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Focus: Using context to answer vocabulary questions

Using what you have learnt to help infer meaning

In Unit 7 we looked at answering specific information questions. In this unit we will look at the type of questions you should answer next – vocabulary, main idea and inference.

Test tip

The context of the passage can give clues to vocabulary meaning

Read the sentences around the target word to try to guess the meaning.

Test tip

These questions sometimes use challenging vocabulary

If you don't know all of the words, ignore the ones you do know that don't answer the question. This will increase your chances of a successful guess.

1 Test tactic: Use context to answer vocabulary questions

- A** Look at vocabulary question 1 below. Find the word in the passage and cross it out. Brainstorm other words that might fit in the sentence and discuss your ideas with a partner.

1. The word "constitute" in paragraph 2, line 2, is closest in meaning to ...

If there is a medical reason for the request, it must be received prior to the mid-point of the program. Refunds for sports and fitness programs will NOT be processed until ALL gym and pool passes have been returned.

Please note that advising an instructor or not attending a program will not constitute a notice of withdrawal.

Cash/check remittances will be refunded by check. Please allow our office 4 to 6 weeks to process your refund. Credit card refunds will go back on the original card.

- B** Look at the answer choices and choose the one that seems closest to your idea.
- (A) begin
 - (B) signify
 - (C) remove
 - (D) understand

If you aren't familiar with some of the words and can't see an obvious answer, ignore any incorrect words you do know and make a guess with the remaining choices. Read the sentence (silently) with each remaining choice and choose the one that "sounds" the best.

- C** Do the same for the following question.
- The word "process" in paragraph 3, line 2, is closest in meaning to
- (A) examine
 - (B) replace
 - (C) handle
 - (D) maintain

Test tip

Answering the easier questions first gives you information

Answering the specific information and vocabulary questions first should help you to answer the main idea or inference questions. If not, skim the passage to confirm the most likely answer choice.

2 Test tactic: Use what you have learnt to infer meaning

A Underline the key words in the answer choices. Choice (A) is done for you.

2. What is this notice mainly about?

- (A) The costs of summer college programs
- (B) The way to obtain refunds for unattended courses
- (C) Details of payment for summer programs
- (D) Common reasons for withdrawal from college courses

Follow up: Compare your choices with a partner.

B Now answer the question above. You should already have enough understanding of the passage to make a choice (it is the same passage you used with specific information questions in Unit 7). If you still aren't sure, skim the passage and choose the one that seems closest to the overall meaning.

Summer program refund policy

The effective date of the withdrawal/cancelation is the date the withdrawal notice is received by the center, regardless of the date the participant stopped attending the class.

Withdrawal requests from all registered courses must be made before the second class is held. If the request is received 5 business days prior to the first class, the amount refunded will be the full amount, less the refund administration fee (\$25.00). If the request is received after the first class, but before the second class, the amount refunded will be the full amount, less the cost of the first class and less the administration fee (\$25.00). From the second lesson onwards, no refunds/credits will be issued.

If there is a medical reason for the request, a doctor's note must be received prior to the mid-point of the program. Refunds for sports and fitness programs will NOT be processed until ALL gym and pool passes have been returned. Please note that advising an instructor or not attending a program will not constitute a notice of withdrawal.

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Test tip

In inference questions the answers will not be stated directly in the passage

The correct option will relate to or paraphrase ideas from the text. Look for words or ideas in the passage related to the things noted in each answer choice.

C Write the letter of the answer choice in the appropriate column in the chart on page 76. Choice (A) is done for you.

3. Where might you see this notice?

- (A) A student alumni magazine
- (B) An insurance policy
- (C) A medical journal
- (D) A community services bulletin

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Things that are insured and things that aren't covered Monthly payments The insurance company name Policy number/date	Profile of a famous doctor Research on diseases Descriptions of new medical techniques Ads for health services	Upcoming courses, services, or events Details of costs and schedules for community services Available facilities	Profiles of famous ex-students Fund-raising information Information on student admission Upcoming special events at the university

3 Tactic practice

Use the tactics you have practiced to answer the following questions. Remember to start with the easiest questions and then go to the more difficult ones. Then answer them as quickly as you can.

Tactics checklist

- ☒ Use context to answer vocabulary questions.
- ☒ Use what you've learnt to answer main idea questions.
- ☒ In inference questions, look for words or ideas in the passage related to the things noted in each answer choice.

1. What is the purpose of this letter?
 - (A) To thank someone for a meeting held last week
 - (B) To confirm the launch dates for a product line
 - (C) To request information on future marketing strategies
 - (D) To describe the ingredients in a skin care product
2. What can be inferred about the New Health product line?
 - (A) It is aimed at women.
 - (B) It will be expensive.
 - (C) It will sell well.
 - (D) It relates to skin care.
3. The word "anticipated" in paragraph 1, line 2 is closest in meaning to
 - (A) expected
 - (B) promised
 - (C) required
 - (D) awaited

Questions 1–3 refer to the following letter.

Roger,

It was a great pleasure to speak with you on the phone last week regarding our new product line that we will be introducing next year in Europe. Unfortunately, at that time, I was unable to confirm the anticipated launch date for the New Health line and the expected level of marketing support this product will receive.

I am now able to confirm that the launch date for our new range in our non-U.S. markets will be April 1. Prior to this date we will be launching a major marketing campaign for our new products which will include the placing of two-page spreads in leading health and fashion magazines, and TV advertisements. We are expecting to shortly confirm a well-known international model as the face for the campaign.

I will be coming to London early next month and I was wondering if we could meet to discuss our products and pricing strategies in more detail? I will be able to supply you with more information about not only the New Health line, but also the other facial and body moisturizing products that we offer.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing this sales opportunity with you further.

Regards,
Lewis