

1. Read. Answer the questions (True or False) about the text.

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It was my first day at a new school. I was entering mid-year, and I was afraid I couldn't make friends.

Ms. Ling, my teacher, introduced me to the class. I was too nervous to speak. I just smiled. Everybody stared at me as I took my seat. At recess, I watched some girls playing softball. They didn't notice me. Suddenly, the ball rolled over to me. I threw it back to them. "Hey, you've got a great arm!" one of them said. "You're Martina, right?" she asked. I nodded. "I'm Cassie," she said. "Why don't you join us?" I was so grateful to make friends on my very first day.

- 1) The text describes a memorable day in the present. T F
- 2) The event described in the text is Martina's first day at a new school.

2. What's your hobby or interest? Why do you do it?

I enjoy _____

_____.

3. Read the text on pages 70 - 71 and circle True or False.

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| 1) The person who built wells to help people in Uganda can be considered a hero. | True | False |
| 2) The volunteer from Indonesia who taught people to read and write can be considered a hero. | True | False |
| 3) In the U.S., a gorilla became a hero. | True | False |
| 4) Jackie Chan's organization gives scholarships to needy students and coats to rich people. | True | False |

4. Fill in the gaps.

tends	survive	pasture	herd
	related	cattle	

- 1) The woman and child are _____. They are mother and daughter.
- 2) People keep _____ for their meat or milk.
- 3) A group of animals, such as cattle, is called a _____.
- 4) A shepherd _____, or takes care of, sheep or cattle.
- 5) A _____ is covered with grass for sheep or cattle to eat.
- 6) All animals need food and water to _____ or stay alive.

5. Match the academic words to their definitions.

aware	almost the same but not exactly
motivate	make someone want to do something
similar	know about or have knowledge of

6. Fill in the gaps.

similar motivate aware

- 1) I am _____ that elephants live a long time.
- 2) Seeing animals at a zoo might _____ you to learn more about them.
- 3) Elephants and people are _____ because both elephants and people have long lives.

7. What are the meanings of the boldfaced words?

- 1) The cattle were **grazing** calmly.
 - a) eating grass
 - b) sleeping
 - c) walking

- 2) Ousmane heard loud **stomping** noises.
- a) distant noise from far away
 - b) walking with very heavy steps
- 3) They were shocked to see that the elephant's **tusks** had been sawed off.
- a) two very long teeth on an elephant
 - b) elephant's nails
- 4) They were shocked to see that the elephant's tusks had been **sawed** off.
- a) cut with an axe
 - b) cut with a saw
- 5) **Poachers** take the tusks and sell them for money.
- a) people who take, kill, or hurt animals not belonging to them
 - b) people from the zoo

8. Fill in the gaps.

teamwork

intervene

emergency

refugees

courageous

training

- 1) These operators answer the telephone when people call to report an _____.
- 2) Firefighters have to be _____. They put their lives in danger so that we can be safe.
- 3) They often work together to put out a fire. That is real _____.
- 4) The local community center offers _____ to show people how to care for others who are sick or hurt.
- 5) Sometimes an adult has to _____ when students have problems.
- 6) _____ are people who have to leave their countries because of war or food shortages.

9. Match the academic words to their definitions.

aid

enough

commit

use time, money, etc. to do something

sufficient

help

10. Fill in the gaps.

aid commit sufficient

- 1) Doctors and nurses _____ people who have health problems.
- 2) Doctors _____ a lot of time and effort to helping people.
- 3) After a natural disaster, it is important to have
_____ food and water.

11. Circle the words that have a long vowel and follow the "silent e" rule.

like safe move make gone

12. What are the meanings of the boldfaced words?

- 1) Some places in the world do not have enough doctors or **supplies** to help people.
 - a) hospitals
 - b) things that people want or need
- 2) The doctors bring their medical **skills** to places where they are needed.
 - a) things a person does well
 - b) tools
- 3) The volunteers come with water and **medicine**.
 - a) a substance used to treat sickness
 - b) food

- 4) They teach refugees how to eat better and stay **healthy**.
a) strong
b) not sick
- 5) In 2004, there was a **tsunami**, or tidal wave, in South Asia.
a) tornado in the ocean
b) huge wave that causes great destruction on land
- 6) The tsunami **destroyed** many towns.
a) damaged so it can be used
b) damaged so it cannot be used
- 7) Sometimes just being there to listen to the **victims** helped the most.
a) people who have been affected by something bad
b) patients in a hospital

13. Fill in the gaps.

checkup provides refugee training sufficient

- 1) In Angola, Doctors Without Borders digs wells for people who don't have _____ clean water.
- 2) Doctors Without Borders _____ medical help to people in Honduras.
- 3) The volunteer is _____ women in Afghanistan to provide care for the people in their village.
- 4) This doctor is giving a child a _____.

5) The volunteer in Chad is vaccinating a _____'s child.