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VOCABULARY 1:

Complete each sentence with the correct word from the box.

access	equal	financial	freedom
poverty	provide	secure	socialize

1. The camping company will _____ tents and sleeping bags to the visitors.
2. We cut the cake into _____ pieces for each guest.
3. The rules state that only members can have _____ to the club gym.
4. A locker with a key is a _____ place to store your wallet.
5. The country of Djibouti won _____ from France in 1977.
6. Tim experienced _____ as a child, but now he's a wealthy man.
7. Penny is very friendly and loves to _____ at parties.
8. The first step in getting your _____ matters organized is making a budget for how to spend your money.

VOCABULARY 2:

Match a vocabulary word to an item that best illustrates its meaning.

- a. community b. factor c. grateful d. long-term
e. mood f. support g. volunteer

- _____ 9. to do a job that is not paid but that you enjoy
_____ 10. a job that lasts for several years
_____ 11. the neighborhood you live in
_____ 12. to encourage a friend to succeed
_____ 13. a reason or cause
_____ 14. how you feel, e.g., happy, sad etc. thankful

READING REVIEW:

Review the passage from Unit 1. Then read each question and choose the correct answer.

Is There a Recipe for Happiness?

A What makes us happy? Money? Friends? A good job? Are the answers the same for everyone? According to world surveys, Mexico and Singapore are two happy countries - but their people may be happy for different reasons.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

B There are more than 21,000 people per square mile in the small nation of Singapore. People on the island work very long hours and regularly bring work home with them. The country has strict laws against smoking in public, littering, and even jaywalking. But according to the World Database of Happiness, Singapore is one of the happiest countries in Asia. Why?

C One reason for Singapore's happiness is that the government provides the basic necessities, such as housing and healthcare. There is almost no extreme poverty in Singapore. The government "tops up" poorer people's incomes so everyone can have a minimum standard of living. It also offers tax breaks to people who look after their aging parents. The result is a lot of closely connected families with roughly equal standards of living.

D People may not be happy about all the laws, but they are generally happy with the results - they breathe clean air, they don't step in litter, and the streets are safe and orderly. So for Singaporeans, it seems that living in a secure, clean, and safe place may be more important than having a lot of personal freedom. Many societies are trying to find a happy medium between order and freedom. Singapore's ranking on the World Database of Happiness suggests that the country has done a pretty decent job at it.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

E In many ways, Mexico is the opposite of Singapore. There are some parts of Mexico where people do not have a safe or secure life. Many people do not have jobs, enough food, or access to education. But, as in Singapore, most people in Mexico feel that they are happy. Why?

F One reason is the importance of social interaction. According to psychologists, much of our happiness comes from feeling that we are part of a larger community. Simple acts like smiling at a neighbor or having dinner with friends can greatly increase our overall happiness. People in Mexico socialize with family and friends a lot, and this adds to their happiness.

G But what about poverty? In Mexico, about half of the population is poor. However, most Mexicans live near people in a similar financial situation. If your neighbor doesn't have expensive items - such as a big house or an expensive car - you probably don't feel the need to have those

things either. So money, by itself, may not be that important for happiness. What matters more is how much money you have compared to the people around you.

A MIXED RECIPE?

H So the question "What makes people happy?" does not seem to have a simple answer. Security, safety, freedom, and socializing with friends and family can all play important roles. As the examples of Singapore and Mexico suggest, there may be no single recipe for happiness. It is up to each of us to find our own.

16. What could be another title for this passage?

- a. Happiness in Singapore and Mexico
- b. Standard of Living in Singapore
- c. How Money Creates Happiness

Your answer: _____

17. What does Paragraph B tell you about Singapore's laws?

- a. They stop people from working too much.
- b. They keep the population low on the island.
- c. They help to keep the country clean and tidy.

Your answer: _____

18. According to the passage, which of these is true about Singapore?

- a. Individuals must pay for their own healthcare.
- b. Older people who live alone pay less taxes.
- c. There are few extremes between rich and poor.

Your answer: _____

19. What is the purpose of Paragraph E?

- a. To show differences between Singapore and Mexico.
- b. To prove that education is important for happiness.
- c. To explain that Mexico has similar laws to Singapore.

Your answer: _____

20. Which of these is given as an example of socializing in the reading?

- a. Living with your older relatives
- b. Having dinner with some friends
- c. Comparing cars with your neighbors

Your answer: _____