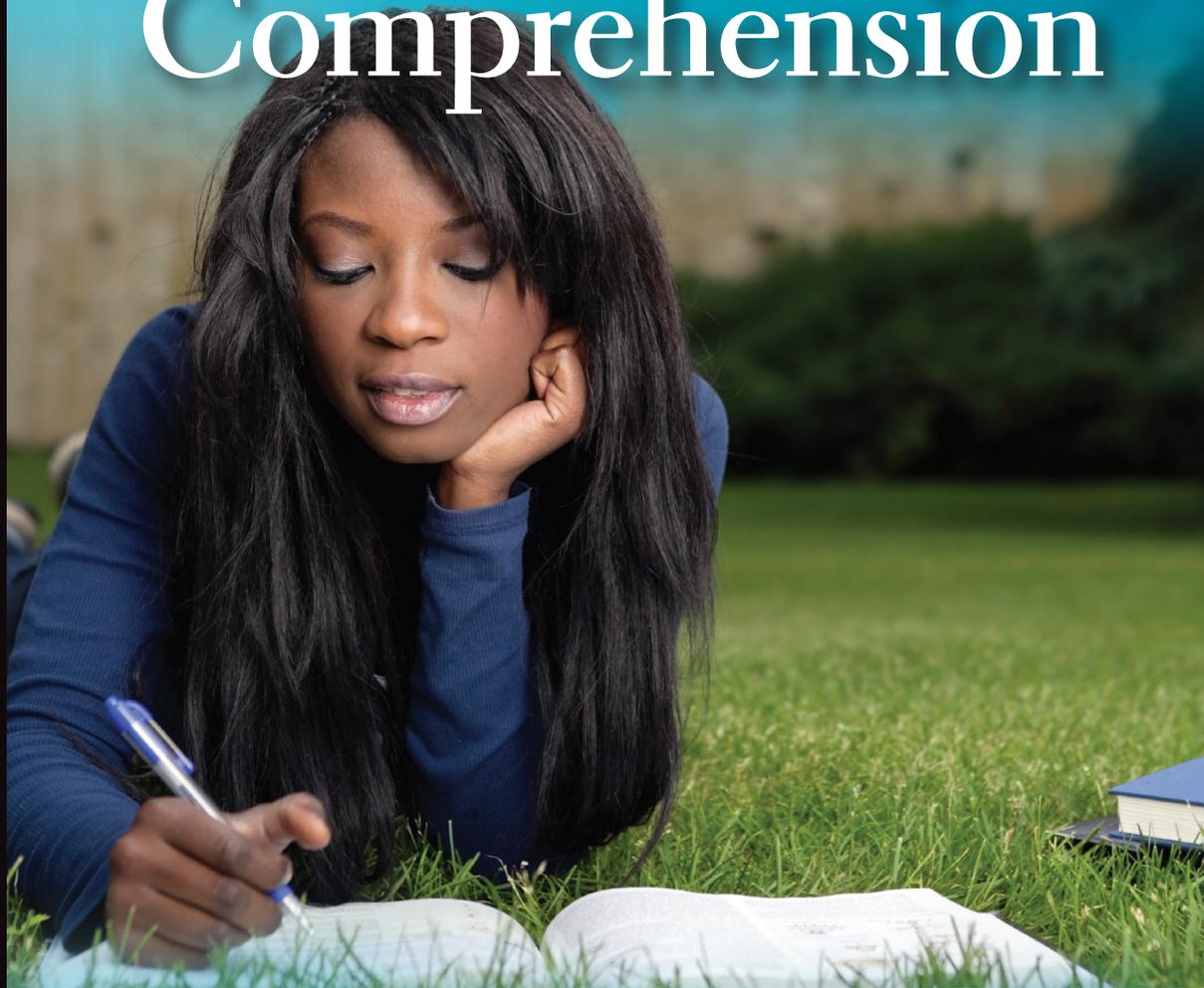


Reading Comprehension



Topics Include:

Reading at Home, Reading at School I,
Reading at School II, Reading in the Community,
Reading in the Marketplace, Reading in the Workplace

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UNIT PREVIEW

Where would you be likely to see each instruction?

A

Next to each instruction in the list, write a location from the box. Then circle a letter to show the meaning of the instruction.

clothing care label	construction site sign	“no littering” sign
hand cream label	rental application	medicine label
game instructions	credit card statement	tomato can label

1. **Apply sparingly.** _____
 a. Wrap tightly. b. Use a little bit. c. Soak thoroughly.
2. **Remit in 30 days.** _____
 a. Wait for a month. b. Answer immediately. c. Pay in 30 days.
3. **Consult your physician.** _____
 a. Ask your doctor. b. Tell about physics. c. Get a physical.
4. **Violators may be prosecuted.** _____
 a. Violet rays may harm you. b. Violence is not allowed. c. Lawbreakers will be punished.
5. **Enter at your own risk.** _____
 a. Leave by the rear exit. b. Risk-takers need not apply. c. Any consequences will be your own fault.

B

Write a letter to match each important “warning word” with its *synonym*.

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. ____ combustible | 3. ____ perishable | a. spoilable c. burnable |
| 2. ____ prohibited | 4. ____ hazardous | b. dangerous d. forbidden |

C

Circle a word or words to correctly complete each sentence.

1. You can figure out how to operate an appliance by reading the (classified ads / owner’s manual).
2. You need (assembly instructions / game rules) to put together a bookcase that comes in parts.
3. Understanding the terms of a product’s (ingredients / warranty) can help you get a refund or a replacement.

USING SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

COMPREHENSION SKILLS FOCUS

Words with the same or nearly the same meaning are called *synonyms*. Words that have opposite meanings are called *antonyms*. Familiarity with synonyms and antonyms will make it easier to understand everything you read.

- A** Write a *synonym* from the box for each **boldfaced** word. You will *not* use all the words in the box.

refrain	denotes	ounces	remove	claim
respond	requires	portions	retain	revolves

1. This bag of frozen peas contains four **servings** _____.
2. You must **reply** _____ to the landlord's letter within 24 hours.
3. That fabric won't **hold** _____ its color if you wash it in hot water.
4. The asterisk (*) next to that sentence **indicates** _____ an exception to the rule.
5. That little machine part **turns** _____ in a clockwise direction.

- B** Circle the *antonym* of each **boldfaced** word.

1. Her medical insurance is covered on a **group** policy.
HMO workers individual public
2. Thorough cleaning **retards** the growth of bacteria.
limits eliminates prevents encourages
3. Guests must park only in **designated** spaces.
unmarked designed distant disintegrated
4. You might **retain** water if you use too much salt.
exclude lack reject release
5. Carelessness can result in a **critical** injury.
embarrassing insulting trivial painful

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TELEPHONE BOOKS

The white pages of most telephone books begin with a listing of emergency numbers such as these.

FIRE: 911	POISON CONTROL: 555-1290
POLICE: 911	DRUG, ALCOHOL: 555-9812
HIGHWAY PATROL: 911	MISSING CHILD HOTLINE: 1-800-222-5678
AMBULANCE: 911	SUICIDE PREVENTION: 555-6666
COAST GUARD: 555-9182	FAMILY STRESS SERVICE: 555-4276
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES: 555-3210	

A

Use information from the chart to complete the sentences or to answer the questions.

1. You see smoke coming from the window of an abandoned house. You should call _____.
2. Someone walking by your house falls to the ground and seems to be having a heart attack. Who would you call? _____
_____ At what number? _____
3. You witness a four-car collision on the freeway. You immediately use your cellular phone to contact the _____
. What number do you call? _____
4. You overhear the unmistakable sounds of a neighbor beating his children. You call to speak to someone at _____.
5. A sudden storm is about to sink your fishing boat. You should notify the _____ at once. That number is _____.
6. Your uncle is depressed about your aunt's recent death. He tells you he's thinking of killing himself. What emergency service should help him? _____
7. Your baby sister appears to have been drinking paint thinner. You should call _____ at _____.

B

Yellow Pages headings are listed alphabetically by service. Read the example listings on the right. Use the information to answer the questions.

1. What two numbers could you call to compare charges for dog bathing?

2. You want to buy a Siamese kitten. What store might be able to help you?

3. You have been dissatisfied with Pet Taxi's service. Who could you call to take your dog to the groomer?

4. You want to add some finches to your aviary. What store might have just the birds you're looking for?

Where is the store located? _____
_____ in _____

5. You want to put some water lilies in your aquarium. Where could you buy some?

6. What service offers both grooming and training for dogs?

At what number? _____

7. You want to train your puppy to be a watchdog. What two numbers could you call?

Pet Doctors

See Veterinarians

Pet Grooming

Bow-Wow Ltd.
56 Bay Rd 349-6743
Canine Corps
23 Hill Av 269-6704

Pet Shops

BIRD HAVEN
Talking Parrots,
Singing Canaries, &
Other Birds
792-8134
27 Green Blvd.
Midtown Mall

FIN TIME
• Complete Line of
Tropical Fish
• Aquariums
• Water Plants
45 Lake Dr..... 427-4156

Martin's Pets
7 Salem St. 269-5673

Pet Training

Canine Corps
23 Hill Ave. 269-6704

POLITE POOCH
• Housebreaking
• Chewing
• Obedience
• Protection
792-4103
52 North Street

Pet Transporting

PET TAXI
"We Pick Up &
Deliver Any Pet"
34 Main St..... 792-6740

Will's Pet Transport
2 James Pl. 591-5470

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MEDICINE LABELS

Understanding instructions on medicine labels can literally make the difference between life and death.

A

Study the medicine label. Then write a letter on the blanks to identify each part.

- a. patient's name
- b. physician's name
- c. name of medicine
- d. date prescription was filled
- e. number of pills
- f. throwaway date
- g. prescription number

	DINMONT DRUGS, INC.	(849) 555-5050	
	Store #103		
	245 W. Charles Rd.		
	Lakeside, IL 60056		
		R_x	
	OPEN 24 HOURS		
1. _____ ←	No. 407886	11/30/09	→ 4. _____
2. _____ ←	GARDNER, TERESA	Dr. Peterson	→ 5. _____
	Take 1 tablet every 6 hours for nasal congestion.		
3. _____ ←	NALDECON	250 mg.	#30 → 6. _____
	NO REFILLS	Discard after 3/2011	→ 7. _____
	Warning: May cause drowsiness. Alcohol may intensify this effect.		

B

Circle a letter to show how each sentence should be completed.

1. The maximum number of pills Teresa should take in 24 hours is
 - a. 24.
 - b. 6.
 - c. 4.
2. By studying the label, you can infer that Teresa probably has
 - a. a cold or an allergy.
 - b. sleeping sickness.
 - c. multiple fractures.
3. The dosage described as 250 mg must mean 250
 - a. mammograms.
 - b. multigulps.
 - c. milligrams.
4. If Teresa takes three pills a day, this medicine will last for
 - a. 30 days.
 - b. 10 days.
 - c. two weeks.

5. If Teresa drinks beer while she's on this medication, she may
 - a. become an alcoholic.
 - b. be too sleepy to drive safely.
 - c. have violent stomach cramps.

6. After March 2001, the medicine prescribed for Teresa will
 - a. no longer be effective.
 - b. mysteriously disappear.
 - c. turn into aspirin.

C

Over-the-counter medicine is often taken to reduce a fever or to relieve minor aches and pains. Study the label below. Then circle a word to correctly complete each sentence.

1. Children should take (fewer / more) tablets than adults.
2. The amount of acetaminophen in each tablet is (50 / 500) milligrams.
3. A child under the age of six (should / should not) take this medicine.
4. An acetaminophen tablet (does / does not) contain aspirin.
5. A 13-year-old should take the (adult's / children's) dose of acetaminophen.
6. A doctor's approval is recommended for people who (are / are not) taking other medications.
7. A "safety sealed" product is protected against (tampering / misuse).
8. The two words used interchangeably on this label are (persist and consult / physician and doctor).

STAYWELL Pharmaceuticals
A <small>EXTRA STRENGTH</small> CETAMINOPHEN
Non-Aspirin Pain Reliever
100 TABLETS—acetaminophen 500 mg. each SAFETY SEALED
<p>DIRECTIONS: Adults: 2 tablets every 6 hours Children 6 to 12 years old: 1 tablet every 6 hours Children under age 6: Consult a doctor.</p> <p>WARNING: If you are taking other medication, consult your physician before using this product. If symptoms persist for more than 10 days, see a physician. Keep the bottle cap tightly closed.</p>

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PET CARE

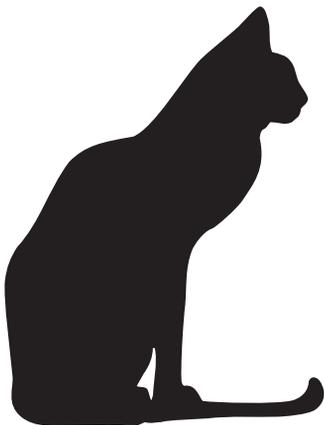
Responsible pet owners are always looking for better ways to care for their animals. Your pet might thank you for studying the information in this lesson!

A

Study the pet care chart.

	CATS	DOGS	FISH
HANDLING	Lift a cat using two hands, one under its forelegs and one under its rump. A cat should not be dropped, for it will not always land on its feet. Brush its coat regularly.	Don't allow a dog to roam freely. Groom a dog regularly. Check that its ears are clean and its nails are trimmed. To avoid the loss of its natural oils, bathe it only when it is dirty.	Don't mix large and small fish. Net fish gently. To prevent the spread of diseases, isolate each new fish for a few days before adding it to your tank.
FEEDING	Bones that may splinter should not be fed to cats. Provide a high-protein, high-fat, commercial cat food. If food is not moist, provide water.	Serve a balanced diet of commercial dog food. Feed once or twice a day, depending on the dog's condition. Give the dog large uncooked beef bones or artificial bones. Provide water.	Check with the fish dealer about the proper diet for the fish. Don't put more food in the tank than the fish can eat in 5 minutes. After 10 or 15 minutes, all leftover food should be removed to prevent an accumulation of rotting food.
HOUSING	A box with a cushion or a blanket can be used for sleeping. Provide a scratching post to keep claws worn down.	Protect the dog from dampness and from extremes of heat and cold. A warm, dry blanket can be used for bedding. Clean the bedding regularly.	Don't use fish bowls because the fish can't get enough oxygen. Use distilled water. Provide proper lighting. Be sure the water does not contain chlorine.

Now use the information from the pet care chart to help you decide whether each statement is *true* or *false*. Write *T* or *F* on the blank.



1. ____ The healthiest dogs are bathed every day.
2. ____ Cats should not be fed chicken bones.
3. ____ A fish eats all it needs within five minutes.
4. ____ Dogs with heavy coats need no protection from cold weather.
5. ____ All kinds of fish can live together happily.
6. ____ Always use two hands to pick up a cat.