

Reading Plus

Lesson 3

Exercise 18

A. Scanning:

1. How many words in the first paragraph begin with the letter “m”?
2. How many numbers appear in this timed writing in numeral form?
3. How many numbers appear in this timed writing written out as words?
4. What is the longest word in the second paragraph? How many letters does it have?
5. How many five-letter words are there in the final paragraph?

B. Locating Information:

1. According to the reading, how many strokes do most gasoline engines make?
2. Which stroke pushes the piston down?
3. Which stroke removes waste gasses from the cylinder?
4. Which stroke pulls the fuel mixture into the cylinder?
5. Which stroke compresses the fuel mixture?

C. Grammar:

1. If you changed the phrase “It used” (lines 1/2) to “It used to,” would the meaning change? Would this change be grammatically correct or not?
2. How many times does the present perfect tense appear in the first paragraph?
3. Of the ten numbers written out as words in this timed reading, how many are cardinal and how many are ordinal?
4. The word “spark” appears twice on line 9. Is this word used as the same part of speech both times? Label the part of speech of each word.
5. Two of the five sentences in the third paragraph are in passive voice. Underline them.

D. Vocabulary:

1. Find a word in the first paragraph that refers to water in its gaseous form.
2. Find a word in the first paragraph that is an antonym of “modern” and “sophisticated.”
3. Find a word in the first paragraph that can be replaced by the word “method.”
4. Find a word in the second paragraph that means “a single motion or movement.”
5. Find a word in the second paragraph that means “a combination of two or more substances.”
6. Find a verb in the second paragraph that means “to reduce the size or volume of a substance by applying pressure to it.”
7. Find a verb in the second paragraph that means “to start a fire.”
8. Find a word in the second paragraph that means “to stay or leave behind.”
9. Find a word in the timed reading that ends with “-ing” and is a synonym of “previous.”

10. Find a noun in the final paragraph that means “the act of blowing something up with a large flash of fire.”