Review Reading 1: Lifelong Learning

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Try to read as fluently as you can. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.

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Lifelong Learning

When you graduate from high school or university, is learning finished? The answer is *no*. In many countries, people continue learning all their lives. Why is lifelong learning important? How can it help you?



Lifelong learning can be useful in many ways. People who want to change careers often return to study at a university. Some professions require employees to keep learning new ways to do things. For example, doctors and nurses must always learn about new illnesses and treatments. They must also practice the skills they have and keep learning new ones.

Lifelong learning can help people stay healthy and independent. Many older people also feel that lifelong learning helps them stay close to young people. Lots of older people are now learning how to use computers.

"I want to remain active . . . for my own health," said Mr. Salinas, a 91-year-old man taking computer classes. "I see my computer learning as . . . part of an active life and something that I can share . . . with my family."

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Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers.

1 What does *lifelong learning* mean?
- **a** You stop learning after high school.
- **b** You learn about life when you are a child.
- **c** You continue learning for your whole life.
- **d** You learn how to live for a very long time.

2 What does the article say about nurses?
- **a** They use the same information for many years.
- **b** They must learn new things all the time.
- **c** They did not use technology in the past.
- **d** They need to work independently.

3 Lifelong learning can help people _____.
- **a** be smarter than other people
- **b** live to be very old
- **c** stop being lazy
- **d** be healthy and independent

4 Which of the following might Mr. Salinas say?
- **a** "Going to computer class makes me feel tired."
- **b** "I don't like going to computer class because I don't understand."
- **c** "Now, I can send emails to my grandchildren."
- **d** "Computers are for kids! I like books and newspapers."

5 This article was most likely written for _____.
- **a** school children
- **b** working adults
- **c** computer teachers
- **d** doctors

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Review Reading 2: Earning Power

Fluency Practice

Time yourself as you read through the passage. Try to read as fluently as you can. Record your time in the Reading Rate Chart on page 176. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Earning Power

Everyone wants a job that pays well. Some people stop school early because they want to start earning cash right away. Others spend years and years studying in school in order to get a better job. Which is best? Actually, studies show that in most jobs, the higher your education, the higher your earning power.

For example, in the United States, high school graduates can make about $30,400 a year. The people who do not finish high school average only $23,400 a year. Just having a document that says you finished high school means an extra $7,000!

If you stay in school, you can make more money. A person who goes to college and gets a bachelor's degree can make an average of $52,200. With a master's degree, he or she can make about $62,000. And studies show that if a person gets a PhD, he or she can make $89,000 or more a year.

Of course, people with different occupations have different salaries. The chart below shows some average salaries for different professions in the United States.

We can learn an important lesson from this information. If you want to work and make more money, spend more time in school.

Average Salaries for Common Occupations


Sales Clerk
$20,000


High School Teacher
$44,000


Firefighter
$48,000


Accountant
$69,000


Dentist
$159,000

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Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers.

1 Why does the passage say people stop high school early?
- **a** They do not have a lot of money.
- **b** They do not like going to school.
- **c** They do not want to work hard.
- **d** They want to start making money.

2 According to the passage, how can a person earn more money?
- **a** by stopping high school
- **b** by staying in school for a long time
- **c** by working a part-time job in high school
- **d** by starting a small business

3 Which of these ideas is mentioned in the passage?
- **a** Everyone should get a master's degree.
- **b** Graduating high school is important.
- **c** A person should do the same job their whole life.
- **d** A person with a PhD will not earn a lot of money.

4 According to the chart, which job pays the most money?
- **a** dentist
- **b** high school teacher
- **c** photographer
- **d** accountant

5 Why was this passage written?
- **a** to make school more fun
- **b** to encourage people to stay in school
- **c** to help people who score poorly on tests
- **d** to teach people how to set goals

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