

UNIT 10 – LESSON 5

PART 1: READING PASSAGE

Using context clues to understand word meanings

READING TEXT AND TASK

COMMUNICATION IN THE FUTURE: WHAT IS THERE FOR US?



About fifty students in two schools in Ha Noi, Viet Nam and Umeå, Sweden have been exchanging letters in a penfriend project since 2013. 'I love to write. You can even stick something on the letter, like this tiny sweet!' said Linh, from Ha Noi about the project. From the Sweden end, Anders said, 'It's so nice to open and read real letters!' But will this be our future communication? It's said that in a couple of decades we'll be using telepathy and holography.

Telepathy uses a tiny device placed into our head. Information will be sent and received directly to and from our brains. We'll be communicating just by thought over the **network**! Holography, a video-conference technology with **three-dimensional images**, will help us **interact in real time** in completely different places.

Impressed? Maybe, but not everyone thinks the **cyberworld** will replace the real world. Like the children in the penfriend project, I prefer to chat with my friends over a cup of tea and **enjoy their company** - life is more meaningful that way!



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- A. world in games
- B. world on the Internet
- C. world in the future

2. The phrase "**enjoy their company**" in paragraph 3 can be replaced by:

- A. enjoy listening to their stories
- B. enjoy talking about work
- C. enjoy being with them

WHAT DOES THIS TASK ASK YOU TO DO?

This is a common type of question when you do a reading comprehension exercise. 'Context clues' are hints you can find in a sentence, paragraph, or passage that help you understand the meanings of new or unfamiliar words.

It is lucky if you already know the word which is asked, but normally, you are often asked about uncommon or unknown words.

WHAT DO YOU DO IN THIS TASK?

You can guess or get the meaning of the unknown words from the words that are around it and from the topic of the paragraph.

Question 1

1. The word “cyber world” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:

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Take a look at the sentence that has the word “cyber world”:

Maybe, but not everyone thinks the cyber world will replace the real world.

It will be easy if you know that “cyber” means something related to the Internet, like “cyberspace” and “cybercafé”.

=> cyber world = world on the Internet

In case you don't know about “cyber”, from the sentence, you can understand that “the cyber world” is something that has the same functions or even more functions than “the real world”.

Also, the topic of this text is about communication => “cyber world” is a world that allows people to communicate.

Before using the word “cyber world”, the writer mentions “holograph” – a video conference technology. You know that a video conference may use the Internet to connect people.

=> cyber world = world on the Internet.

Question 2

The phrase “enjoy their company” in paragraph 3 can be replaced by:

- A. enjoy listening to their stories**

B. enjoy talking about work

C. enjoy being with them

Take a look at the sentence that has this phrase:

*I prefer to chat with my friends over a cup of tea and **enjoy their company**.*

And the information before this phrase:

...not everyone thinks the cyber world will replace the real world.

(1) “chat with friends over a cup of tea” => meet friends face to face and have some drinks together.

(2) you can understand that the writer doesn’t think the cyber world will replace the real world => the writer prefers to meet face to face.

(1, 2) => “enjoy their company” means something related to “meeting face to face” => **enjoy being with friends**

Note: don’t look at the word ‘company’ and think that the phrase means something related to work place.

OTHER EXAMPLES

Tim is a boy of few words, unlike his talkative sister.

What does “talkative” mean?

=> The sentence tells you that Tim is unlike his talkative sister.

=> You can guess that “talkative” means the opposite of “of few words”.

=> talkative = many words = talks a lot

The drought has lasted for 5 months so the land is becoming arid.

What does “arid” mean?

=> drought = no rain => the land is dry

=> drought lasted for 5 months => the land is probably very dry

=> arid = very dry

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PART 2: PRACTICE

I. Read the text about telepathy and do the given tasks

You are going to read a text about telepathy.

Look at these following words and phrases. You will see them in the text that you are going to read.

1. *relationship (n.): mối quan hệ*
2. *no matter what (n.): dù cho ... thế nào chăng nữa*
3. *a near-death experience: một lần suýt chết*

Telepathy is the ability to communicate information using your mind. Thoughts and feelings are **(A) transmitted** from one mind to another without using common ways of communication like words or body language. Telepathy can be the ability to read other people's thoughts or even affect someone's mind. It is more likely to happen between people who have a close relationship. Twins often say that they can **(B) sense** each other's feelings no matter what the distance between them. However, it is possible for a person to have this means of communication with anyone, or even with animals. There are some common reasons why someone becomes **(C) telepathic**. For example, there are people who are simply born with the ability. These people talk about seeing spirits. But they often **(D) suppress** this ability as children and often lose it as adults. Besides, a life-changing event, for example a really sad or happy moment, may make them become telepathic. A near-death experience or a serious accident can also **(E) awaken** this ability.

A. Match the words in bold with their meanings.

Write letter A, B, C, D or E in the correct box.

1. able to communicate by telepathy =>

2. sent and received =>

3. prevent from growing =>

4. excite =>

5. feel =>

B. Decide if the given sentences are true or false.

1. Telepathy only happens between people who have a close relationship.
2. People who are born with telepathy can see spirits.

II. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question.

Telephones help people speak to one another when they are apart. For more than a hundred years, nearly every telephone was a landline. A landline telephone is one that needs to be connected by a wire to a network of other telephones. Because of the wires, people could not take those telephones with them when they left their homes or offices.

What if you had to make a call while you were away from home? You had to find a pay phone. Pay phones are landlines found in public places. Many pay phones are on the street. You can make a call from inside a glass or metal space called a phone booth. Once you are inside the booth, you put coins into a slot in the phone to make a call. Telephones have seen a lot of progress. Today, many people carry cell phones. Cell phones do not need to be connected with wires. They can be used almost anywhere and can fit in an adult's hand.

Many cell phones sold today are smart phones. A smart phone is a cell phone that has lots of computer-style features. For example, people use smart phones to check e-mail and go on the Internet. And all that can be done using something small enough to carry in a pocket!

1. What is a landline telephone?

- A. a telephone that can be carried around in your pocket and used anywhere
- B. a telephone that can be used in a public place
- C. a telephone that needs to be connected by a wire to a network of other telephones
- D. a telephone that can be used to check e-mail and go on the Internet

2. The article describes an example of a landline. What is an example of a landline?

- A. a pay phone B. a smart phone C. a cell phone D. a mobile phone

3. Pay phones are probably not used as much today as they were in the past. What piece of evidence supports this conclusion?

- A. Many people today carry cell phones, which can be used almost anywhere.
- B. Payphones are landlines that can be found in public places.
- C. People could not take landlines with them when they left their homes.
- D. People put coins into a slot in the pay phone to make a call.

4. What might be a reason that cell phones were invented?

- A. People wanted to be able to make calls from their homes or offices.
- B. People wanted to be able to make calls away from home without finding a pay phone.
- C. People wanted to be able to speak to one another when they were apart.
- D. People wanted to be able to speak and see each other from far distance.

5. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. Telephones are used to keep people apart as much as possible.
- B. Cell phones are much less useful than landlines and pay phones.
- C. Landlines and pay phones still play an important part in the world nowadays.
- D. Telephones have been used for many years, and they have changed a lot over time.

III. Fill in each tapered blank with a correct word to complete the following passage.

The Internet. is the world's largest computer network with over 100 million users worldwide and this number (1) _____ doubling from year to year. The Internet is like an international highway of information. Now, you can sit at your computer, choose a route and (2) _____ at your destination - that is, the information you need. Today, from your computer, you (3) _____ access a library in one country, talk to an expert on a certain topic in a second country and send your (4) _____ information to someone doing research in a third. So, we don't know what will be (5) _____ in the not-too-distant future.

The Internet was born (6) _____ scientists attempted to connect the American Defence Network to other satellite networks in (7) _____ to exchange information. Soon, scientific and educational institutions as well as research departments became interested (8) _____ linking up, and, before long, the Internet had expanded into an international information and communication network.

The Internet now (9) _____ all the countries in the world. You can be connected to the Internet directly through your own computer or you can hook up to (10) _____ access system which allows you to use some of the Internet's services.