

Reading Plus

Lesson 1

Exercise 20

A. Scanning:

1. How many lines does the longest paragraph contain?
2. In which paragraph does a date appear?
3. On which line does a specific period of time appear?
4. On which two lines do the names of a town and a city appear?
5. What 3 languages are discussed in the second paragraph?
6. How many times does the word Egypt appear in this timed writing?

B. Locating Information:

1. What is the problem presented in the first paragraph?
2. Which paragraph discusses finding the Rosetta Stone?
3. Which paragraph describes the Rosetta Stone?
4. Which paragraph describes how the Rosetta Stone was used to overcome the problem presented in the first paragraph?
5. Two individual people are mentioned in the fourth paragraph. One is named and the other is not. Find both of these people and discuss why you think one has been named and the other has not.

C. Grammar:

1. What is the first verb in the first paragraph?
2. All of the verbs in the first paragraph are in what tense?
3. How many times does the verb “to be” appear in the second paragraph? How many are in present tense and how many are in the past?
4. Delete the word “to” in line 6. Is this sentence still grammatically correct?
5. What other modal could replace the one used in line 20 without changing the meaning of the sentence?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Find an adjective in the first paragraph that means “very old.”
2. Find a word in the first paragraph that means “not possible.”
3. Find a noun in the second paragraph that means “something important that was found out or realized.”
4. Find the phrase in the second paragraph that means “a decision was made.”
5. Find a word in the second paragraph that has the same meaning as “to have or possess.”
6. Find a word in the third paragraph that means “to convert or change one language into another language.”

7. Find a word in the third paragraph that refers to a person's understanding of a particular topic.
8. Find a word in the third paragraph that has the same meaning as "permitted" or "enabled."
9. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that refers to a 100-year period of time.
10. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that means "correct" or "true."