

Reading Plus

Lesson 3

Exercise 14

A. Scanning:

1. How many numbers appear in the first paragraph?
2. What is the last word in the first paragraph?
3. What is the first word in the last paragraph?
4. How many words are written in italics in this timed reading?
5. How many words are in quotation marks in this timed reading?

B. Locating Information:

1. According to the timed reading, the word “telephone” comes from which language?
2. Which line discusses the number of telephones in use in the world today?
3. According to the timed reading, the average North American makes more than how many phone calls per year? Do you think this is more or less than the average person from another region of the world?
4. Which line in this timed reading discusses how the telephone works?
5. If the author wanted to include another paragraph about how telephones might change in the future, where do you think the new paragraph should be placed in relation to the two existing paragraphs?

C. Grammar:

1. The present perfect tense, which is used only once in this timed writing, appears on which line?
2. To which noun on line 9 does the pronoun “it” (also on line 9) refer?
3. Would it be grammatically correct to put an “-s” on the end of the word “million” on line 4? After all, the number 170 comes in front of it. Wouldn’t that make it plural?
4. If you were to change the phrase “a distance” on line 8 to “distances,” would the sentence still be grammatically correct? Would you have to change any other words in the sentence?
5. On which line does the verb “to be” appear in its base form?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Find a word in the first paragraph that means “to question” or “to be unsure.”
2. Find an adjective in the first paragraph that means “convenient” or “useful.”
3. Find a synonym of the word “tool” in the first paragraph.
4. Find a verb in the first paragraph that means “to establish or set up something so that it starts working.”
5. Find an adjective in the first paragraph that means “a normal or unexceptional person from the general population.”
6. Find an adjective in the second paragraph that means “far away.”
7. Find a verb in the second paragraph that means “quickly.”

8. Find a verb on the same line (as question 7) that means “correctly.”
9. Find a word in the second paragraph that means “to send or move something from one place to another.”
10. Find a word in the last half of the second paragraph that means “being joined or put together.”