

Reading Plus

Lesson 2

Exercise 20

A. Scanning:

1. Which word in the first paragraph has the most letters in it?
2. In which line can you find the phrase “stand up by itself”?
3. In which two paragraphs do units of measure appear?
4. Which two paragraphs begin with the same word?
5. Which two paragraphs end with the same word?

B. Locating Information:

1. In the first sentence of this timed reading, the author gives one fact and one opinion. Underline the fact once and the opinion twice.
2. Which paragraph discusses the natural habitat of the giraffe?
3. Which paragraph discusses the coloring of the giraffe?
4. On what line is another animal besides the giraffe mentioned?
5. According to the reading, what are the two preferred methods of self-protection used by giraffes?

C. Grammar:

1. Which two adjectives in the first paragraph appear in their superlative forms?
2. Find an introductory word in the third paragraph that could be replaced with the word “Because.”
3. Can the word “usually” on line 12 be moved to any other place in the sentence and the sentence still be grammatically correct?
4. Can the word “is” on line 13 be substituted with the word “has”? Why or why not?
5. Can the word “well” on line 14 be substituted with the word “good”? Why or why not?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Which word in the first paragraph means exactly 50% of something?
2. Which word in the first paragraph refers to how tall someone or something is?
3. Find a word in the second paragraph that can be defined by the following definition: “the little hairs that grow out of the eyelids.”
4. Find a word in the second paragraph that means a natural light-brown color.
5. Which paragraph begins with an introductory expression that can be replaced by the phrase “Similar to” without changing the meaning of the sentence?
6. Find a word in the second half of the timed writing that means the opposite of “hard” or “tough.”
7. Find a word in the second half of the timed writing that means “large groups of animals.”

8. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that means “to eat.”
9. Find a word in the final paragraph that means “to scare.”
10. Find a word in the final paragraph that means “to run.”