

READING COMPREHENSION

A. Choose the best answer for each question.

MAIN IDEA

1. According to the author, why are there fewer memorable photographs today?

- a. because the quality of many images is very poor
- b. because most images are not interesting to a global audience
- c. because traditional media refuse to publish amateur photos
- d. because there are so many good images these days

DETAIL

2. What kinds of images does the author think matter most these days?

- a. images that are important to people and can be shared quickly
- b. high-quality images that help show dramatic events
- c. images presented in a traditional way that reflect reality
- d. images that can be altered to improve one's sense of reality

PURPOSE

3. Why does the author put the word *improved* in quotation marks in paragraph F?

- a. The writer is using the exact word from another source.
- b. The writer wants to stress that the picture of reality is greatly improved.
- c. The writer feels it is questionable whether the picture is truly improved.
- d. The writer is not sure the reader understands the word, so draws attention to it.

INFERENCE

4. Who does the author criticize in paragraph J?

- a. citizen journalists
- b. government leaders
- c. Big Brother
- d. people who alter photos

PARAPHRASE

5. When referring to visual language, what does the author mean by *as with any language, there will be those who produce poetry and those who make shopping lists* (paragraph K)?

- a. It will be most useful for shopping and for writing beautiful poetry.
- b. It will be better because it can be used for a variety of things.
- c. Visual language has certain limitations compared to written language.
- d. Some people will use it for everyday things, and others for more creative things.

MAIN IDEA

B. Match each paragraph with its main idea (a–e).

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| 1. Paragraph A • | • a. More photojournalists are taking smartphone images now and uploading them to social media sites. |
| 2. Paragraph C • | • b. The effect on us of the increasing number of photographs is still uncertain. |
| 3. Paragraph E • | • c. When there are big or dramatic news stories, amateur photographers often share the first images with the public. |
| 4. Paragraph G • | • d. Altering photos with camera apps can give viewers a misleading impression about serious events such as wars. |
| 5. Paragraph L • | • e. Anyone can be an amateur photographer now because photos taken on smartphones are almost as good as photos taken on digital cameras. |

Understanding Words with Multiple Meanings

Many words have more than one meaning. In some cases, the words may be different parts of speech; for example, a noun and a verb. They may be different in meaning (e.g., a **slip** of paper, to **slip** on the ice), or similar (e.g., to score a **goal**, my **goal** in life). In each case, you may need to use a dictionary to understand a word's exact meaning.

IDENTIFYING MEANING

A. Scan paragraphs A–D in Reading A to find the words in **bold** below (1–6). Then choose the correct meaning (a or b) for each.

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| 1. age | a. a period in history | b. how old someone is |
| 2. pretty | a. quite | b. attractive |
| 3. appetite | a. physical hunger | b. a strong desire |
| 4. act | a. an action | b. to behave |
| 5. second | a. a 1/60th of a minute | b. number two in a series |
| 6. course | a. a class | b. the direction |

ANALYZING

B. Read each of these excerpts from Reading A (1–4). Choose the sentence in which the underlined word has the same meaning as the **bold** word.

- ... makes it easier to **capture** unguarded moments. (paragraph C)
 - NASA is using space telescopes to help capture images of distant planets.
 - The capture of the gang's leader should lead to less crime in the city.
- Photojournalists using camera apps to **cover** wars ... (paragraph G)
 - The local media will cover the results of the election.
 - His photo appeared on the cover of a magazine.
- ... a result of a **series** of decisions ... (paragraph H)
 - There has been an unusual series of events.
 - What is the most popular comic book series?
- ... and what to leave in or out of the **frame**. (paragraph H)
 - It looked like somebody was trying to frame him for the theft.
 - Look in the camera frame and tell me what you see.

CRITICAL THINKING Evaluating Pros and Cons

Do you think news photographers should be allowed to use filters when publishing images of serious subjects (e.g., wars)? What are the pros and cons of doing so? Discuss with a partner and note your ideas.

Pros: _____

Cons: _____

Your opinion: _____

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

COMPLETION A. Circle the correct words to complete the paragraph below.

Recent years have seen some ¹**relevant** / **dramatic** changes in photography. The availability of cell phones has allowed millions of people to ²**embrace** / **represent** photography as a hobby. Image-sharing apps allow anyone to share photos ³**instantly** / **profoundly** with friends and followers online; some people become ⁴**tremendous** / **obsessed** with capturing and documenting every detail of their lives. However, the popularity of image-sharing sites has also raised some ⁵**obsessive** / **controversial** issues— for example, when images of an individual are widely shared without the person's knowledge.

WORDS IN CONTEXT

B. Complete each sentence with the correct answer (a or b).

1. A **controversy** involves _____ among people.
a. agreement b. disagreement
2. If a photo **represents** a place, it _____ what the place is like.
a. shows b. doesn't show
3. In a **democracy**, citizens _____ the right to vote.
a. have b. don't have
4. If the ideas in an old book are **relevant** today, they _____ matter.
a. no longer b. still
5. If you feel a **tremendous** amount of pressure, you feel _____ of pressure.
a. a lot b. a little bit
6. Something that is **profound** is felt or experienced very _____.
a. briefly b. strongly

WORD FORMS

C. We can add **-tic** to some nouns to form adjectives (e.g., **drama** + **-tic** = **dramatic**). Complete the sentences below using the adjectives in the box.

athletic democratic dramatic genetic

1. A person's _____ ability— for example, their speed and strength— may be partly affected by _____ factors.
2. In the 21st century, many countries held their first _____ elections.
3. In 2011, Amy Weston took a(n) _____ photo of a woman leaping to safety from a burning building.