

# Reading Plus

## Lesson 8

### Exercise 14

#### A. Scanning:

1. How many paragraphs are there in this timed reading?
2. How many sentences are there in the first paragraph?
3. Are there more sentences or lines in the first paragraph?
4. How many of the paragraph in this reading passage begin with the word “The”?
5. On which line does the phrase “how the three parts interact” appear?

#### B. Locating Information:

1. According to this reading passage, how many parts does the brain have?
2. Which part of the brain is responsible for controlling the muscles?
3. Which part of the brain controls a very important group of nerves?
4. According to the reading passage, who knows for sure how the brain works?
5. According to the reading passage, why is the brain important for our health?

#### C. Grammar:

1. How many times does some form of the verb “to be” appear in the first paragraph of this reading passage?
2. If the clause “Because we have a well-developed brain,” (line 2) were to be moved to the end of the sentence, would the comma still be necessary?
3. If you were to change the word “Each” (line 8) for the word “Every,” would the sentence still be grammatically correct? Would you have to change anything else in the sentence in order to correct it?
4. To which noun in the second paragraph does the pronoun “It” (line 14) refer?
5. If you were to change the word “but” (line 19) to the word “however,” would the sentence still be punctuated correctly or would you have to change something?

#### D. Vocabulary:

1. Find a word in the first paragraph that refers to a particular part of the body with its own specific function.
2. Find a word in the first paragraph that means “to discover or come up with new ideas, tools, or technology.”
3. Which word in the first paragraph is a synonym of the word “controls”?
4. Find a word in the first paragraph that is an antonym of the word “unaware.”
5. Find a word in the first paragraph that means “unexciting” or “normal routine.”
6. Which word in the first paragraph refers to something essential or necessary that you cannot do without?
7. Which word in the second paragraph is a synonym of the word “job” or “duty”?
8. Which verb in the second paragraph means “to control” or “to determine”?

9. Which word in the third paragraph refers to something that is not known for sure, but is an educated guess based on the available information”?
10. Find a word in the third paragraph that is an antonym of “simple.”