

READING

Task 4

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (17–21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HELP A CHILD CHOOSE A BOOK

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If you'd like to know more about what's recommended for a child's age and grade, visit your local library or bookstore. Browse the sections, which usually group books based on the reader's skill level. Ask questions there, too. And look at a book's back cover for info about the age the publisher had in mind. A child's teacher or school usually know the hot books among kids. If they can't keep it on the library shelves, chances are your child will like it!

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As early as you can, introduce the idea that we read for a purpose, even if that purpose is pure enjoyment. Ask the child: What type of book are you looking for today — and why? With older children you can ask: Are you looking for fiction or nonfiction? Ask them to explain their choice.

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Encourage a child to spend time browsing a selection of books at a library or bookstore. If this is overwhelming try organizing the books you already have at home and letting your child browse through them. You can separate them by fiction and nonfiction. Or you can put them in different bins by ability level or type. Talk about the type of book in each container.

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Let the child know it's OK if he or she doesn't like a particular book. Use a not-so-great selection as an opportunity to understand more about reading skills and preferences. Could it be the book just a little too difficult for the child to tackle alone? Here's a simple rule of thumb for younger readers: Let them keep track of how many words they didn't know. If they count five or more on a page, the book was probably too difficult for an independent reading.

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If the child really wants to read something you know is beyond his or her ability, solve it by reading it aloud together. You can take turns reading and define unfamiliar words as you go. If the child has really enjoyed a book, look for other books by the same author.

- A The right book worksheet
- B What's appropriate?
- C Don't worry of the size
- D The aim of reading
- E Challenging reading
- F Choosing a book
- G Avoid the frustration
- H Additional online resources

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22–26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY JOHN TRUMBULL

Declaration of Independence by John Trumbull is one of the most iconic paintings in US history. Commissioned in 1817, the painting has been sitting in the US Capitol building for almost 200 years, and it's even depicted on the \$2 bill.

Because of the name and the importance of the painting, many people incorrectly assume that the artwork depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In reality, it shows the five-man drafting committee led by Thomas Jefferson (and including Ben Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston) presenting the first draft of the declaration to the President of the Continental Congress, John Hancock.

The painting shows 42 of the 56 people who would eventually go on to sign the declaration. Trumbull wanted to include all 56, but he couldn't find authoritative likenesses for the other 14. Other architectural features of Independence Hall where the event took place were inaccurate because they were based on a sketch Thomas Jefferson did from memory.

In the painting, it would appear at first glance that Thomas Jefferson is stepping on John Adams's foot, and some speculated this was meant to represent the political tension between the two. However, closer examination reveals that their feet are side-by-side. Just to be sure, the image on the \$2 bill was modified to create more space between their feet.

22 The painting *Declaration of Independence* by John Trumbull ____.

- A is on display in the museum in Washington
- B can be seen on the American banknote
- C is on the Capitol building
- D was portrayed in the school textbook

23 The painting shows ____.

- A the rough sketch of the declaration
- B the then president of the USA
- C the negotiations of the committee
- D the battle for independence

24 The artist depicted ____ the people who signed the declaration.

- A all
- B most of
- C a few of
- D many of

25 Independence Hall was painted ____.

- A precisely
- B inexactly
- C meticulously
- D in detail

26 The painting and the banknote ____.

- A are similar
- B are identical
- C coincide
- D differ

Task 6

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (27–32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

TISCA CHOPRA

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Chutney is such a common food item. It's in everyone's fridge and is the most taken for granted element in Indian food. Yet, if it's missing it takes something away from the meal. Likewise, the most seemingly innocuous people can have hidden depths. Don't judge a book by its cover. On the surface most chutneys look alike. But you can't tell how spicy a chutney is till you taste it.

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Vanita, my character in Chutney, is an ordinary woman. You would never notice her. But, how she thinks and what she does may surprise or even shock you. Being 'pretty' is such a boring thing. With a little Photoshop and filters anyone can look good. I'm not interested in just looking good. I'm interested in looking right for the part. People will be surprised by my look in Chutney.

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Chandni Chowk is a character in itself. And the story demanded that we delve into the lives of people who have known each other practically all their lives. If one house makes chole, the other house makes the puri. That's the feel we wanted. Paswan House, where we shot, has a structure that was necessary to the story. It holds within its enclosed walls a shocking secret. There is a sense of claustrophobia there that was essential for the story.

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For those who have liked watching Breaking Bad or Fargo and are fans of Edgar Allan Poe or Roald Dahl... Chutney is a story on those lines but with an Indian soul and spirit. It's what I call 'deliciously dark' with a twisted ending.

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He is one of the most fantastic and giving actors. He brings such a warm energy to the set. He has been a part of some amazing films like *Life Of Pi*, *Hotel Salvation*, *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* and of course *English Vinglish*. He has trained me in certain aspects of acting and is a dear friend. He was delighted with the script of Chutney.

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What better than to have your film premiere at the land of Dalai Lama? I wanted to go but Jyothi Kapur Das, the director will be attending. I am waiting with bated breath for the online release.

- A Do you write yourself?
- B Producer, writer, actor... How did you manage to don so many hats for Chutney?
- C What's the film about?
- D What's unique about this short film?
- E How was it working with Adil Hussain?
- F It's going to be screened at Dharamshala International Film Festival. Excited?
- G Why did you choose to shoot the movie in Chandni Chowk in Delhi?
- H Share something about your role. Heard you have a very different look in it

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (33–38). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

DUKE

In 2014, Duke, a seven-year-old Great Pyrenees, (33) _____. The canine is known to enjoy rolling in the dirt and spends most of his time (34) _____. As for the mayor's salary, a pet food store is donating a year's supply of kibble to reward him for his service.

Some procedural adjustments had to be made (35) _____. He placed his paw on a Bible while his responsibilities as mayor were read to him by the township chairman. The chairman then asked Duke (36) _____. Duke panted, which was recorded as acceptance.

Like other animal mayors on this list, (37) _____. Visitors to Cormorant often want to take pictures with Duke and give him treats. He was even featured in National Geographic. Duke is said to enjoy (38) _____. In August 2016, Duke was elected to his third term as mayor.

- A for Duke's swearing-in
- B if he accepted those responsibilities
- C was elected mayor of Cormorant, Minnesota
- D the 'highest approval ratings in the country'
- E Duke became an attraction
- F wandering around a dairy farm
- G after several years without a mayor
- H and became mayor after that