

READING COMPREHENSION 1

Question 1: Stars have been significant features in the design of many United States coins and **their** number has varied from one to forty-eight stars.

The word "their" in line 1 refers to _____.

A. features B. coins C. stars D. colonies

Question 2: Whether they're close with their teammates or not, online garners say that playing makes them feel "more connected" to friends **they** know, or garners they've never met.

The word "they" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. friends B. online-only friends C. online gamers D. their teammates

Question 3: Estimates suggest that 40% of the world's urban expansion is taking place in slums, exacerbating socio-economic disparities and creating unsanitary conditions **that** facilitate the spread of disease.

The word "that" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. urban expansion B. socio-economic disparities
C. disease D. unsanitary conditions

Question 4: Many people don't want nuclear power in their countries. **They** say that it is not safe.

What does the word "They" in paragraph 4 refer to?

A. countries B. protesters C. officials D. supporters

Question 5: Different types of hardware and software require different skill sets to manage **them**.

The word "them" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. websites B. tasks C. hardware and software D. skill sets

Question 6: An important reason for the friendship is that the people of the two countries are very similar. **They** share the same language and enjoy each other's literature, films and television.

The word "They" in paragraph 3 prefers to _____.

A. countries B. people C. political interests D. British ancestors

Question 7: The ice of valley glaciers, bound by terrain, flows down valleys, curves around **their** corners, and falls over cliffs.

The word "their" in last paragraph refers to _____.

A. ice fields B. cirque glaciers C. valley glaciers D. valleys

Question 8: Surgical masks are not to be shared and may be labelled as surgical, isolation, dental, or medical procedure masks. **They** may come with or without a face shield.

The word "They" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. Physical barrier B. Contaminants C. Surgical masks D. Face shields

Question 9: PHE suggests the coronavirus may pose complications, such as illness pneumonia or severe acute respiratory infection. **They** also suggest that patients with long-term conditions or are immuno compromised are at risk of these complications.

What does the word "They" in the last paragraph refer to?

A. IPC B. WHO C. PHE D. COVID-19

Question 10: People naturally use their own culture as the standard to judge other cultures; however, passing judgment could reach a level where people begin to discriminate against others whose “ways of being” are different than **their** own—essentially, we tend to fear that which we do not understand.

The word “**their**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. levels B. people C. others D. ways of being

Question 11: In addition, the analysis did not address whether the content of the news stories **that** accompanied the images was more focused on men or women.

The word “**that**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. the analysis B. the content C. the images D. the news stories

Question 12: Adolescents gain an increased capacity for logical reasoning, which leads them to demand reasons for things **they** previously accepted without question, and the chance to argue the other side.

According to the passage, the word “**they**” may refer to _____.

A. changes B. adolescents C. reasons D. parents

Question 13: Formalists, on the other hand, make no such pretence. **They** deliberately stylize and distort their raw materials so that only the very naive would mistake a manipulated image of an object or event for the real thing.

The word “**They**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. films B. realists C. formalists D. raw materials

Question 14: By ending the two-child policy the government expects to make up for the ageing population within the next 20 years. But **its** effect could be creating an uncontrollable boom in the Vietnamese population.

The word “**its**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____?

A. two-child policy B. aging population C. retirement age D. economic integration

Question 15: Twenty-five percent of the drugs we take when we are sick are made of plants **that** grow only in rainforests.

The word “**that**” in paragraph 3 refer to _____.

A. plants
B. the drugs
C. rainforests
D. pineapples, bananas, tomatoes, corn, potatoes, chocolate, coffee, and sugar

Question 16: Girls from the wealthiest families marry 2 years later than **those** from the poorest, who are seen as an economic burden, and who drop out of school and earn little money.

The word “**those**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. girls B. families C. years D. rates

Question 17: Bich became extremely wealthy thanks to his invention, **which** had worldwide appeal.

The word “**which**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. factories B. company C. invention D. range

Question 18: The researchers concluded, shockingly, that humans need to be right and acknowledged as right, at least some of the time, to be happy. **They** also noted this was further proof that if given too much power, humans tend to "assume the alpha position and, as with chimpanzees, they become very aggressive and dangerous.

The word "**They**" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. researchers B. results C. chimpanzees D. humans

Question 19: Small businesses are also unhappy because **they** have to pay a little money to the bank each time somebody pays them using a card.

The word "**they**" refers to _____.

A. the problems B. all Swedes C. small businesses D. elderly people

Question 20: First he attempted to adapt outdoor games such as soccer and rugby to indoor play, but he soon found **them** unsuitable for confined areas.

The word "**them**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. indoors B. seasons C. outdoor games D. areas

Question 21: We cut down rich rainforests and replace **them** with one species plantations, such as pine and eucalyptus.

The word "**them**" in line 5 refers to _____.

A. animals B. plants C. species D. rain forests

Question 22: Such studies have suggested that the rudiments of mathematics are mastered gradually, and with effort. **They** have also suggested that the very concept of abstract numbers – the idea of a oneness, a twoness, a threeness that applies to any class of objects and is a prerequisite for doing anything more mathematically demanding than setting a table – is itself far from innate.

The word "**They**" refers to _____.

A. mathematicians B. children C. pencils D. studies

Question 23: Most people are looking for the perfect job. **They** want a job that is interesting, with a good salary and not much stress.

The word "**They**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. Jobs B. Salaries C. People D. Buildings

Question 24: Essay-grading softwares are still in their infancy, yet **they** will be fully developed over the coming years, allowing teachers to focus more on classroom activities and professional development.

The word "**they**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. machines B. grading softwares C. essays D. classroom activities

Question 25: Exercising for twenty to thirty minutes a day helps to reduce stress and anxiety and makes you feel more positive and optimistic because **it** releases endorphins.

The word "**it**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. diet B. laziness C. stress D. exercising

Question 26: When the torch must go overseas, **it** is sent on a private plane.

The word “**it**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. foot B. a private plane C. transport D. the torch

Question 27: The scientists say climate change linked to human causes has led to warming oceans that can harm sea life. **They** say if the more heat-resistant corals they developed do well in the ocean, the method can be used to help save suffering and dying reefs.

The word **They** in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. oceans B. scientists C. creations D. causes

Question 28: For example, humans throw away four out of every five plastic bottles **they** use, and plastic rubbish causes about eighty per cent of the pollution in the sea.

The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. scientists B. humans C. plastic bottles D. seas and oceans

Question 29: The cameras are there to film dangerous or illegal behaviour. With new software, **they** can automatically recognize the faces of known offenders, and a new kind of CCTV in the Netherlands can detect angry voices and automatically warn the police of trouble.

The word “**they**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. offenders B. faces C. cameras D. people

Question 30: The trains are quieter and the journey is smoother because **they** don't have wheels.

The word “**they**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. wheels B. transport systems C. the trains D. advantages

Passage 1:

Minister Dung said in the past, the State, the Party and Vietnamese people had paid much care to people with disabilities. Vietnam ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities in 2014. In March this year, the country ratified the International Labour Organisation's Convention 159 about jobs for people with disabilities. **It** strongly confirmed Vietnam's commitment to ensuring the disabled would not be discriminated against at work.

* The word “**It**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. Commitment B. Disability C. Country D. Convention

Passage 2:

May 1 is marked as International Labour Day, also referred as May Day. The day celebrates labourers and the working class. Labour Day is an annual public holiday in many countries. **It** is also referred as International Workers' Day or just Worker's Day. During industrialization in beginning of the 19th Century, the industrialists used to exploit the labour class and made them work up to 15 hours a day. The workers in the U.S. rose against this exploitation and demanded paid leaves, proper wages and breaks for the workforce. The eight-hour day labour movement advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. The Labour Day annually celebrates the achievements of the workers.

* The word “**It**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. workforce B. Labour Day C. public holiday D. working class

Passage 3:

Supermarkets and other essential services remain open, but are instructed to safeguard customers' health by checking **their** temperatures before entering the building and providing them with hand sanitizers. In addition, the government has warned against panic buying and has taken action against businesses engaged in price gouging. To ensure social security for affected workers, Vietnam has approved a 111.55 million dollar financial support package that includes covering all costs for workers in quarantine or are recovering from the disease.

* The word “**their**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. supermarkets' B. customers' C. governments' D. essential services'

Passage 4:

At the state and local levels, communities need to professionalize their firefighting capabilities. **They** should invest in improved training that educates firefighters and local leaders about the changing characteristics of bushfires. And, once this fire season subsides, states should oversee how and where rebuilding occurs, including restricting redevelopment of particularly fire-prone areas.

* The word “**they**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. local levels B. communities C. firefighting capabilities D. local leaders

Passage 5:

Children are not the face of this pandemic, but they risk being among its biggest victims. While they have thankfully been largely spared from the direct health effects of COVID-19 - at least to date – the crisis is having a profound effect on their wellbeing. All children, of all ages, and in all countries, are being affected, in particular by the socioeconomic impacts and, in some cases, by mitigation measures that may inadvertently do more harm than good. This is a universal crisis and, for some children, the impact will be lifelong. Moreover, the harmful effects of this pandemic will not be distributed equally. **They** are expected to be most damaging for children in the poorest countries, and in the poorest neighborhoods, and for those in already disadvantaged or vulnerable situations.

* The word “**they**” in the first paragraph refers to _____.

A. children B. measures C. harmful effects D. countries

Passage 6:

AI has already been applied to education primarily in some tools **that** help develop skills and testing systems. As AI educational solutions continue to mature, the hope is that AI can help fill needs gaps in learning and teaching and allow schools and teachers to do more than ever before.

* The word “**that**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. AI B. education C. some tools D. testing systems

Passage 7:

The 43-year-old Scot, arriving in Vietnam in early March, was tested positive for COVID-19 only three days after his first flight for Vietnam Airlines, following a visit to a bar in Ho Chi Minh City **that** became a coronavirus outbreak. Cameron's illness and the highly publicized efforts of

Vietnam's doctors to save him became a symbol in Vietnam of the country's successful fight against the virus, as reported by Reuters.

* The word “**that**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. the 43-year-old Scot B. his first flight C. a bar D. Ho Chi Minh city

Passage 8:

Marine ecotourism focuses specifically on activities that take place on the coast or in the ocean. **It** includes activities like eco-friendly boating, dolphin and whale watching, snorkeling, scuba diving and fishing, but in a sustainable way and with an emphasis on education.

* The word “**It**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. Marine ecotourism B. Eco-friendly boating
C. Sustainable way D. Tourism market

Passage 9:

If you've just finished school and you don't have any work experience, traineeships and internships are a great way to prepare yourself for your future career. Traineeships usually last from six weeks to six months, and are offered exclusively to 16-23 year olds. Not only do they provide essential work preparation training, they're also the perfect opportunity to gain the practical skills and experience needed to move onto an apprenticeship or job. While internships are similar to traineeships, **they** are available to people of all ages – and usually focus more on providing practical work experience, rather than guided training and work preparation.

* The word “**they**” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. traineeships B. internships C. practical skills D. people of all ages

Passage 10:

There has always been a problem with teachers being from a different generation to their pupils, particularly older educators. But the dominance of digital technology has spread that generation gap even wider, as young people become conversant with mobile digital devices, games and social media that didn't exist when their teachers were growing up. Teachers now face pupils using devices and online systems that **they** don't use themselves, and don't really understand either. The generation gap is more prevalent than ever, but teachers can **bridge** that gap if they receive the right guidance with appropriate technology.

* The word “**they**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. teachers B. pupils C. devices D. online systems

Passage 11:

Because small talk builds trust and connections, **it** also can lead to creative ideas and foster inclusiveness. “Culturally, there are differences in the content and cadence of small talk, which can create a barrier for new employees to engage with colleagues. In this age of greater awareness about diversity and inclusion, small talk can be an asset to a company. It can be a road to more inclusion by helping socialize and embed employees into the organizational culture.” Methot said.

* The word “**it**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. trust B. connection C. talk D. idea

Passage 12:

Flirting has many parallels in the animal world, seen in the behavioral displays many animals engage in to signal not only their availability but their suitability. For example, penguins search for small pebbles to deliver to **their** partner of interest. Seahorses lock their tails together for a romantic swim. Bower birds use leaves, grass, and twigs to construct elaborate nests.

* The word “**their**” in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

A. nests’ B. pebbles’ C. penguins’ D. seahorses’

Passage 13:

Institutions previously working with digitalized education platforms have already benefitted during the COVID-19 crisis from **their** contemporary approach. These schools smoothly mastered the sudden transition to homeschooling, easing the adjustment process for students and parents. Their early investment in equipment and software and in **coaching** of educational staff has allowed them to continue their operations with minimal interruption.

* What does the word “**their**” in paragraph 4 refer to?

A. platforms’ B. institutions’ C. the COVID-19 crisis’s D. schools’

Passage 14:

Last, protect children online. Digital platforms provide an opportunity for children to keep learning, take part in play and keep in touch with their friends. But increased access online brings heightened risks for children’s safety, protection and privacy. Discuss the internet with your children so that they know how **it** works, what they need to be aware of, and what appropriate behavior looks like on the platforms they use, such as video calls.

* The word “**it**” in the last paragraph refers to _____.

A. internet B. privacy C. safety D. risk

Passage 15:

As the day went by, severe patients were treated and less severe patients were recovering, and so we finally felt reassured despite being drenched in sweat. Just as it was time for us to return to the green zone to write up medical records, there was a commotion from the room next door. A patient’s condition was worsening. All the medical staff in the room rushed in for emergency treatment. After a few minutes the patient’s heartbeat returned, and the ventilator was reattached for the patient to resume breathing. My colleagues were covered in sweat as if **they** had just showered.

* The word “**they**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. nurses B. doctors C. patients D. colleagues

Passage 16:

When I surveyed over 5,000 middle grade students for my book, kids were already reminding me of the technology gap between them and their parents. They claimed that parents “didn’t have a clue” as to what they were experiencing on screens. While generation gap is often characteristic of adolescence in any generation, **it** is even wider because of rapidly changing technology.

* The word “**it**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. characteristic B. middle grade student C. generation gap D. technology gap

Passage 17:

According to Heidi Cohen, Social Media are the platforms that enable the interactive web by engaging users to participate in, comment on and create content as means of communicating with their social graph, other users and the public. The power of social media has changed most of the things in our daily life. Social media has revolutionized and completely changed the way we send and receive information. **It** is more interactive, can be done in realtime and uses a wide number of media like text, audio, video, pictures, graphics and more. With these sites, sending and receiving messages offline and in realtime, audio and video chatting, sharing pictures, video and text, going “Live” to many audiences, meeting old friends and making new has revolutionized our way of establishing connections with others.

*What does the word “**it**” in paragraph 2 refer to?

A. information B. the way C. social media D. the power

Passage 18:

Six the Musical tells the stories of King Henry VIII's six wives through a collection of pop songs as they compare lives to see who suffered the most and who should therefore lead their girl group. The songs are catchy, fun, and exciting, and they are genuinely great pop tunes. The singing performances from the Australian actresses were amazing, and all of **them** were technically very skilled.

* The word “**them**” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. Henry VIII's wives B. pop tunes C. performances D. actresses

Passage 19:

Language skills can be a significant competitive advantage that sets you apart from your monolingual peers. **They** are among the top eight skills required of *all* occupations—no matter your sector or skill level—and the demand for bilingual professionals is rising exponentially. In fact, between 2010 and 2015, the number of U.S. job postings specifically geared toward bilingual candidates *more than doubled*.

* The word “**they**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. language skills B. monolingual peers C. eight skills D. occupations

Passage 20:

Imagine two families: Both have lost their homes and all their belongings in a devastating storm. One family cannot mask their **grief**. They feel that everything they hold dear has been destroyed. They cannot imagine how they will ever be able to replace things and start over again. Their normal life seems to have been completely lost. In contrast, a second family is crying with joy. All of the people in their families are unharmed and safe. This family is just happy that everyone has survived. This family is already trying to figure out how they can recover. You can't really blame the first family for experiencing a very normal reaction to a terrible situation. However, the second family certainly seems to be better off. **They** are thinking about making progress rather than focusing on tragic events.

Question 39: What does the word “**they**” in paragraph 3 refer to?

A. tragic events B. all of the people C. the first family D. the second family