to imagine how challenging some of these trips would have been. If you wanted to head north, the stars or **a compass** would have been your main tools.

3 They travelled mostly in order to gain **an appreciation** of music, art and literature and therefore the places they visited tended to be mainly ones with some historical importance, like Rome or Venice.

4 As this type of tour could be hard work, and often go on for weeks or even months, travellers had to dress for both formal **occasions** (dining and receiving guests) and informal **occasions** (visiting ancient ruins, etc.).

5 While people might have had a good time, this kind of organisation also meant that most people would go to the same **resorts**, eat at the same restaurants and visit the same shops.

1 courage

- ◯ knowledge
- ◯ the ability to deal with a dangerous situation without being scared
- ◯ the ability to deal with other people

2 a compass

- ◯ a local guide
- ◯ a piece of equipment that shows the direction you are going in
- ◯ an animal used for transport

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3 an appreciation

- ◯ an understanding
- ◯ being aware of how good something is
- ◯ examples

4 occasions

- ◯ celebrations
- ◯ situations
- ◯ tasks

5 resorts

- ◯ businesses which sell holidays
- ◯ foreign countries
- ◯ places where people go on holiday

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