

Reading Plus

Lesson 6

Exercise 20

A. Scanning:

1. How many times are parentheses used in this reading passage?
2. What is the second word of the second sentence of the first paragraph?
3. How many dates appear in this reading passage?
4. How many sentences are there in the third paragraph?
5. What is the last word on the third line of the fifth paragraph?

B. Locating Information:

1. Which paragraph introduces the name of the airline involved in the accident discussed in this reading passage?
2. According to the reading passage, what city was this airplane leaving from?
3. According to the reading passage, what city was the airplane going to?
4. How long after the plane took off did the trouble begin?
5. According to the reading passage, how many passengers were seriously injured?

C. Grammar:

1. Which verb in the first paragraph appears in its infinitive form?
2. The word “flight” (line 3) is the subject of the sentence that begins “On December 27, 1991...” (line 2). Which word in this sentence is the verb that goes with that subject?
3. How many times is the past perfect tense used in the second paragraph?
4. Which sentence in the third paragraph begins with a word that means the same thing as “Due to”?
5. If you were to change the word “fire” (line 14) to “fires,” would this sentence still be grammatically correct, or would you have to change something else as well?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Find a word in the first paragraph that means “to make it to” or “arrive at” a place.
2. Which word in the first paragraph means “to show how something works or should be done”?
3. Find a phrase in the second paragraph that refers to the moment when an airplane leaves the ground and rises into the air.
4. Find a word in the first paragraph that refers to the direction in which you are heading.
5. Find a noun in the second paragraph that is used to discuss how high up in the air something is traveling.
6. Which adjective in the second paragraph is a synonym of “acceptable” or “appropriate”?
7. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that refers to the small spaces or openings in things.

8. Which word in the fourth paragraph means “without help” or “assistance”?
9. Which word in the fifth paragraph refers to a person’s talents and abilities?
10. Find a word in the fifth paragraph that means “the final result or resolution of an event.”