



# Bricks Reading

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Workbook

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### Word and Usage Practice I

**A** Write the words and their parts of speech that match the meanings.

pay attention to   get ahead   persuade   aspire   resolve   honor   appreciate   passionate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ v. to know the worth of something
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to listen carefully to
3. \_\_\_\_\_ showing strong feelings or love for something
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to try to make someone believe something
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to find a solution to
6. \_\_\_\_\_ to be more successful than other people
7. \_\_\_\_\_ to look and think upon someone with great respect
8. \_\_\_\_\_ to set your hopes on doing something

**B** Complete the sentences with the words in A. Change each form if necessary.

1. The problems we are facing are very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We would like to \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Green for his charity work.
3. Daniel is a very \_\_\_\_\_ manager.

### Writing Practice I

**A** Write the words in the right order to complete the sentences.

1. How can I \_\_\_\_\_?  
(follow / my parents / to let me / my dream / persuade)
2. \_\_\_\_\_, just as you want them to listen to you.  
(close / to / your parents / Pay / attention)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is to understand this fact.  
(are trying to / The best way / they / to appreciate / what / do)

**B** Read the following passage and write the answers.

As in Ben's case, here are some ideas to resolve problems with your parents: First, be frank with your parents. Tell them what you really aspire. Next, be a good listener. Finally, you can be (a) \_\_\_\_\_ to your parents. To show respect, honor your parents' viewpoints.

1. What is the passage mainly about? Complete the sentence.

→ How to get along with \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the most appropriate answer for blank (a)?

→ \_\_\_\_\_

**Focus** *a few / a little*

**A** Choose the correct words.

1. (A few / A little) items are left from the garage sale.
2. With (a few / a little) help, I think I can finish my homework soon.
3. (A few / A little) students are attending this job managing program.

**B** Match the phrases and write the full sentences.

1. I am very thirsty. Can I drink a little • \_\_\_\_\_ • minutes ago.
2. I need a little • \_\_\_\_\_ • water?
3. Susan called a few • \_\_\_\_\_ • cream and milk to make the dough soft.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## I Word and Usage Practice I

A Write the words and their parts of speech that match the meanings.

poke fun at   quit   quarrel   grasp   supportive   bother   tease   enthusiastic

- \_\_\_\_\_ bother \_\_\_\_\_ v. to annoy someone
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to make fun of someone playfully, or in a mean way
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to stop doing an activity
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to hold firmly
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ very interested in and excited about
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to make jokes about someone
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to have an angry argument
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ giving encouragement or emotional help

B Complete the sentences with the words in A. Change each form if necessary.

- I am sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you, but can you please give me a hand?
- My parents were \_\_\_\_\_ even when I failed to enter college.
- My friends had a terrible \_\_\_\_\_. They look so mad right now.

## I Writing Practice I

A Write the words in the right order to complete the sentences.

- My dad wanted my brother \_\_\_\_\_.  
(to cooperate / and me / the marathon / to learn / through)
- \_\_\_\_\_, and even my grades.  
(fun / my hair / poked / He / at)
- I felt like \_\_\_\_\_.  
(quitting / at home / and just / the race / staying)

**B** Read the following passage and write the answers.

(a) Every weekend, we practiced for the race together. (b) It was very hard to run 5 kilometers. (c) Every time I slowed down, he ran alongside me and grasped my hand. It was amazing how much supportive he gave me.

1. Where would the following sentence best fit among (a), (b), and (c)?

However, my brother was surprisingly supportive.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Correct the underlined part.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

**Focus** *amazing / amazed*

**A** Choose the correct words.

1. I was (amazing / amazed) by Yuna Kim's perfect skating performance.
2. What an (amazing / amazed) magic show that is!
3. Sarah was (amazing / amazed) that the tall boy was only 10 years old.

**B** Correct the underlined parts and rewrite the full sentences.

1. That is an amazed idea! I'm sure my parents will love it.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

2. John was amazing to see his bride with her wedding dress on.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

3. The score was amazed. It was much higher than we expected.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

### Word and Usage Practice I

**A** Write the words and their parts of speech that match the meanings.

thoroughly surface organized efficiently tidy get rid of disinfect stain

- \_\_\_\_\_ surface \_\_\_\_\_ n. the top or outside part of something
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to make a place neat by putting things in order
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to take out or throw away
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ a mark left accidentally on something
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ taking great care to do the entire job
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy disease and germs by cleaning well
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ getting things done without wasting time
- \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ well arranged

**B** Complete the sentences with the words in A. Change each form if necessary.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the road was too rough for Dad to drive.
- The science fair is well-\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ that old box. It has been sitting there for long enough.

### Writing Practice I

**A** Write the words in the right order to complete the sentences.

- \_\_\_\_\_ efficiently.  
(you / will / allow / things / to find / This)
- How \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
(you / clean / thoroughly / your house / can)
- They \_\_\_\_\_ their homes.  
(with / bothered / tidying / can't be / and cleaning)

**B** Read the following passage and write the answers.

If you own a cat or a dog, it is hard to pick up all the hairs with just a mop. Here's one (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Put on a wet, rubber glove and wipe your hand over surfaces. Some cleaning takes a long time, like washing windows or walls. Here's another tip for you! After cleaning the water off the windows, do not forget using dry towels. It helps remove any water stains on the glass.

1. What is the most appropriate answer for blank (a)?

→ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Correct the underlined part.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

**Focus** *concern / concerning*

**A** Choose the correct words.

1. The woman was (concerned / concerning) about her son because he never listened to her.
2. Mr. Smith was (concerned / concerning) about meeting new people.
3. The campers are looking through the new rules (concerned / concerning) safety.

**B** Correct the underlined parts and rewrite the full sentences.

1. Dad asked me a few questions concerned my future.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

2. I was concerning to see John going into the dark forest.

→ \_\_\_\_\_

3. We are concerning about the weather. Will it rain tomorrow?

→ \_\_\_\_\_

## I Word and Usage Practice I

A Write the words and their parts of speech that match the meanings.

conclude trim arrange sort fly by spotless swiftly chief

1. \_\_\_\_\_ swiftly \_\_\_\_\_ adv. doing something in a very quick way
2. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to make something neat by cutting off extra parts
3. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ most important
4. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to end something
5. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to move past very quickly
6. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to put things into a useful order
7. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to divide things and place them into groups
8. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ completely clean

B Complete the sentences with the words in A. Change each form if necessary.

1. My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ the tree in the garden every Sunday.
2. All of the books are \_\_\_\_\_ in alphabetical order.
3. The leopard ran \_\_\_\_\_ and caught the deer in seconds.

## I Writing Practice I

A Write the words in the right order to complete the sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_; the other is to arrange clothes.  
(my chief / to make the beds / tasks / One of / is)
2. We work together every Sunday \_\_\_\_\_.  
(our house / to make / and spotless / beautiful)
3. My mom \_\_\_\_\_.  
(and darks / sorts / whites / the laundry / into)