

Helpful Reading Strategies

Test Tips

- 1. Read all directions carefully.
- 2. Be sure you understand the directions.
- 3. Read <u>all</u> answer choices before choosing one.
- Format changes <u>may not</u> signal a change in directions; don't be tricked.
- 5. Look for the key words in the directions.
- 6. Skip dif cult items and come back to them.
- 7. Read back over your test to be sure you answered all questions.
- 8. If you aren't sure which answer is correct, take your best guess.

Reading Strategies

- ★ When reading comprehension is tested, the questions are testing your ability to read for details and to nd meaning in the text.
- ★ When you are looking for the main idea of a selection, look at the rst sentence, the last sentence, or the title. These usually provide a good clue as to the main idea.
- ★ When the directions say choose the "most important idea," or "the main problem," remember that there is probably more than one right answer.
 You need to look for the BEST answer.
- ★ When you are trying to gure out a vocabulary word from context, replace the word with the answer and see if it ts.
- ★ Watch out for negatives. Some questions say, "which of the following is not true?". You are looking for the one that is wrong (false).
- ★ Use context clues to gure out words or ideas you don't understand.
- ★ Word-meaning questions test your vocabulary and your ability to gure out unfamiliar words.

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UNIT ONE: READING

Lesson One: Vocabulary

Be sure you understand <u>all</u> of the directions.

Directions: Choose the word that matches the de nition.

- 1. To go along with:
 - A. accompany
- B. acquaintance C.
- C. achieve
- D. accurate



- A. breath
- B. breadth
- C. breathe
- D. breathless
- 3. Inner feelings and ideas that tell a person what is right and what is wrong:
 - A. conscious
- B. conscience
- C. conquest
- D. consecutive

- 4. To cause to feel nervous or ill at ease; uster:
 - A. embargo
- B. embalm
- C. elude
- D. embarrass

- 5. A formal promise; vow:
 - A. plead
 - B. pledge
 - C. pleasant
 - D. please
- 6. To divide into parts or sections:
 - A. separable
 - B. sequel
 - C. separate
 - D. sequence
- 7. To bring back to the mind; think again:
 - A. remember
 - B. remind
 - C. remote
 - D. remove
- 8. A short statement of the main parts of something longer:
 - A. sum
 - B. summer
 - C. summon
 - D. summary

- 9. Someone who does a job or gives services freely and usually without pay:
 - A. vote
 - B. volunteer
 - C. vowel
 - D. vulture
- 10. Easily insulted or made angry; irritable:
 - A. touch
 - B. touchy
 - C. tough
 - D. tourist

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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)

Directions: For each group of words, choose the one that does not belong.

- 11. A. disturb
- B. pacify
- C. agitate
- D. annoy

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- 12. A. ponderous
- B. heavy
- C. joyous
- D. weighty

- 13. A. villain
- B. sport
- C. scoundrel
- D. ruf an

- 14. A. cowardice
- B. courage
- C. bravery
- D. valor

- 15. A. answer
- B. reply
- C. question
- D. response

- 16. A. delight
- B. displease
- C. enjoy
- D. glad

Directions: For #17–20, choose the correct antonym for each word in **bold**.

Directions: For #21–24, choose the correct synonym for each word in **bold**.

17. correct

- A. punish
- B. false
- C. true
- D. accurate

18. brave

- A. courageous
- B. fearless
- C. brawnv
- D. cowardly

19. **clumsy**

- A. awkward
- B. uncouth
- C. graceful
- D. bungling

20. **destroy**

- A. create
- B. demolish
- C. annihilate
- D. undo

21. **poor**

- A. wealthy
- B. rich
- C. indigent
- D. bald

22. famous

- A. unknown
- B. celebrated
- C. obscure
- D. unsung

23. gentle

- A. harsh
- B. rude
- C. rough
- D. tender

24. amuse

- A. entertain
- B. exclude
- C. bore
- D. deny

Skip dif cult questions, and come back to them later.



Look for key

words in the di-

rections.

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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)

Directions: Choose the de nition that best ts the way the word is used in each sentence.

- 25. The **batter** swung at the wild pitches 29. Bob and I each left a 20 percent **tip** for only.
 - Α. hit repeatedly
 - B. liquid mixture used for cakes
 - baseball player C.
 - injured or damaged
- 26. Our canoe kept running into the **bank** no matter how hard we paddled.
 - Α. mound
 - place of nancial business B.
 - row of things C.
 - land along a river D.
- 27. The baseball player was bound by his agreement with management.
 - limited Α.
 - obliged B.
 - C. spring back
 - D. on the way
- 28. Wednesday's child is **fair** of face.
 - A. beautiful; lovely
 - just; honest B.
 - showing of farm goods C.
 - D. bazaar

- the waitress.
 - Α. end point
 - slant B.
 - C. present of money for services rendered
 - D. one who cares
- 30. My sister beat me by one **stroke** in golf yesterday.
 - Α. soothe
 - B. pet
 - C. an illness
 - D. hit
- 31. Are you too **mean** to give money to charity?
 - intend
 - stingy B.
 - C. unkind
 - D. average
- 32. All sixth graders are present today.
 - a gift Α.
 - not absent B.
 - C. to introduce
 - D. a time between past and future

Directions: Choose the word that best completes each analogy. Example: open: (is to) close:: (as) up: (is to) down

- sh: school::student:_____ 33.
 - ligug Α.
- B. class
- education
- D. pencil
- 35. she:her::____:him
 - Α. his
- B. thev
- C. he
- her

- 34. ___: write :: bell : ring
 - Α. hand

C.

- B. pen D. student
- 36. pour : _____ :: cook : eat
 - Α. glass
- B. thirsty
- C. bottle
- drink D

pencil

Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)

Directions: Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

- 37. The teacher is under the _____ that I am 39. Albany, Atlanta, and Augusta are, __ my twin sister.
 - Α. allusion
 - delusion B.
 - C. illusion
 - fusion D.
- 38. Good soldiers never _____ their posts.
 - Α. dessert
 - B. desert
 - C. descend
 - D. descent



- , the capitals of New York, Georgia, and Maine.
 - Α. respectably
 - B. respectfully
 - C. respectively
 - D. respected
- 40. Mother is _____ tired of all the traveling.
 - Α. quail
 - B. quit
 - C. quiet
 - D. quite

If you aren't sure which answer is correct, take your best guess.



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Lesson Two: Word Analysis

Directions: Read each pair of words, and then choose the word or words that best tell the meaning of the underlined af x.

- 1. <u>anti</u>war <u>anti</u>social
 - A. against
 - B. not, opposite
 - C. wrong
 - D. too much
- 2. <u>over</u>do <u>over</u>priced
 - A. against
 - B. not, opposite
 - C. wrong
 - D. too much
- 3. misbehave mistake
 - A. against
 - B. not, opposite
 - C. wrong
 - D. too much
- 4. contradict contrast
 - A. back
 - B. distant
 - C. not
 - D. against, opposite
- 5. recall rebate
 - A. back
 - B. distant
 - C. not
 - D. against, opposite
- 6. <u>tele</u>phone <u>tele</u>scope
 - A. back
 - B. distant
 - C. not
 - D. against, opposite



Word-meaning questions test your vocabulary and your ability to gure out unfamiliar words.

- 7. marriage voyage
 - A. being or having

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- B. one who
- C. action or process
- D. relating to
- 8. servant assistant
 - A. being or having
 - B. one who
 - C. action or process
 - D. relating to
- 9. sunny chewy
 - A. being or having
 - B. one who
 - C. action or process
 - D. relating to
- 10. childhood falsehood
 - A. relating to
 - B. female
 - C. manner
 - D. state or quality of

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Lesson Two: Word Analysis (cont.)

Directions: Read each word, and then choose the root word or af x for each word.

Answer all of the questions you know rst.

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Look for the root word.

- 11. dependable
 - Α. de
- B. depend
- C. pend
- D. able

- 12. courageous
 - Α. ous
- B. cour
- C. rage
- D. courage

- 13. geography
 - A. geo
- B. graph
- C. graphy
- D. У

- 14. autograph
 - auto
- B. graph
- C. togra
- D. autog

Look for the prefix in each word.

- 15. impossible
 - Α. im
- B. imposs
- C. ible
- D. possible

- 16. subterranean
 - Α. ean
- B. terran
- C. sub
- D. subterran

- 17. repayment
 - Α. re
- B. pay
- C. ment
- D. repay

- 18. unsinkable
 - A. able
- B. sink
- sinkable C.
- D. un

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Lesson Two: Word Analysis (cont.)

Look for the suffix in each word.

19. excitement

- A. excite
- B. ment
- C. cite
- D. ex

20. transportation

- A. trans
- B. port
- C. tion
- D. sport

21. humidity

- A. ity
- B. ty
- C. humid
- D. hum

22. metamorphosis

- A. meta
- B. sis
- C. morph
- D. osis

23. appliance

- A. appli
- B. liance
- C. ance
- D. lian

24. feudalism

- A. ism
- B. lism
- C. dalism
- D. feud

25. conquistador

- A. con
- B. quis
- C. tador
- D. or



Use the "old" trick of clapping the syllables ... but do it QUIETLY!



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Lesson Two: Word Analysis (cont.)

Directions: Decide which word makes the correct compound word missing from the sentence.

- 26. The orist brought the roses from the ____house.
 - Α. work
 - B. green
 - C. re
 - D. school
- 27. She put the money some_____ it would be safe.
 - A. day
 - B. how
 - C. place
 - D. what
- 28. We marveled at the stunning re _____ at the fair.
 - A. place
 - B. proof
 - C. wood
 - D. works
- 29. The Volpes family has a pool in their back_____.
 - A. yard
 - B. pack
 - C. ground
 - D. re
- 30. After the children's nap, it was _____time.
 - A. life
 - B. play
 - C. spring
 - D. bed
- 31. Aiko painted the sun_____ shining 32. My baby sister got her rst hair____ on through the curtains.
 - A. down
 - B. ower
 - C. light
 - D. rise

choice in the sentence quietly to yourself to see which one makes sense.

Say each word



- Saturday.
 - Α. cut
 - B. net
 - C. line
 - D. pin

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Lesson Two: Word Analysis (cont.)

Directions: Answer each question.

- 33. Which word comes from the Latin word for *years*, meaning *returning yearly*?
 - annoyance
 - anniversary B.
 - C. announcer
 - D. animal

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- 34. Which word comes from the French word that means one who receives guests?
 - housewife
 - B. housekeeper
 - C. host
 - D. hot dog
- 35. Which word comes from an old English word that meant sharp to the taste?
 - cupcake Α.
 - B. tart
 - C. pie
 - D. lemon
- 36. Which word comes from the Italian word for new where it was used to describe a new form of short story?
 - Α. novel
 - B. poem
 - C. epic
 - D. ballard
- 37. Which word comes from the old Dutch word that meant to speak out?
 - Α. mimic
 - B. whisper
 - C. sing
 - D. utter



Eliminate the choices you know are wrong and choose from those remaining.

Lesson Two: Word Analysis (cont.)

Directions: Choose the best way to divide the word into syllables.

- 38. icicle
 - Α. i-cic-le
 - B. i ci cle
 - C. ici cle
 - D. icicle
- 39. department
 - A. depart ment
 - B. dep art ment
 - C. de part ment
 - D. department
- 40. examination
 - A. exa min a tion
 - B. ex am i na tion
 - C. exam in a tion
 - D. ex am in a tion

- 41. communicate
 - A. com mu ni cate
 - B. com mun i cate
 - C. co - mmun - i - cate
 - D. com - mun - icate
- 42. temperature
 - Α. temper - a - ture
 - B. temp - er - a - ture
 - C. tem - per - a - ture
 - D. tem - per - ature
- 43. frequency
 - Α. fre - quen - cy
 - B. frequ - en - cy
 - C. frequen - cy
 - D. fre - quenc - y

Directions: Answer the following questions.

- 44. Which of these words is an example of 46. Which of these phrases is a tongue onomatopoeia?
 - Α. gig
 - B. bear
 - C. huff 'n' puff
 - lemon lime
- 45. Which word is a palindrome?
 - Α. ten
 - B. radar
 - C. brunch
 - D. snif e

- twister?
 - Α. Hot lava from volcanoes
 - For ne sh phone Phil. B.
 - It works better if you plug it in. C.
 - Lemon lime, be on time. D
- 47. Which of these phrases is an idiom?
 - Α. the shoemaker's children
 - my grandfather Bill B.
 - C. fall by the wayside
 - across the street

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Lesson Two: Word Analysis (cont.)

- 48. Which of these sentences is a proverb?
 - A. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
 - B. The cat crossed the creek carefully.
 - C. You are on the right track.
 - D. He turned out the light and went to bed.
- 49. Which of these emoticons means bored?
 - A. :)
 - B. :(
 - C. :/
 - D. :0
- 50. What does the computer acronym LOL mean?
 - A. lovely on Linda
 - B. laughing out loud
 - C. I don't know
 - D. lots of luck



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Review

- 1. Word-meaning questions test your vocabulary and your ability to gure out unfamiliar words.
- 2. Answer all the questions you know rst.
- 3. Use the "old" trick of clapping the syllables ... but do it QUIETLY!
- 4. Say each word choice in the sentence quietly to yourself to see which one makes sense.
- 5. Eliminate those choices you know are wrong and choose from those remaining.
- 6. When all else fails—guess!

