

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, May 2, 2021

## Reading Thinking Skill Practice

Use the words in the box to complete the gaps below. Don't write capital letters.

area	bill	expenses	income	increase	private
requested	settle	state	travel	urged	

Some residents in Phnom Penh's designated Red Zones on May 1 \_\_\_\_\_ state-run Electricite du Cambodge (EDC) to find ways to assist with electricity bills, as restrictions make it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ to work and earn an income.

The request came after EDC asked residents to find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ their bills.

A red zone resident in Meanchey district, who \_\_\_\_\_ anonymity, told The Post on May 1 that it was easy to pay bills through bank transfers. But the problem is they are not working and do not have any \_\_\_\_\_ to settle it.

"We cannot do business and electricity costs \_\_\_\_\_ in the hot season. There seems to be no assistance from the EDC. In the past, I have seen an exemption for electricity [bills] ... this time there is no exemption. So, we must pay as usual," said a man employed by a \_\_\_\_\_ company.

With no income and having a lot of other \_\_\_\_\_, residents asked EDC to come up with an option for payment.

"When people are not earning money, the \_\_\_\_\_ should help. If not an exemption for a few months, there could be a discount or delayed payments," he said.

Another resident in a blockade \_\_\_\_\_ in Russey Keo district's Tuol Sangke commune said he had never paid his electricity bill via electronic transfer. His house is next to EDC, but he cannot go outside to pay the \_\_\_\_\_.

អ្នកមិនខុសមិនដែលធ្វើ អ្នកមិនធ្វើមិនដែលខុស

អ្នកធ្វើច្រើនត្រូវមាត់ច្រើន តែចេះច្រើន។



#### Thinking Skills

58. Checkers is a game that requires a lot of mathematical thinking. It's a very good game for computers to play. Some computer scientists in Canada made a computer program for checkers. Then they invited the world championship checkers player, Marion Tinsley, to play against their program. They wanted to see who was better at the game—computers or people. The computer managed to win two games, but Tinsley won four. The scientists concluded that
- people are still better at some kinds of thinking.
  - computers are best at everything they do.
  - computers will never be able to beat Tinsley.
  - people will always win games like checkers.
59. Theoretical physicists are known for their bad luck with equipment. Other scientists like to say that something breaks whenever a theoretical physicist walks into the room. One famous physicist, Wolfgang Pauli, was especially unlucky. There were many stories about him. A scientist in Göttingen, Germany was once surprised when some equipment in his laboratory suddenly broke. He couldn't understand why this had happened. Later, he heard that Pauli had been traveling by train that day through Germany. The train had stopped at the station in Göttingen
- long after the equipment had broken.
  - long before the equipment broke.
  - at the very same moment that the equipment broke.
  - long enough for Pauli to drink some coffee.
60. The Chinese were the first people to make books. They discovered how to make paper and how to print books in about 1300. At that time, there was almost no contact between Europe and China. One of the few Europeans to travel to China was Marco Polo. He visited China in the 13th century and may have seen some books. But neither he or any other European learned about books from the Chinese. The Europeans
- quickly learned how to make books from Marco Polo.
  - never learned how to make books.
  - invented paper and printing on their own later on.
  - learned about books even before the Chinese.
61. A bird feeder can provide you with an interesting new hobby — bird watching. Winter time is the best time for this hobby. Then the birds have trouble finding other food, so they will come to your feeder. If you put the feeder near a window, you can even watch them from inside your home. But once you have started feeding the birds, you should continue until spring. If you stop in the middle of the winter, the birds
- will have more to eat.
  - may stay near the house.
  - may get cold.
  - may die of hunger.



62. In many countries these days, it is rarely necessary to go inside a bank. You can do all your banking at automatic banking machines. You can use these machines when you are traveling, too. For example, let's say you arrive in Paris in the evening when the banks are closed. You need French money to buy dinner. You can use your own bank card in a French automatic banking machine. And in just a few seconds,
- you will be rich.
  - it will take all your money from you.
  - it will give you money from your own bank account.
  - you can telephone to anywhere in the world.
63. Sao Paulo is the largest city in Brazil and the second largest city in South America. The official population of the city is 10 million, but the real population is probably more like 13 million. This is partly because the city is growing very quickly. Every year hundreds of thousands of people move there. But there is another important reason for the difference between the official and the real population. Many very poor people in Sao Paulo do not have any place to live. When the government counts the population, these homeless people
- are often not counted.
  - go to live somewhere else.
  - are often counted twice.
  - have nowhere to go.
64. Over 15 million people cross the 25 mile-wide English Channel every year. Some of these people go across in airplanes, but most go across on boats. Huge ferry boats carry cars and trucks across, or there are smaller, faster boats for passengers. As of 1994, however, there is yet another way way to cross the Channel: through the "Chunnel." This is the name of the tunnel that connects England and France. The governments of the two countries had talked for years about digging such a tunnel. Now the "Chunnel" is a reality and England
- has become an island.
  - is no longer connected to Europe.
  - is no longer really an island.
  - will have to dig another tunnel.
65. According to Eugene Morton, a scientist, all animal sounds have certain things in common. Animals tend to make low, loud sounds when they are angry. And they tend to make high, softer sounds when they are fearful or friendly. Human beings can, of course, make many more kinds of sounds than most animals. But Morton believes that even human speech has the same features as other animal sounds. According to Morton, if you say, "I love you" your voice
- is naturally high.
  - usually is very loud.
  - is naturally loud.
  - usually angry.