

Reading Plus

Lesson 7

Exercise 18

A. Scanning:

1. What is the last word in the first sentence in the first paragraph?
2. What is the last word on the third line of the second paragraph?
3. Which two paragraphs end with the same word?
4. How many sentences are there in the second paragraph?
5. How many lines are there in the fourth paragraph?

B. Locating Information:

1. According to the first paragraph of this reading passage, in which countries might you find pyramids?
2. Which paragraph describes why Egyptian pyramids were built?
3. For what reason is the Egyptian pharaoh, Zoser, mentioned in the second paragraph?
4. According to the fourth paragraph, how are the pyramids of Mexico and Central American different from those in Egypt?
5. According to the fourth paragraph, why do so few people visit the pyramids near Tikal, Guatemala?

C. Grammar:

1. How many past tense verbs are used in the first paragraph of this reading passage?
2. Underline the infinitive verb in the second paragraph.
3. Which infinitive verb in the third paragraph can be substituted by “to finish” without changing the meaning of the sentence?
4. How many comparative adjectives appear in the fourth paragraph of this reading passage?
5. How many superlative adjectives appear in the fourth paragraph of this reading passage?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Which verb in the first paragraph means “to come together” or “unite”?
2. Find a word in the first paragraph that refers to a building or a large constructed object.
3. Find a word that refers to putting something in the ground and covering it up with dirt.
4. Which phrase in the second paragraph has the same meaning as “is made of”?
5. Find a word in the second paragraph that refers to the small private area where a dead person is forever laid to rest.
6. Find a word in the second paragraph that would be used by ancient Egyptians to refer to their king.
7. Find a noun in the second paragraph that comes from the word “dead.”
8. Which word in the second paragraph means “all over” or “in all parts”?

9. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that means “remote” or “secluded.”
10. Which phrase in the fourth paragraph refers to the people who are indigenous to, or originally come from, a particular geographical area?