Reading Skill

Scanning for Details

An important use for scanning is to find a piece of information that we need. We do this in everyday life when we look up a word in the dictionary, or check a telephone number in the phone directory. Use scanning when you need to find a fact in a reading.

A **Scan the passage on the next page and find the dates of the four blog posts.**

Post 1: _____
Post 2: _____
Post 3: _____
Post 4: _____

B **Read each blog post quickly to find the following information.**

Post 1: Which city did they go to first? _____
Post 2: Where is the market that they visited? _____
Post 3: How long did they go hiking for? _____
Post 4: What is in Vung Tau? _____

C **Now read the entire passage carefully. Then answer the questions on page 24.**

Motivational Tip: Expect success! As you begin this chapter, what success do you expect to achieve? Do you expect to increase your reading fluency? Do you expect to increase your vocabulary? Success comes when you identify what you want to achieve and then work hard to achieve it. I challenge you to set a reasonable goal and expect success.

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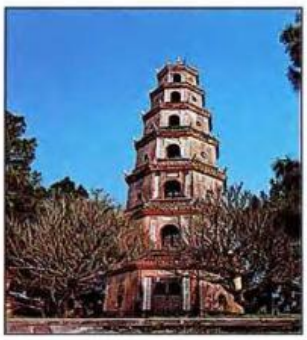
Posted on April 6 by Juliana

4 Hue is a **unique** city with lots to see. I would love to stay longer, but Tom and I are both ready for the beach. Tomorrow we'll take the train back to the south, and then we're going to a town called Vung Tau. It has several beaches and is famous for crafts made out of seashells. Vietnam is an amazing country with so much variety—big modern cities, small traditional towns, mountains, jungles, and beaches. Two weeks here just isn't enough.



Posted on April 4 by Juliana

3 Now we're in the old capital city of Hue. After hiking around the Sapa mountains, it's nice to have **accommodation** with electricity and a shower! Our trip to Sapa was long and **exhausting.** From there, we took a van to a small village in the mountains and went hiking for three days. The people who live there are called Hmong. They live a very **basic** life—no electricity or telephones. They don't have many **possessions,** but they are the kindest, friendliest people I've ever met. Everyone smiles and says "hello." Kathy and I can only speak a few words of Vietnamese, so smiling is the best way of communicating. This afternoon, we're taking a walking tour in Hue. We're going to visit the Forbidden Purple City, where the emperor lived.



Posted on March 27 by Juliana

2 Ho Chi Minh City is fantastic! The pagodas are **fabulous** and the different Buddha statues are wonderful to look at. We visited a market in Cholon, in the western part of the city, and saw an amazing **range** of fruits and vegetables. Everything was so colorful. We took hundreds of photographs! Later today we take the train north. We'll stay in Hanoi for two days, then catch a bus to Sapa. Tom can't wait to go trekking in the mountains.



spring rolls

Posted on March 24 by Juliana

1 Greetings from Vietnam! Tom and I arrived here this afternoon tired but excited. This is our first trip to Asia and the friendliness of the people is amazing. All the different sights and smells make us **eager** to try everything—especially the food! We're looking forward to eating spring rolls and pho for dinner. Our hotel is cheap and very clean. The owners are friendly and helpful; they seem to like us. They gave us drinks when we arrived and have told us about some places that we shouldn't miss. We plan to stay here in Ho Chi Minh City for a few days and visit temples in the city, then travel to the north.



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Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

A **Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (*T*) or false (*F*). Then check the number of the post where you found the answer.**

	T	F	❶	❷	❸	❹
1 In the past, Vietnam had an emperor.						
2 Many Hmong people speak English.						
3 This is Juliana's second trip to Vietnam.						
4 The market in Cholon has many kinds of vegetables.						
5 The town of Vung Tau is famous for its mountains.						

B **Read the following sentences about Juliana's trip. Circle your answers. Then write the words or phrases from the reading that helped you find the answers.**

1 She thinks the market in Cholon is really (great / expensive / noisy).

_____

2 She thinks the Hmong people are very (practical / modern / friendly).

_____

3 She likes hotels that are (expensive / traditional / simple).

_____

4 At the end of her trip, she says she wants to (go home and see her friends / visit more of Vietnam / learn to cook Vietnamese food).

_____

Vocabulary Comprehension

Odd Word Out

A **Circle the word or phrase that does not belong in each group. The words in blue are from the passage.**

1	accommodation	hotel	guesthouse	school
2	terrible	wonderful	fabulous	fantastic
3	tiring	relaxing	exhausting	demanding
4	similar	matching	unique	alike
5	possessions	belongings	plans	stuff
6	bored	interested	eager	fascinated
7	many kinds	range	*alike*	*different*
8	basic	advanced	easy	simple

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B **Complete the postcard using the words in blue from A.**

Greetings from Madrid!
I can't believe I'm finally here. The trip from Seoul was long and (1) _____, but I made it. My (2) _____ is nice; I'm staying in a guesthouse in the center of Madrid. I got a cheap and (3) _____ room—it only has a small bed and shower! The weather here is (4) _____—it's warm and sunny, with clear blue skies every day. It's great for sightseeing, because there's a wide (5) _____ of things to see and do. Tomorrow I'm taking a train south to Andalusia to visit the city of Granada. I'm really looking forward to seeing the Alhambra Palace. I'm also really (6) _____ to try the food—especially gazpacho, a kind of cold soup which I hear is (7) _____—very different from anything else in Spain. I promise I'll bring you back a present. See you next month!

Love, Jamie



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A **Write the correct form of the adjectives in the box on the lines below.**

excite interest relax confuse please embarrass bore worry

I feel . . . exci ted

because it's . . . exci ting

B **Change the verbs in the advertisement below into adjectives by using the correct endings.**

EcoTours

Tired of going to the same **(1)** bor _____ places? **(2)** Interest _____ in taking a vacation to an **(3)** excit _____ location? Want a **(4)** relax _____ beach holiday, but also want to help save the environment? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you should book your holiday with EcoTours! Not only will you experience the best vacation of your life, but ten percent of the cost of your trip also goes to protecting the local environment.

Call us today to talk. Don't be **(5)** embarrass _____ to ask questions—we want you to have the perfect vacation! If you are **(6)** worr_____ about the cost, don't be. Our prices are very reasonable. We know that you'll be **(7)** pleas_____ with your EcoTours holiday, so give us a call at (888) 555-3458, or visit us online to find out more at www.heinle-ecotours.org.

Vocabulary Skill

Adjective Endings *-ed* and *-ing*

When we talk about how we feel, it's common to use adjectives that end in *-ed*. To describe something, or how we feel about it, use adjectives ending in *-ing*.

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3 UNITS 32, 33 AND 34 **Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first. Use one, two or three words.**

0 I am taller than my brother. My brother isn't *as tall as* me.
1 I haven't got enough money for that dress. That dress ..... expensive for me.
2 I got 75 percent in the test and Dave got 75 percent. Dave's test result was ..... mine.
3 Mr Grant is thirty-five. Mrs Grant is thirty-two. Mrs Grant ..... old as her husband.
4 We need some more tickets. We haven't got .....
5 That jacket is too small for me. That jacket isn't ..... for me.
6 I don't play the guitar very well. I play ..... little.
7 The burger is $4 and the tuna salad is $3.80. The tuna salad is ..... cheaper than the burger.
8 Carlos is too young to vote. Carlos can't vote because he isn't old .....

4 ALL UNITS **There are seven more mistakes in the advertisement. Find and correct them.**

fantastic holiday
You will have a ~~holiday fantastic~~ at the
Sunset Beach Hotel
Our clients often describe us as
"the most good hotel on Miranda Beach"
Our facilities include a swimming pool large and a fitness centre. We offer every afternoon exercise classes.
The Sunset Beach Hotel is more near to the town than any other beach hotel, so you can explore the local area.
But if the weather is hot too for you, you can stay cool by the pool (comfortable sun beds always are available) or you can eat in one of our restaurants beautiful.



5 ALL UNITS **Complete the text with the correct phrases, A, B or C below.**

PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS loved games and puzzles. Until recently word games were (0) ..... type of puzzle, and games with numbers were much (1) ..... Many people thought that number games were (2) ..... and not (3) ..... word games. Sudoku is a new kind of number game. You have to fill (4) ..... so that each row and column contains the numbers 1 to 9. Howard Garns invented the game in 1979. He (5) ..... Garns called the game 'Number Place'. In the 1980s a (6) ..... gave the game the name Sudoku.
Sudoku became very popular around the world. Everyone can play it because it isn't (7) ..... for ordinary people and it's a lot of fun!

0 A more popular (B) the most popular C most popular
1 A the less popular B popular less C less popular
2 A bored B boring C a boring
3 A as interesting than B more interesting as C as interesting as
4 A the squares carefully B careful the squares C carefully the squares
5 A an American architect was B was an architect American C was an American architect
6 A large Japanese company B company large Japanese C Japanese large company
7 A enough difficult B too difficult C difficult enough

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