

Reading Plus

Answer Key for Lesson 3

Exercise 14

A. Scanning:

1. four; 100 (line 1), 1877 (line 3), 170 (line 4), 600 (line 5)
2. year
3. The
4. 3; *telephone*, *tele*, and *phone* (all on line 6)
5. 3; “distant,” “sound,” and “voice” (all on line 7)

B. Locating Information:

1. Greek (line 6)
2. line 4 (170 million)
3. more than 600 (line 5); (answers will vary)
4. line 8/9
5. A paragraph about the future of the telephone should probably be inserted as a third and final paragraph. The first paragraph discusses past to present, the second paragraph discusses how phones work, so a paragraph about the future of telephones should come third.

C. Grammar:

1. line 2 (has become)
2. speech
3. No; the word “million” describes or modifies the word “telephones,” so in this case, it functions like an adjective, and we all know that in English, adjectives are never plural.
4. Yes, it would still be correct, and no, you wouldn’t have to change anything else.
5. line 11

D. Vocabulary:

1. doubt (line 1)
2. handy (line 2)
3. instrument (line 2)
4. installed (line 3)
5. average (line 4)
6. distant (line 7)
7. rapidly (line 8)
8. accurately (line 8)
9. transmits (line 9)
10. connected (line 11)

Exercise 16

A. Scanning:

1. 6 lines
2. 3 dates; 1868 (line 2), January 2, 1869 (line 3), 1920 (line 13); Students may try to include 20th century (line 5); however, this is not a date. This is a range or period of time rather than a specific day or date.
3. 17 capitalized words (In, Ford, Motor, Company, With, Police, While, Detroit, Michigan, William, Potts, He, This, Woodward, Michigan, Avenues, Detroit, By)
4. large (line 6)
5. sharing (line 16)

B. Locating Information:

1. London; in 1868
2. 1900-1910 (the first decade, or 10 years, of the 20th century)
3. Detroit in 1920
4. “Ford Motor Company began producing large numbers of automobiles” (lines 5 and 6), and the first traffic light was installed in Detroit. One may infer that the Ford Motor Company was based in Detroit. This may not be obvious to students, but every American knows that Detroit is also known as the “Motor City.” Students may have heard of “Motown” music but may not know that this stands for “Motor-town.”
5. 1920 – 1929; “...the same decade” refers to the date found in the previous paragraph “in 1920” (line 13)

C. Grammar:

1. line 1 (first & one)
2. a noun
3. 6 proper nouns: Ford Motor Company (a company), William Potts (a person), Detroit (a city), Michigan (a state), Woodward Avenue (an avenue), Michigan Avenue (another avenue)
4. bad (base form), worse (comparative form)
5. This is the present participle of the verb “work” functioning as an adjective to modify the word “light.” What kind of light was it? A “working” light or a light that “worked.”

D. Vocabulary:

1. intersections (line 2)
2. produce (line 3)
3. century (line 5)
4. decade (line 5)
5. crossroad (line 9)
6. adapt (line 11)
7. automatic (line 15)
8. sharing (line 17)
9. motivated (line 18)
10. witnessed (line 18)

Exercise 18

A. Scanning:

1. five (more, may, means, more, machine)
2. only one number (in numerals): 200 (line 1)
3. ten (first, first, four, first, second, third, third, four, six, eight)
4. compresses (line 8); 10 letters
5. five (third, other, which, today, eight)

B. Locating Information:

1. four (line 6)
2. the third stroke
3. the fourth stroke
4. the first stroke
5. the second stroke

C. Grammar:

1. The new sentence would have no meaning and it would not be grammatically correct.
2. twice; “the first automobile may have been” (line 2/3), “it has produced” (line 4).
3. four cardinal (four, four, six, eight) and six ordinal (first, first, first, second, third, third)
4. No; the first time it is used as an adjective to modify “plug,” and the second time it is used as a noun.
5. “When the piston is pushed down...” (line 12); “The crankshaft is connected...” (line 14)

D. Vocabulary:

1. steam (line 2)
2. primitive (line 4)
3. means (line 4)
4. stroke (line 7)
5. mixture (line 7)
6. compresses (line 8)
7. ignites (line 9)
8. remain (line 10)
9. preceding (line 11)
10. explosion (line 12)

Exercise 20

A. Scanning:

1. 4 sentences
2. 5 lines
3. 10 words (During, French, Revolution, The, His, Joseph, Ignace, Guillotine, It, France)

4. twice (line 10 and line 11)
5. “vertical” (line 11) Figuring out this one in reverse is easier – start big and get smaller (paragraph, line, word).

B. Locating Information:

1. No, “capital punishment is not in practice in every country.”
2. This question has deep ramifications, however, a sanitized answer might be this: an execution is when a governing body empowered to make such decisions decides to kill someone because of a crime that that person committed. Murder is when one person decides to kill another person for personal reasons or no reason at all.
3. because of the French Revolution
4. The third paragraph. The guillotine is such a unique and “striking” device that it is really necessary to have a mental picture of it in order to really “feel” the reading.
5. “Many people felt that beheading a person in the guillotine was merciful because it occurred so quickly.” (lines 16-18).

C. Grammar:

1. affirmative: 3; negative: 1
2. none; all of the verbs in this sentence are in the past tense
3. only one: “very” (line 12)
4. The indefinite article “a” is used for non-specific nouns. The definite article “the” refers to specific nouns when there is no question which noun is being referred to in the mind of both the speaker/writer and listener/reader.
5. the past tense

D. Vocabulary:

1. commit (line 2)
2. minimize (line 4)
3. criminals (line 6)
4. in favor of (line 7)
5. device (line 7)
6. consists of (line 10)
7. horizontal and vertical (line 11)
8. slanted (line 12)
9. beheading (line 17)
10. occurred (line 18)