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. “Stack 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 1st place!)
18. c (The only possible solution is that the person talking is a woman and there are four women and three men.)