



UNIT 4

VOLUNTEER WORK

Reading

Ms. Thao 's Class

WHILE YOU READ

Read the passage and then do the tasks that follow.

Each nation has many people who voluntarily **take care of** others. For example, many high school and college students in the United States often spend many hours as volunteers in hospitals, **orphanages** or homes for the aged. They read books to the people in these places. Sometimes the students just visit them, play games with them or listen to their problems.

Other young volunteers work in the homes of sick or old people. They clean up their houses, do their shopping or **mow** their lawns. For boys who no longer have fathers, there is a voluntary organization called Big Brothers. College students take these boys to baseball games and help them to get to know things that boys usually learn from their fathers.

Some high school students take part in helping **disadvantaged** or **handicapped** children. They give care and comfort to them and help them to **overcome** their difficulties. Young college and university students **participate in** helping the people who have suffered badly in wars or natural disasters. During summer vacations, they volunteer to work in remote or mountainous areas to provide education for children.

Each city has a number of clubs where boys and girls can go to play games. Some of these clubs organise short trips to the mountains, beaches or other places of interest. Most of these clubs use a lot of high school and college students as volunteers because they are young enough to understand the problems of younger boys and girls.

Volunteers believe that some of the happiest people in the world are those who help to bring happiness to others.



Task 1: Find the bold words or phrases from the text to match the definitions

1. _____: not having the standard of living conditions, education, etc. that most people have.
2. _____: a home for children whose parents are dead or unable to care for them.
3. _____: to protect someone or something and provide the things that that person or thing needs.
4. _____: to cut plants.
5. _____: not able to use part of your body or your mind because it has been *damaged* or does *not work* in the usual way.
6. _____: succeed in controlling or dealing with something.
7. _____: to take part in or become involved in an activity.

Task 2: The word "volunteer" appears in the passage in different parts of speech. Use an appropriate form of the word volunteer to complete each of the following sentences.

1. When she retired, she did a lot of _____ service for the Red Cross.
2. She was not fired. She left the company _____
3. She needs some _____ to clean up the kitchen.
4. Last month the company _____ to donate fifty trucks to help the flooded areas.

Task 3: Choose the best answer from A, B, C or D for each of the following sentences.

1. Volunteers usually help those who are sick or old in their homes by _____.

- A. mowing the lawns, doing shopping and cleaning up their houses
- B. cooking, sewing or washing their clothes
- C. telling them stories, and singing and dancing for them
- D. taking them to baseball games

2. Big Brothers is _____.

- A. the name of a club
- B. a home for children
- C. the name of a film
- D. an organization for boys who no longer have fathers

3. Most of the boys' and girls' club use many high school and college students as volunteers because they _____.

- A. have a lot of free time
- B. can understand the problems of younger boys and girls
- C. know how to do the work
- D. are good at playing game

4. Volunteers believe that _____.

- A. in order to make others happy, they have to be unhappy
- B. the happiest people are those who make themselves happy
- C. the happiest people are those who are young and healthy
- D. bringing happiness to others makes them the happiest people

5. The best title for the passage is _____.

- A. Taking Care of Others
- B. Voluntary Work in the United States
- C. Volunteers: The Happiest People in the World
- D. Helping Old and Sick People in the United States

