

Insight Unit 1

Whenever there is more than one solution only provide one of them!

Sometimes a part of a word might be given. Make sure you complete the word and do not rewrite the entire word!

Do not provide articles (a dog) or complements (accuse sb. of sth.)!

Vocabulary

Complete sentences with the correct words. Parts of the words may be given. (8 points)

Everybody is s[] in that photo because of the sun.

Lots of drivers slowed down to g[] at the accident.

Travel was Amar's passion, but it soon became clear that he would have to o[] significant o[] to do it.

The teacher angrily g[] at me when I said I hadn't done the homework.

Mother Teresa showed great []ness in dedicating her life to the poor.

She g[] at him in surprise when he told her she had got the job.

He didn't go back into the house. Some sense of []tion stopped him.

Amar's idea for his company is revolutionary, based on a g[]ing concept.

Good doctors are always []ive to the needs of their patients.

Complete the words (4 points)

the act of giving up something for others: self-[]

thinking too much about yourself: self-[]

the ability to not show your emotions: self-[]

being concerned for your own needs only: self-[]

Listening

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about collections they own.

Task 1: How does each speaker feel about their collection?

Speaker 1 [] Speaker 2 [] Speaker 3 [] Speaker 4 [] Speaker 5 []

A totally obsessed

B secretly ashamed

C too exhausted to continue

D determined to amuse others

E happy to be different

F extremely proud

G bored and indifferent

Task 2: What does each speaker believe?

Speaker 1 [] Speaker 2 [] Speaker 3 [] Speaker 4 [] Speaker 5 []

A I only do it to make money

B I only keep the collection because I have to

C It's been worth the hard work

D I can't afford to carry on collecting

E People sometimes get the wrong impression

F I have an end result in mind

G My collection might put my marriage at risk

Reading

The ocean bottom, a region nearly 2.5 times greater than the total land area of the Earth, is a vast **frontier** that even today is largely unexplored and uncharted. Until about a century ago, the deep-ocean floor was completely **inaccessible**, hidden beneath waters averaging over 3,600 meters deep. Totally without light and subjected to intense pressures hundreds of times greater than at the Earth's surface, the deep-ocean bottom is a hostile environment to humans, in some ways as forbidding and remote as the void of **outer space**.

Although researchers have taken samples of deep-ocean rocks and sediments for over a century, the first detailed global investigation of the ocean bottom did not actually start until 1968, with the beginning of the National Science Foundation's Deep Sea Drilling

Project (DSDP). Using techniques first developed for the offshore oil and gas industry, the DSDP's drill ship, the Glomar Challenger, was able to maintain a steady position on the ocean's surface and drill in very deep waters, **extracting** samples of sediments and rock from the ocean floor.

The Glomar Challenger completed 96 voyages in a 15-year research program that ended in November 1983. During this time, the vessel logged 600,000 kilometers and took almost 20,000 core samples of seabed sediments and rocks at 624 drilling sites around the world. The Glomar Challenger's core samples have allowed geologists to reconstruct what the planet looked like hundred of millions of years ago and to calculate what it will probably look like millions of years in the future. Today, largely on the **strength** of evidence gathered during the Glomar Challenger's voyages, nearly all earth scientists agree on the theories of plate tectonics and continental drift that explain many of the geological processes that shape the Earth.

The cores of sediment drilled by the Glomar Challenger have also yielded information critical to understanding the world's past climates. Deep-ocean sediments provide a climatic record stretching back hundreds of millions of years, because **they** are largely isolated from the mechanical erosion and the intense chemical and biological activity that rapidly destroy much land-based evidence of past climates. This record has already provided insights into the patterns and causes of past climatic change - information that may be used to predict future climates.

1. The author refers to the ocean bottom as a "frontier" because it

- A is not a popular area for scientific research
- B contains a wide variety of life forms
- C attracts courageous explorers
- D is an unknown territory

2. Which of the following is true of the Glomar Challenger?

- A It is a type of submarine.
- B It is an ongoing project.
- C It has gone on over 100 voyages
- D It made its first DSDP voyage in 1968

3. The author mentions outer space because

- A the Earth's climate millions of years ago was similar to conditions in outer space.
- B it is similar to the ocean floor in being alien to the human environment
- C rock formations in outer space are similar to those found on the ocean floor
- D techniques used by scientists to explore outer space

4. The word "inaccessible" means

- A unrecognizable
- B unreachable
- C unusable
- D unsafe

5. The word "extracting" is closest in meaning to

- A breaking
- B locating
- C removing
- D analyzing

6. The deep Sea Drilling Project was significant because it was

- A an attempt to find new sources of oil and gas
- B the first extensive exploration of the ocean bottom
- C composed of geologists from all over the world
- D funded entirely by the gas and oil industry

7. The word "strength" is closest in meaning to

- A basis
- B purpose
- C discovery
- D endurance

8. The word "they" refers to

- A years
- B climates
- C sediments
- D cores

9. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage as being a result of the Deep Sea Drilling Project?

- A Geologists were able to determine the Earth's appearance hundreds of millions of years ago.
- B Two geological theories became more widely accepted
- C Information was revealed about the Earth's past climatic changes.
- D Geologists observed forms of marine life never before seen.

Grammar

1. Complete the sentences with one of the following verbs in the correct verb tense. Sometimes there might be more than one solution.

begin , see, finish, arrive, win, make , turn, work, ring, wait, suffer, lower, buy, regret, be, return

I at the bus stop when I the car slam into the lamp-post.

So I on my heels and walked out of the shop in disgust.

Debbie couldn't understand why her computer crashed; it perfectly for as long as she could remember.

The children wanted to invite their friends to the circus, but it was too late because their father tickets for just the family.

Mrs Lawson arrived at the hospital in quite a state. She from severe stomach pains for hours.

Even though we were late, the matinee performance yet when we finally got there.

I you five times this morning.

Our company the current inconvenience to residents of Kelvin Close. We the water pressure to allow for essential repairs.

I reading that book by Dan Brown if you want to borrow it.

You really moody ever since that letter .

Jack Nicholson three Oscars so far.

When I to the hotel room, I saw that the maid the bed.

2. Choose the correct verb tense to complete each gap.

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Christopher Reeve 1952–2004

KNOWN PRINCIPALLY as an actor, Reeve

(1) (have) many other talents and interests, including directing, which he (2) (do) for some years at the time of his death in 2004.

Born in September 1952, Reeve was heavily influenced through his life by his novelist and poet father, F D Reeve. As a child he (3) (begin) acting stories with his little brother, and by the age of eight he (4) (already/appear) in several school plays.

He studied music and English at Cornell University, and while he (5) (study) in his final year, he was accepted into the renowned Juilliard School of the Performing Arts. He (6) (perform) both in film and on the stage for a few years when he (7) (accept) the part for which he is most remembered, Superman, in 1978.

Always active and a keen sportsman, Reeve (8) (do) all his own stunts. In sports terms, his interests focused on horse-riding, and he (9) (compete) in events

for a few years when, in 1995, he was thrown from his horse and broke his neck. From a man who (10) (be) at the peak of his powers, he was now paralysed from the neck down. Perhaps because he (11) (be) so active, he was determined to continue making something of his life, and despite his severe injuries, he (12) (continue) to act and he started directing. In October 2004 Reeve (13) (promote) a film that he (14) (recently/direct) – *The Brooke Ellison Story* – when he suffered a sudden and unexpected heart attack and fell into a coma. He (15) (die) the following day, aged only 52, leaving a wife and three children.

1 verbleibende Versuche

Absenden