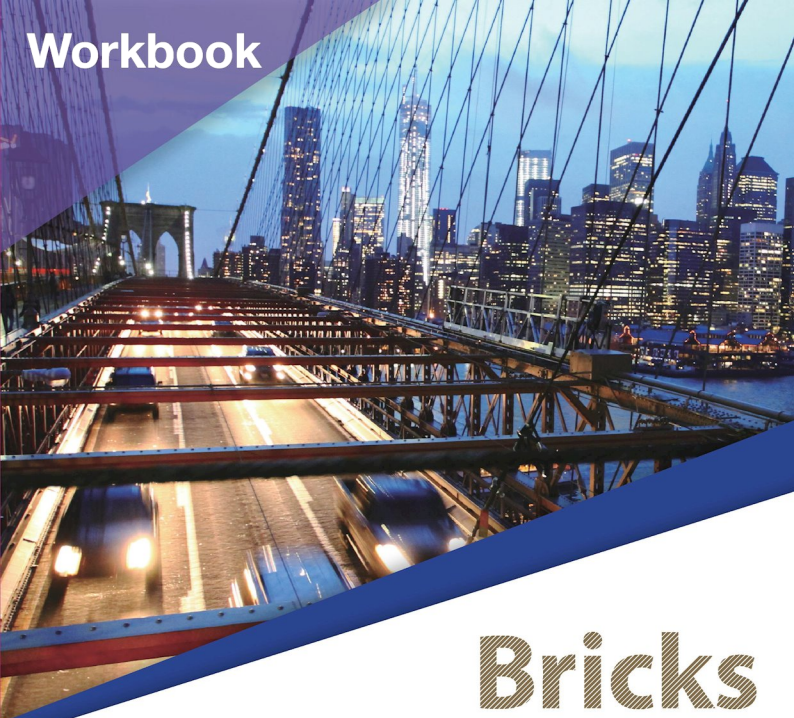


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Vocabulary Check Up**A Write each vocabulary in your language.**

1. burrow <i>n.</i> a hole or tunnel in the ground dug by small animals	
2. chemical <i>n.</i> a type of substance produced in the body	
3. ingredient <i>n.</i> something necessary to make a certain thing	
4. mammal <i>n.</i> an animal that gives birth to live babies, not by hatching eggs	
5. mechanism <i>n.</i> a process that causes a living thing to react to something	
6. odor <i>n.</i> a smell that is unique, often not pleasant	
7. defense <i>n.</i> action of protecting someone or something against attack	
8. species <i>n.</i> a group of plants or animals whose members have similar traits	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

stripes

mammal

odor

quite

- I can smell a strange _____ coming from my brother's room.
- Zebras are famous for their black-and-white _____.
- It was my first try at baking, but the cookies turned out _____ good.
- Which _____ doesn't have legs and lives in the sea? It's the whale!

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- David's house looks like a castle _____ Jackie's tiny cottage.
 - compared to
 - applied for
 - involved in
 - replaced with
- The animals came out of their _____ because of the wildfire on the mountain.
 - reactions
 - hatches
 - behaviors
 - burrows
- A big problem with global warming is that it causes many _____ to disappear.
 - stripes
 - failures
 - refugees
 - species

Comprehension Check Up

D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

Skunks are best known for their (A) defense mechanism — a terrible-smelling spray. The odor of this chemical has been compared to a mix of rotten eggs, garlic, and burnt rubber. (B) It can be smelled a mile away, and even scare away predators such as bears, wolves, and foxes! In general, skunks try not to use their spray often, but when (C) they do, they can spray up to 16 feet.

1. What is the skunk's (A) defense mechanism according to the paragraph?
 - a. throwing terrible-smelling household ingredients
 - b. making its body look bigger than its predators
 - c. shooting out something with a horrible odor
 - d. smelling predators from a mile away

2. What do (B) and (C) refer to?

(B)	(C)	(B)	(C)
a. The skunk	predators	b. Skunk odor	skunks
c. The skunk	skunks	d. Skunk odor	predators

Writing Practice

E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

There are people who say that various household (A) _____ can help remove skunk (B) _____. Some suggestions include tomato juice, vinegar, and soap. Unfortunately, most of these products do not work. Some (C) _____, commonly found in bleach, can help remove some of the odor. However, the best way to avoid getting the smell on you is to walk the other way if you see a (D) _____!

1. Fill in the blanks, using words from the box below.

chemicals ingredients odor skunk

2. What is the best solution when trying to avoid skunk odor?

→ The best solution is to _____.

Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. bitter	<i>adj.</i> having a strong, often unpleasant taste	
2. combination	<i>n.</i> a mixture of two or more things	
3. awful	<i>adj.</i> very bad, ugly, or unpleasant	
4. imaginative	<i>adj.</i> being able to think new and interesting ideas	
5. ingest	<i>v.</i> to eat or swallow something	
6. interfere with	<i>phr.</i> to prevent something from working successfully	
7. thorn	<i>n.</i> a sharp point that grows out of a plant stem	
8. release	<i>v.</i> to let gas, heat, or a substance leave and enter the surrounding atmosphere	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

released

bitter

substance

interferes

- When I listen to music, it _____ with my concentration.
- The cars were all recalled because they _____ harmful gas into the air.
- A spider's web is built by a silky _____ that comes from its body.
- The boy doesn't like to take his medicine because it is _____.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- Fusion music is a _____ of two or more styles of music.
 - combination
 - poison
 - defense
 - instance
- There is a _____ in my finger, and I can't get it out.
 - mechanism
 - species
 - tongue
 - thorn
- She doesn't like to _____ others. Instead, she does everything herself.
 - care for
 - give a favor to
 - rely on
 - speak well of

Comprehension Check Up

D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

So the acacia must rely on its next defense. When a giraffe starts chewing on (A) it, the acacia tree releases a substance called tannin. (B) It tastes awful and interferes with digestion. When it releases tannin, any acacia tree within 50 yards also begins to release the same bitter substance. Once this happens, the poor giraffe has to find another tree that has not yet detected the release.

1. What might have come just before this paragraph?
 - a. how long the acacia can live
 - b. what a giraffe eats when it is hungry
 - c. how far a giraffe can detect the smell of tannin
 - d. how the acacia defends itself from a giraffe

2. What do (A) and (B) refer to?

(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
a. tannin	the acacia	b. tannin	a giraffe
c. the acacia	tannin	d. the acacia	the acacia

Writing Practice

E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

The acacia tree has developed clever defense mechanisms to (A) _____ animals from chewing on it all day long. Taking its name after the Greek word for thorns — *akis* — some acacia species grow thorns that are as (B) _____ as 8-10 cm. These thorns are as sharp as (C) _____. However, not all animals are (D) _____ by this defense.

1. Fill in the blanks, using words from the box below.

knives prevent discouraged long

2. According to the paragraph, what is one of the defense mechanisms of the acacia?

→ _____

Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. abbreviation <i>n.</i> a short form of a word or expression	
2. confirm <i>v.</i> to make something certain	
3. literally <i>adv.</i> with the meaning of each word given directly	
4. reflect <i>v.</i> to show or express something in a certain way	
5. reminder <i>n.</i> a note to let a person remember or think about something	
6. regulate <i>v.</i> to control an activity, especially by rules	
7. prick <i>v.</i> to press or poke something with a sharp point	
8. stitch <i>n.</i> a piece of thread sewn in cloth	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

confirmed

regulate

reflects

reminder

- Mom left a _____ on the fridge that read, "Wash the dishes!"
- The movie _____ the people's lives of those times well.
- I need to _____ my sugar intake because I'm trying to lose weight.
- Jenny _____ that she was still interested in participating in the event.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- When I applied the lotion on my face, I felt a slight, burning _____.
a. injury b. situation c. sensation d. behavior
- Don't take what he said _____. You could miss what he really wanted to tell you.
a. eventually b. literally c. fairly d. regularly
- Roses are beautiful, but take care not to _____ your fingers on the thorns.
a. stitch b. abandon c. prick d. separate

Comprehension Check Up

D Read the following paragraph and choose the answers.

Some phrases have historical origins. A “baker’s dozen” is an expression meaning the number 13. Why is it 13 when a dozen is 12? During the Middle Ages, bakers used to sell bread by the dozen. Back then, the size and price of bread was regulated by law. To protect themselves, bakers would put in (A) _____ items for the price of (B) _____ in case something happened to one of the baked goods.

1. What are the correct numbers for (A) and (B)?

(A)	(B)	(A)	(B)
a. 13	14	b. 13	12
c. 12	13	d. 12	11

2. What is the best title for the paragraph?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Origins of Phrases about Bakers | b. Frequency of Using Phrases |
| c. Phrases with Numbers | d. Phrases with Historical Origins |

Writing Practice

E Read the following paragraph and write the answers.

Certain phrases are from famous works of literature. To be “(A) _____” means to laugh very hard. The phrase was first used by William Shakespeare in his famous play, *Twelfth Night*. The expression (B) _____ the fact that (hurt / you / very hard / your sides / laugh / will / if). This (C) _____ can feel like being (D) _____ with a sewing needle.

1. Fill in the blanks, using words from the box below.

pricked reflects sensation in stitches

2. Unscramble the words in parenthesis to complete the sentence and the paragraph.

→ _____

Vocabulary Check Up

A Write each vocabulary in your language.

1. appreciate	v. to be fully aware of; realize fully	
2. commercial	n. an advertisement broadcast on radio or television	
3. gravity	n. the natural force that draws objects toward the ground	
4. groan	v. to make or express with complaining	
5. interpret	v. to tell the meaning of	
6. physically	adv. in a way which is characterized or produced by the forces	
7. state	n. the condition in which a person or thing is	
8. twist	n. an unexpected turn or development	

B Write the correct words to complete the sentences.

gravity

interpret

effective

commercials

- _____ should focus on what the consumers need.
- _____ makes satellites move around Earth.
- Honesty is the most _____ way of making people trust you.
- It's hard to _____ the meaning behind this painting.

C Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- After many _____ and turns, he finally reached his goal.
a. expressions b. twists c. literatures d. torches
- The student seemed to _____ what the poet was telling him.
a. absolve b. appreciate c. command d. raise
- This palace is _____ one of the world's greatest monuments.
a. made of b. used to c. shared with d. regarded as