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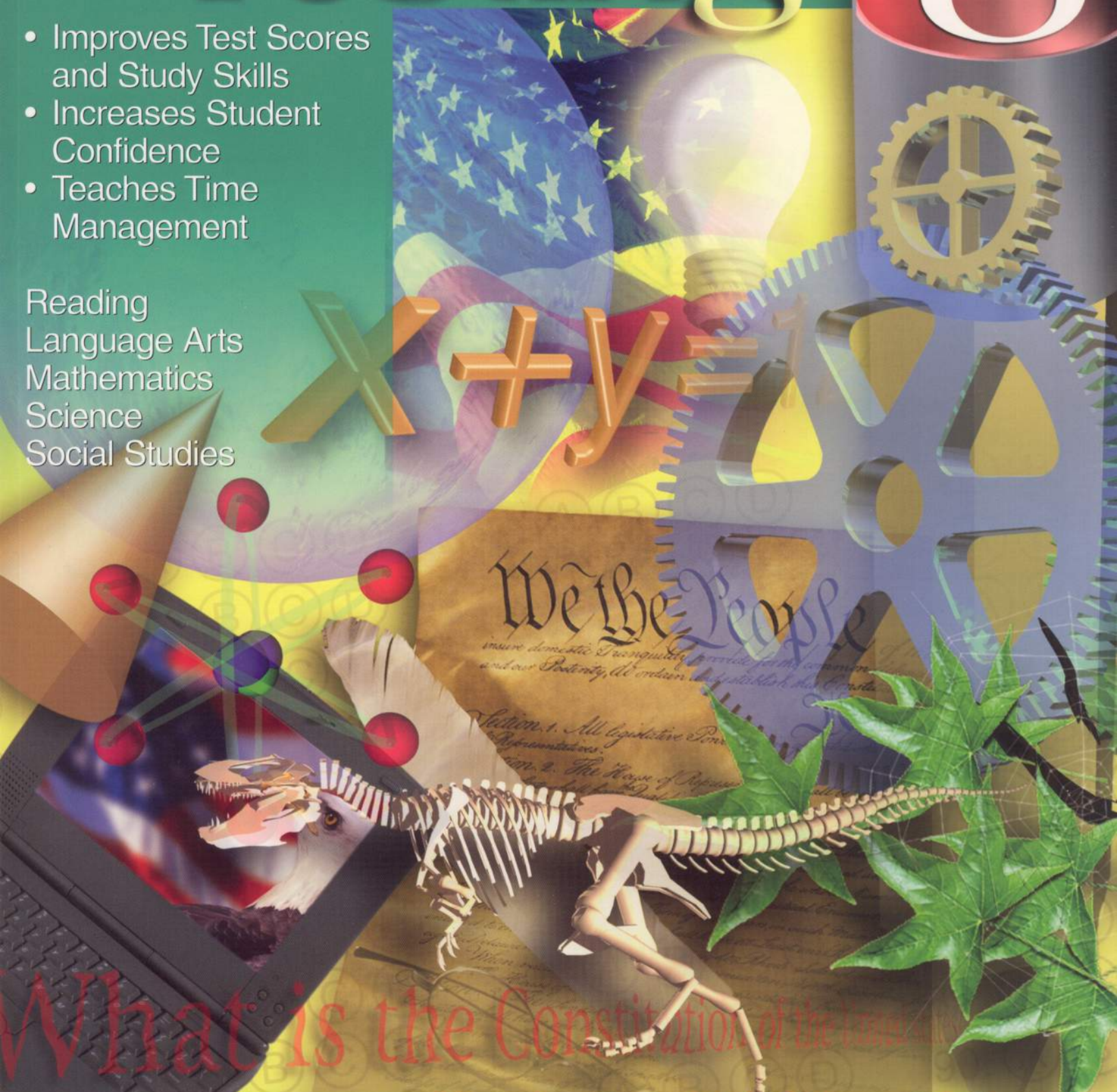
Testing

Grade

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- Improves Test Scores and Study Skills
- Increases Student Confidence
- Teaches Time Management

Reading
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies



What is the Constitution of the United States?

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Helpful Reading Strategies

Test Tips

1. read all directions carefully.
2. Be sure you understand the directions.
3. read all choices before choosing one.
4. Format changes may not signal a change in directions; don't be tricked.
5. Look for the key words in the directions.
6. Skip difficult items, and come back to them.
7. read back over your test to be sure you answered all of the 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 find meaning in the text.
- ★ When you are looking for the main idea of a selection, look at the first 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 figure out a vocabulary word from context, replace the word with the answer and see if it fits.
- ★ 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 figure out words or ideas you don't understand.
- ★ Word-meaning questions test your vocabulary and your ability to figure out unfamiliar words.

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UNIT ONE: READING**Lesson One: Vocabulary**

Directions: choose the word that means the same or nearly the same as the numbered word.

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| 1. situation | 6. sufficient |
| a. absence | a. complaint |
| B. position | B. adequate |
| c. displacement | c. permit |
| D. vacancy | D. strong |
| 2. pious | 7. disgruntled |
| a. impious | a. happy |
| B. sacrilegious | B. pleased |
| c. profane | c. fake |
| D. religious | D. dissatisfied |
| 3. devastation | 8. nourishment |
| a. detrimental | a. memorandum |
| B. destruction | B. gauge |
| c. beneficial | c. food |
| D. restoration | D. teeth |
| 4. humane | 9. encountered |
| a. cruel | a. met |
| B. unmerciful | B. destroyed |
| c. kind | c. looked |
| D. non-humane | D. repeated |
| 5. magnanimous | 10. acknowledged |
| a. generous | a. nodded |
| B. mean | B. admitted |
| c. cheap | c. acquired |
| D. furious | D. informed |

Word-meaning questions test your vocabulary and your ability to figure out unknown words.



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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)**Directions:** choose the word that means the opposite of the numbered word.

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| 11. betrayed | 16. retrieve |
| a. protected | a. recover |
| B. deceived | B. reclaim |
| c. imparted | c. throw |
| D. dishonored | D. locate |
| 12. opportunity | 17. eternity |
| a. occasion | a. forever |
| B. inopportune | B. endless |
| c. antagonistic | c. short-lived |
| D. external | D. future |
| 13. ancient | 18. serious |
| a. old | a. sensibilities |
| B. obsolete | B. lively |
| c. new | c. important |
| D. nameless | D. grave |
| 14. debris | 19. astonished |
| a. ruins | a. amazed |
| B. junk | B. astounded |
| c. garbage | c. flabbergasted |
| D. treasure | D. knowing |
| 15. frequently | 20. colossal |
| a. repeated | a. huge |
| B. constant | B. tiny |
| c. often | c. large |
| D. seldom | D. wide |

choose your answer
carefully. the other choices
may *seem* correct.



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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)**Directions:** choose the word that best completes each analogy.*Example: open : (is to) close :: (as) up : (is to) down*

21. graceful : clumsy :: late : _____

- a. tardy c. early
B. bloomer D. recently

22. work : labor :: under : _____

- a. over c. place
B. below D. robber

23. cloud : sky :: _____ : gun

- a. rifle c. bullet
B. hard D. shoot

24. aspirin : medicine :: _____ : ruler

- a. measurement c. throne
B. king D. inch

25. action : plot :: _____ : rose

- a. petals c. bouquet
B. thorns D. smell

26. students : school :: audience : _____

- a. house c. theater
B. lobby D. chair

27. rattle : baby :: guitar : _____

- a. singer c. strings
B. musician D. instrument

28. athlete : team :: _____ : country

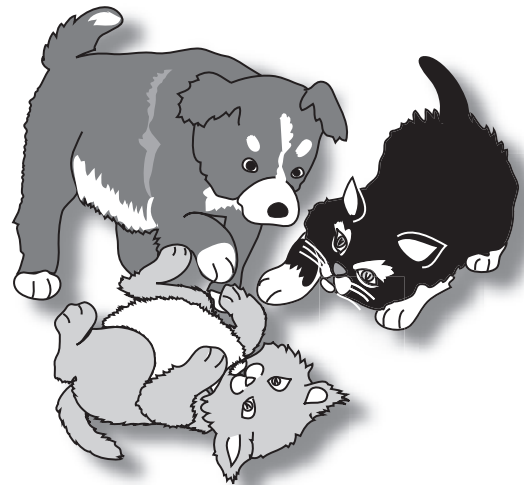
- a. village c. state
B. city D. continent

29. survive : _____ :: grow : shrink

- a. alive c. person
B. manage D. perish

30. puppy : dog :: kitten : _____

- a. cat c. pride
B. tiger D. flock



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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)**Directions:** choose the correct word that completes each sentence.

31. the dog picked up the fugitive's _____ quickly.
a. sent c. scent
B. cent D. tie
32. the actors have special _____ in their contracts.
a. odors c. clauses
B. claws D. climates
33. use a _____ mark to insert the word that is missing in your essay.
a. carat c. carrot
B. caret D. corot
34. Susan was the _____ to the Savengy family's money.
a. ere c. air
B. heir D. hair
35. Bernice's father walked her down the _____ at her wedding.
a. isle c. i'll
B. iele D. aisle

Directions: choose the word or group of words that has the same, or nearly the same, meaning as the underlined word.

36. Smoking is hazardous to your health.
a. dangerous c. great
B. beneficial D. cloudy
37. When the chemical plant exploded, malignant fumes were released into the air.
a. obnoxious c. deadly
B. manageable D. cruel
38. that big bush was obstructing my view of the intersection.
a. stopping c. enlarging
B. hindering D. hurting

Words may have more than one meaning, so think carefully about the meaning of each word.



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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)

39. that old factory looked like a forlorn, tumbledown eyesore.
 a. old c. foolish
 B. lonely D. formal
40. his dog wreaked havoc in the house while he was gone.
 a. recreation c. ruin
 B. playfully D. annihilation
41. graduation is a momentous occasion.
 a. trivial c. sad
 B. important D. substantial
42. Savannah is an amiable companion for the old lady.
 a. discourteous c. ill-mannered
 B. rambunctious D. agreeable
43. Joni failed to comprehend the seriousness of the accident.
 a. speak c. misunderstand
 B. understand D. think of
44. June was flabbergasted when Paul told her she smelled bad.
 a. conflicted c. astounded
 B. angry D. crying
45. uncle Simon was gratified when he saw that Moshe had taken his advice.
 a. unsatisfied c. satisfied
 B. indulged D. rewarded

Directions: choose the euphemism for each numbered word.

46. used
 a. owned c. pre-owned
 B. unused D. damaged
47. fired or laid off
 a. make smaller c. quit
 B. downsized D. removed
48. died
 a. gone c. went away
 B. don't see D. passed away



Be sure
the number you
filled in on your
answer sheet
matches the
question num-
ber you are
working on.

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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)

49. wrong or incorrect

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| a. misinformed | c. chastised |
| B. corrected | D. corrupted |

50. garbage dump

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| a. garden | c. golf course |
| B. quarry | D. landfill |

Directions: choose the idiom in each sentence.51. the art director stood up for herself with the board on tuesday.

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| a | B | c | D |
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52. no one is able to come up with the answer to that question.

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| a | B | c | D |
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53. When we left camp, Jonna promised to drop me a line frequently.

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| a | B | c | D |
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54. Dad knows about the party because tucker let the cat out of the bag.

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| a | B | c | D |
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55. "your behavior just now," my teacher said, "is the straw that broke the camel's back."

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| a | B | c | D |
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Directions: choose the cliché in each sentence.56. aunt harriet always says that i am pretty as a picture.

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| a | B | c | D |
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57. grandpa says he's old as the hills when i ask him how old he is.

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| a | B | c | D |
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58. nestor is an unsung hero for the volunteer work he does at the school.

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| a | B | c | D |
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59. Jesse can really get my dander up when he criticizes Marsha.

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| a | B | c | D |
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60. Mad as a wet hen, Mom stomped out of the store.

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| a | B | c | D |
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Lesson One: Vocabulary (cont.)**Directions:** choose the word that has the same meaning as the underlined word.

61. Doug asked Darlene for a date on Saturday.
a. today's date is July 29th.
B. on our last date, we went to the carnival.
c. the date on the letter proved his innocence.
D. Do you have a date for the prom?
62. Bridge is a card game for four people.
a. We cross the ambassador Bridge every summer.
B. the bridge was washed away in the storm.
c. in March, it is my mother's turn to host her bridge club.
D. the teacher was trying to build a bridge between those from the city and those from the country.
63. Phil is a big hockey fan; he never misses a game.
a. it got so hot yesterday that we turned on the fan.
B. the wind fanned the flames.
c. the princess hid behind her fluttering fan.
D. Mario is a fan of basketball.
64. it's important to put your papers in the file.
a. She used the file to shape her nails.
B. i file copies of all letters in my drawer.
c. the office has a number of metal file cabinets.
D. the reporter filed his story by telephone.

Be sure
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the directions
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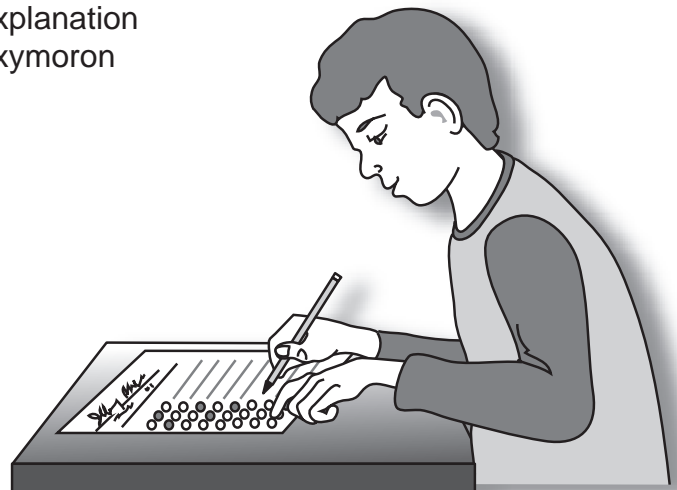
**Directions:** choose the word that doesn't belong to the group of words.

65. danger words
a. radioactive c. flammable
B. blasting D. yield
66. hospital words
a. telegram c. ambulance
B. dispensary D. physician
67. airport words
a. concourse c. sterling
B. ground transportation D. baggage

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68. travel words
a. insurance
B. inspection
c. intersection
D. water
69. work words
a. compensation
B. résumé
c. personnel
D. roadside
70. math words
a. obtuse
B. abscissa
c. date
D. coordinates
71. social studies words
a. emancipation
B. nationalism
c. abdomen
D. isolationism
72. geography words
a. abolish
B. topography
c. nomad
D. megalopolis
73. science words
a. cardiovascular
B. apricot
c. esophagus
D. monoclonal
74. book words
a. binding
B. arbitrary
c. subheadings
D. appendices
75. literary words
a. metaphor
B. hyperbole
c. explanation
D. oxymoron



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Review

1. Word-meaning questions test your vocabulary: those words you know well, those you know sort-of, and those you don't know at all.
2. choose your answer carefully. the other choices may *seem* correct, so know what you are supposed to be looking for.
3. Words may have more than one meaning; think carefully about the meaning of each word.
4. Be sure the number you filled in on your answer sheet matches the question number you are working on.
5. Be sure you understand the directions before attempting to answer the questions.

