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INTERMEDIATE 4

Unit 2
Written Assessment



A. READ THE PASSAGE AND THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

Getting lost at sea is a serious and potentially life-threatening situation. It can happen to anyone, from experienced sailors to recreational boaters. It's important to understand the risks and to be prepared for the possibility of getting lost at sea.

One of the main causes of getting lost at sea is poor navigation. This can be due to a lack of knowledge or experience with navigation equipment, or not paying attention to weather conditions and sea currents. It is important to always have proper navigation equipment on board and to know how to use it. Navigation equipment can be as simple as a compass and maps or as complex as on-board computers. Additionally, checking the weather forecast and staying aware of any changes in the conditions can help prevent getting lost.

Another cause of getting lost at sea is equipment failure. Boats and ships rely on a variety of systems and equipment to function properly, such as engines, navigation systems, and communication devices. It's important to regularly maintain and check these systems to ensure they are in good working order.

If you do find yourself lost at sea, it's important to remain calm and think through your options. The first thing to do is to try to establish contact with other boats or ships in the area, and to use any communication devices on board to call for help. You should also try to navigate back to land or a known location, using any maps or navigation equipment you have on board.
It's also important to have a plan in place and to be prepared for emergencies. This includes having enough food, water, and other supplies to last for several days. You will also want to have a medical kit as well as a life raft and other emergency equipment.

Getting lost at sea can be a dangerous and life-threatening situation. It's important to understand the risks and to take steps to prevent it from happening. By having proper navigation equipment, staying aware of weather conditions, and being prepared for emergencies, you can increase your chances of staying safe and being found.

1. What are some of the main causes for getting lost at sea?

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2. What are some ways you can prevent getting lost at sea?

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3. What do you think the word “navigation” means, based on the text?

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4. What should you do if you find yourself lost at sea?

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5. How many days supplies should you have on board?

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B. WRITE A PERSUASIVE ESSAY WITH THE SUGGESTED TOPIC SHOWN BELOW. BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL THE ASPECTS PRESENT IN THE RUBRIC.

TOPIC: “Two Things You Should Take If You Are Stuck on an Island”

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Criteria	🌟 Super Star! (3 pts)	👍 Good Job! (2 pts)	💡 Keep Trying! (1 pt)	Score
1. My Opinion (Thesis Statement)	Clearly states an opinion in the introduction. Everyone knows what the writer thinks!	States an opinion, but it could be clearer or easier to find in the text.	Opinion is missing, unclear, or hard to understand.	___/ 3
2. Reasons & Examples (The R & E in OREO)	Gives **2 or 3 strong reasons** with clear examples and details to convince the reader.	Gives **1 or 2 reasons**, but needs more supporting examples or details.	Does not give reasons, or reasons are confusing and unhelpful.	___/ 3
3. Organization (Structure & Transitions)	Clear **Intro, Body, and Conclusion**. Uses linking words well (*First, Also, Finally*).	Has Intro, Body, and Conclusion, but needs to use more transition words.	Writing is disorganized or missing parts. Hard to follow.	___/ 3
4. Persuasive Words (Vocabulary & Tone)	Uses strong persuasive words (*I strongly believe, definitely, important*).	Uses a few persuasive words, but repeats simple vocabulary.	Does not use persuasive vocabulary. Tone is plain.	___/ 3
5. Writing Rules (Grammar & Mechanics)	Spelling, capital letters, and periods are accurate. Very easy to read!	A few small mistakes in spelling or punctuation, but still readable.	Many mistakes in spelling and punctuation that make reading difficult.	___/ 3

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