LESSON 2

C. READING

IX Read the passage. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).



Oprah Winfrey was born in Mississippi, on January 29, 1954. She had a tough childhood living with her mother from the time she was six until she was thirteen.

Sadly, she was an abused child during this time. She then went to live with her father, Vernon Winfrey. He made sure that Oprah read a different book every week and required that she write a book report. Although this may have seemed harsh at the time, it could have given her the love of books she has today.

Her career as a broadcaster started at the young age of seventeen. She was hired by a radio station in Nashville. About two years later, she was hired by a television station in the same town as a reporter and news anchor. Oprah graduated from Tennessee State University with a major in speech communications and performing arts.

In 1978, Oprah was hired as a co-host of a show called People Are Talking, which began her career as a talk show host. Then in 1984, she became the host of AM Chicago. The show had not been doing well before she was hired. She completely turned the show around in less than a year, and the show became known as The Oprah Winfrey Show.

1. Oprah lived with her mother in only 7 years. .....
2. Oprah really enjoyed reading books from the beginning. .....
3. She started working as a broadcaster before she was 20 years old .....
4. Oprah only worked for one organization. .....
5. Oprah made AM Chicago show much popular than before. .....

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X Read the passage.

1 Read the passage and fill in the blank with the missing word.

Communication is essential in life. When two or more people exchange information, they communicate. Someone (1) ..... a message and another (or others) receives it. To avoid misunderstandings, there must be clear communication. Otherwise, there (2) ..... be fighting and hurt feelings. Communication can help to build or destroy relationships. For example, if you express your feelings using kind words, people (3) ..... probably respond in a more positive way. If you are mean, people might not want to (4) ..... time with you. Good communication is also important to express what you need. In general, there are three ways or styles of communication. The first style is the passive communication style. A passive person does not offer any opposition even when feeling pressured. The (5) ..... style is the aggressive communication style. An aggressive person is hostile and unfriendly. The third style is the assertive communication style. An assertive person communicates in the healthiest way by being direct yet respectful

2 Answer the questions below.

1. What can help avoid misunderstandings?

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2. What may be consequences of misunderstandings?

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3. What might make people respond positively?

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4. What type of person never shows disagreement?

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5. Which communication style is highly recommended by the writer?

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F. WRITING



XV Make complete sentences based on the given words.

1. I/ decide/ talk/ her/ face-to-face/ so that/ we/ understand/ each other/ more easily.

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2. Nowadays/ people/ tend/ use/Facebook/Twitter/ social networks/ more/traditional forms/ communication.

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3. Internet/ be/ keep/ superior roles/ communication/ next decades.

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4. She/ refuse/have/ direct talk/me/ and/ she/ ask/ chat/Yahoo messenger.

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5. Messaging/be/convenient/sometimes/ it/easily/cause/confusion/misunderstanding.

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XVI Write an email (100 - 120 words) to your friend about your most favorite means of communication.

You should base on the suggestions below:

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Means of Communication


Computer


Radio


Telephone


Newspaper


Cell Phone


Letter



Television or TV



Magazine

- What is it?
- How common is it?
- What do you usually use it for?
- What are the advantages/ disadvantages of this?
- What do you think about the use of this means in the future?

Check if you have used the netiquette in this email.

Dear .....,

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