

# Answer Key for Teacher Handouts

## Unit 3

### Ambiguity in Newspapers

*The first one is the real meaning; the second is the funny or unintended meaning.*

- 1a. The eye drops (in a bottle) were taken off the shelf—because there was a problem and they could not be sold.
- 1b. A person's eyeball was on the shelf and then it fell off. (*impossible*)
- 2a. A dog bit a person (the victim), and the police helped the person.
- 2b. The police helped the dog (using their teeth!) to bite the person. (*not very likely!*)
- 3a. The miners (people who work in a mine) did not want to work after one of their co-workers died.
- 3b. The miners did not want to work after they (the miners) died. (*impossible*)
- 4a. Someone found the stolen purse that was lying by the tree.
- 4b. The tree went looking for, and found, the purse. (*A tree can't look for something.*)
- 5a. Some children made some snacks to eat, and the snacks were healthy.
- 5b. The headline could mean someone was eating the children, and they were a healthy snack.
- 6a. In court, the man was sentenced to the death penalty, then got off, and then was sentenced again a second time.
- 6b. The man was sentenced to die and then die again (after he was already dead). (*impossible*)
- 7a. Grandmother who has six grandchildren was playing golf and made a "hole in one" (*hit the ball into the hole with only one shot—very hard to do*)
- 7b. The grandmother made a hole in one of her grandchildren. (*impossible*)
- 8a. There are eight podiatrists (foot doctors) that filed a complaint.
- 8b. The doctors who filed the complaint were 8 feet tall. (*impossible*)
- 9a. The teachers are "on strike" (*not working*), so the kids are idle (*not going to school*).
- 9b. The teacher actually strikes (hits) the kids. (*not very funny*)
- 10a. Very few people "turned out" (*came*) to vote.
- 10b. Someone turned out the lights inside the booth.
- 11a. The dog likes all kinds of food, and he also likes to be around children.
- 11b. The dog likes to eat children.
- 12a. The person will teach a three-year-old child and must have previous experience doing so.
- 12b. The teacher will be only three years old.
- 13a. Children can have dinner for only \$4.00.
- 13b. One of the restaurant's specials (along with burgers, soup and salad) is children. (*to eat!*)
- 14a. The suits are in good condition.
- 14b. The father is in good condition.
- 15a. An "after-Christmas" sale can happen only one time a year.
- 15b. "Semi-Annual" means twice a year. (*impossible*)
- 16a. "Stock up and save" means you can buy a lot.
- 16b. Funny to say that you can buy a lot, but there is a limit of only one.
- 17a. Machinery can tear your clothing so we don't use any; we use our hands, not machines.
- 17b. We "do it by hand" could mean "we tear your clothing by hand." (*not a good ad*)
- 18a. Person with a good personality must have a car and driver's license.
- 18b. Sounds like the car must have a good personality. (*Is this possible?*)
- 19a. This dictionary is so good, you really have to see it to believe how good it is.
- 19b. A Braille dictionary is for blind people. So, how can they "see" it?
- 20a. If you are tired of cleaning your house, hire me to do it for you.
- 20b. If you are tired of cleaning your body (bathing, showering), hire me to wash your body.

## Unit 11

### Sentence Study—Comprehension

1. d (Explanation: Only *one* of them is not a nickel; the other one is.)
2. b
3. d (The professor is a woman; her husband and father fought.)
4. c
5. d (If the stranger is a liar, he will point to the city of truth-tellers; if the stranger is a truth-teller, he will point to the city of truth-tellers. Therefore, you should take the road that the stranger indicates.)
6. b
7. c (A human crawls on all four limbs [*two arms, two legs*] at the beginning of life ["dawn"], on two legs during the middle of life ["noon"], and on three [*two legs and a cane*] at the end of life ["sunset"].)
8. c (If the sun isn't shining, he will not burn.)
9. a (A *coffin* is the box that a person might be buried in after death.)

10. c (A *splinter* is a small piece of wood that sticks in the skin and causes irritation; it is often very difficult to see.)
11. b (Sand is an element in eyeglasses; therefore, sand helps a person see.)
12. c
13. d (The vowels are a, e, i, o, u: a tennis court.)
14. d
15. c (Look at the question again. How many are going to St. Ives? Only the man.)
16. c (Looking in the mirror!)
17. a (You didn't pass the person who is in 1<sup>st</sup> place!)
18. c (The only possible solution is that the person talking is a woman and there are four women and three men.)