

## Reading and Writing Level 2

# Unit 5

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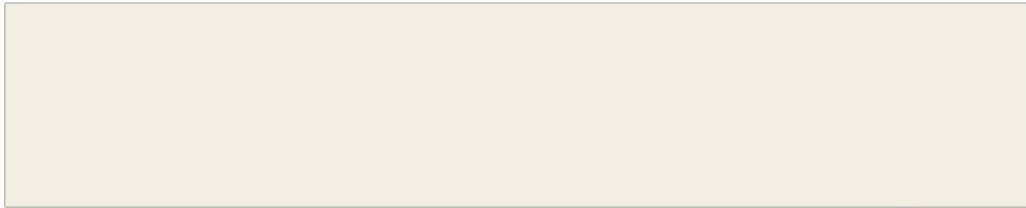
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Match the bold word in each sentence to the correct definition.

1. It can be hard to <b>manage</b> a lot of school assignments.	to control or be in charge of something
2. Our professor is a well-respected <b>expert</b> on ancient Chinese art.	a person with special knowledge or skill
3. The group's <b>unity</b> made it easy for members to make decisions.	when people are in agreement
4. My uncle is the building manager of a very large <b>corporation</b> .	a large business or company
5. The student needed <b>courage</b> to give a speech to the class.	the ability to control fear
6. My sister has promised to <b>design</b> a new kitchen for my house.	to invent, plan, or develop something
7. My <b>strength</b> in school is English, and my brother's is math.	an ability or good quality of a person
8. Our airport is too small, but the city has plans to <b>expand</b> it.	to get bigger, or make something bigger



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Read the article. Choose the best answer for each question.

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1. How many generations often live together in China?

four

one

✓  three

2. Who is most respected in China?

parents

children

✓  grandparents

3. In which culture do older people often live alone?

Middle Eastern

✓  American

Latin American

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4. The people in a nuclear family are \_\_\_\_.

- parents, children, and grandparents
- parents and grandparents
- ✓  parents and children

5. Where is the extended family often considered the basic family unit?

- ✓  the Middle East
- Europe
- the United States

6. Why do older adults in the United States want to live alone?

- They have no extended families.
- ✓  They want to be independent.

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- ✓  They want to be independent.
- They cannot find retirement homes.

7. It is \_\_\_\_ for all people in an extended family to live together.

- ✓  rare
- important
- common

8. In the United States, where is an older person most likely to live?

- with their children and grandchildren
- with their nuclear family
- ✓  in a retirement community

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1. In which paragraph does the word *self-sufficient* appear?
  - 1
  - 6
  - 3
2. What is a retirement home?
  - a place where three generations live together
  - a place where older people can live independently
  - a place where all extended family members can live together
3. Which paragraph talks about a nuclear family?
  - 6

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3. Which paragraph talks about a nuclear family?
  - 6
  - 2
  - 4
4. What is the basic family unit in the West?
  - the extended family
  - the nuclear family
  - three generations living under one roof
5. Which paragraph starts with an old Chinese saying?
  - 6
  - 2

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6. Where do many older Americans NOT want to live?
  - in retirement communities
  - with their children
  - alone in their own houses
7. What affects how you decide who is in your family?
  - where you want to live when you are old
  - what country you live in
  - whether you live in a house or apartment
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Complete the sentences with the correct words from the word bank. You do not need to use all the words.

fail challenge goal pass-down responsibility lifestyle talent enthusiasm depend-on  
realistic

1. My goal this year is to complete six courses at the community college.
2. Someday, I hope to pass down this artifact to my children. It's by my grandmother.
3. Applications that fail to arrive by the deadline will not be accepted.
4. My parents have a very active lifestyle. They love to exercise and be outdoors.
5. When the lecture ended, the audience cheered with great enthusiasm.
6. My math class is too easy for me. I want a class that is more of a challenge.
7. I depend on my classmates to share their notes if I miss class.
8. Sam has no job and wants to buy a house. I don't think he is being realistic.

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1. What parts of speech can the word **design** be?

adjective or adverb

✓  noun or verb

2. What parts of speech can the word **challenge** be?

✓  noun or verb

noun or adjective

3. Is the first definition of **design** a countable noun?

yes

✓  no

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science

✓  art

5. Is the word **design** pronounced the same way if it is a noun or a verb?

no

✓  yes

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second

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8. What is the simple past form of **challenge**?

challenge

✓  challenged

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**What makes a family business successful?**

1) The most important factor for success in a family business is shared responsibility. 2) You always depend on others in any business. 3) For example, employees must be honest and accurately report sales. 4) The most honest people are often your family members. 5) Besides, your family likes to be together. 6) In addition, owning a business means that you must be realistic about people's talents, and you probably know your family members' talents better than a stranger's talents. 7) For instance, if your sister is very creative, you may know that she designs good sales brochures. 8) Also, your older brother might be good at managing employees. 9) You know and trust your family more than anyone, so it is easier to share responsibility and succeed.

1. Which sentence expresses the main idea of the paragraph?

- Sentence 1
- Sentence 2
- Sentence 5
- Sentence 8

2. Which sentence is irrelevant?

- Sentence 2
- Sentence 4
- Sentence 5
- Sentence 8

3. Does sentence 6 support the main idea or give detail?

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idea or give detail?

Support

✓  Give detail

5. How many transition words are there?

2

3

4

✓  5

6. Which sentence is the concluding sentence?

Sentence 2

Sentence 7

Sentence 8

✓  Sentence 9

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Choose the correct comparative or superlative adjective to complete each sentence.

1. My new teacher gives much **clearer** explanations than my other teacher.
2. You're going to wear jeans to the party? Please change into something **more appropriate**.
3. I don't like soft pillows. I always choose the **firmest** pillow available.
4. I was surprised when I received the **best** grade in the class.
5. My brother is the **most dependable** person I know.
6. I don't understand these instructions. Could you please be **more specific**?
7. The Martinez family is one of the **wealthiest** families in town.
8. Yesterday's exam was much **harder** than the one last month.
9. The **most typical** complaint of customers is that service is slow.
10. One of my **worst** childhood memories is when I lost my pet bird.

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Reorder each set of words to make a superlative sentence.

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2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

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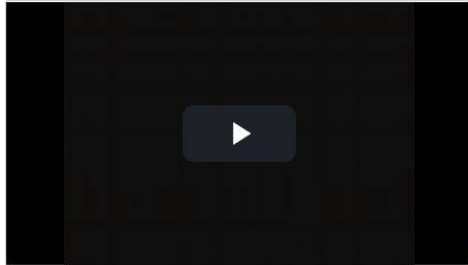
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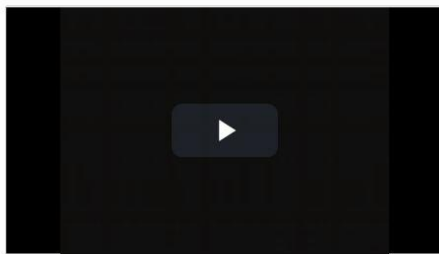
Watch the video. Choose the best answer.



1. The zipper company started almost \_\_\_ years ago.  
 seventy  
 seventeen
2. \_\_\_ of feet of zippers are produced worldwide every year.  
 millions  
 billions
3. Their building has \_\_\_ floors of zippers.  
 thirty  
 three
4. The zippers come in \_\_\_ colors.  
 500  
 12
5. Zippers are better than buttons because they are

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3. The zipper company started almost \_\_\_ years ago.  
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 prettier  
 faster
6. In the video, "you hit it" means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 You are correct.  
 You struck it with your hand.
7. A recent challenge to the zipper is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Velcro  
 the button

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