

The Book of
Characters

Teacher

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Student's Notes:

The Book of Characters was designed for students who need to learn English efficiently and quickly. I like to call this intensive learning. Since this book enforces speaking English, I use the term English Speaking Intensive. There are about twenty sentences for each characters fictional autobiography. Within each page are about twenty high frequency vocabulary words that are related to the topic. There are also twenty close-ended questions directly related to each topic that can be asked using the second person. Within a two-hour class, students are exposed to all of this. If students prepare about an hour before class, more time can be spent using the new vocabulary in conversations. Do not rush through this material.

Where are all the colors and cartoons? The Book of Characters does not contain glossy pictures or any flashy art. It is not a comic book, so there is no animation included. The black and white printing reduces the cost of production making this book more affordable to students. The maximum amount of space was filled on each page and rows of material have been formatted to reduce the size of this book. Hence, the content is thoroughly dense and well packed together for students to study. This book is rich with practical content and high frequency sentence patterns. It is a unique way of learning English. The format of the text allows students to personalize the sentence patterns. This is a student-centered (humanistic) approach to learning daily English for students who want to speak English naturally and more fluently. The students who study using the Book of Characters want more speaking opportunities when in the classroom.

There were some corrections made from the last edition of this book. As the book progresses into the higher page numbers, so does the level of intensity. The second half of the book is much harder than the first. This book is a guide for structuring the level of speaking in the classroom to make the speaking more intensive and focused within a topic. The version of this book you are reading is a sample of an incomplete work. There are a few typographical errors, so please be tolerant if the editing is not perfect.

In Taiwan, English is rarely spoken, so students who study English do not get much real-life practice outside of their artificial classroom. This is why so many students are unable to use the Basic English skills they have learned and lack the confidence to speak when any opportunity is available. Most students do not have mastery over Basic English skills and continue to learn excessive amounts of new vocabulary, grammar, and sentence patterns on a weak foundation. These students must master the vocabulary, grammar, and sentence patterns they have already learned. When studying a foreign language, it is suggested to digest the new vocabulary as one's own. Try to answer all of the questions using complete sentence. Be prepared to use the new vocabulary.

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English Speaking Intensive

Book of Characters

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Jennifer

I am fourteen years old, and my name is Jennifer. I am a cheerleader at the best junior high school in my city. Being a cheerleader is more than just playing with pompoms. After cheerleading practice, my body always hurts. This week I have to take an entrance exam for high school. I am not worried about my grades because I am going to cheat. I am not a cheater, but sometimes I will copy a classmate's answers on those stupid pop quizzes. My classmates are such nerds because all they do is study. I do not have time to go to cram school or study.

I am popular and like to go shopping with my best friends. There is a lot of peer pressure at school to look fashionable. When I am late for class, I don't always wear my uniform. Sometimes I will wear my pink skirt. I have been sent to detention for breaking this rule. The principal chews me out and makes me change into my uniform. I do not want to look like everyone else. Those uniforms are all the same. I keep my street clothes in a locker at school. I change my clothes before going home.

I have many Internet friends and we chat online. My parents do not mind if I spend a lot of time playing with the computer. My school counselor says I need to spend less time on the Internet and more on my studies. My social life is important. My friends will help me get a good job after graduating high school.

My teacher caught me passing a note and read it aloud during class. It said that college jocks are gods. I am not going to date any dorks. I am a cheerleader and I do not like slackers. I need to find a jock boyfriend who is smart and can be my tutor.

Jennifer	quizzes	breaking rules
cheerleader	nerds	locker
junior high	cram school	chat online
pompoms	peer pressure	do not mind
entrance exam	fashionable	counselor
worried	uniform	jocks
cheat	detention	tutor

Jennifer

1. How old is Jennifer?
2. Does she go to high school?
3. Is she a cheerleader?
4. Does she cheat?
5. Does she go to a cram school?
6. Does she like her classmates?
7. Is she popular?
8. Does she know how to use the Internet?
9. Are her friends online?
10. Has she ever seen her school counselor?
11. How does she feel about school uniforms?
12. What is her favorite color?
13. Why did she get chewed out?
14. Where does she keep her street clothes?
15. Does she want to look cool?
16. Has she ever been in detention?
17. Does she pass notes in class?
18. What does she think about jocks?
19. Are any of her friends' dorks?
20. Is she looking for a boyfriend?

John

My name is John and I am fifteen years old. At home, my younger sister does most of the chores. We often quarrel because my friends come over after school and make a mess. Since she cleans the house, my parents will side with her, so she wins every argument. It is easy for her to get me grounded. She is an honor student and everyone is very proud of her. I have an older sister, Jean, who is always out of the house with her boyfriend window-shopping.

I live in suburban Atlanta. I do not get along with my neighbors. The Simpson's have two dogs that are always barking after school. It is a safe community. My grandparents, on my mom's side, live in our neighborhood. I am glad they do not live in a nursing home or with us. My grandmother is sixty-three years old, and my grandfather is seventy-one. All my cousins live in the same city, so every weekend is like a family reunion. When we eat barbeque ribs, we all suck on the bones and make noises. This must be a family trait. Our little cousin David is a vegetarian, so he does not eat ribs with us. I think he is the black sheep of our family. We talk about him behind his back and make fun of his all-vegetable diet.

My grandparents said that if we trace our family tree back to the eighteenth century, one of our first ancestors in America was a vegetarian. I respect my elders although there is a generation gap in our values. They have been alive for so long and know more than I know. When my grandparents die, I will inherit their collection of antique silver. I will pass on our family heirloom one day when I have a child.

John	window-shopping	vegetarian
chores	suburban	family tree
quarrel	barking	ancestors
argument	community	elders
grounded	nursing home	generation gap
honor	family reunion	values
proud	family trait	family heirloom

John

1. How old is John?
2. Who does most of the chores at home?
3. Why does John quarrel with his sister?
4. What do John's friends do when they come over his house?
5. Who wins in a brother-sister quarrel?
6. How many sisters does John have?
7. Does his older sister have a boyfriend?
8. Does he get along with his neighbors?
9. How many dogs do his neighbors have?
10. Do his grandparents live in a nursing home?
11. How old is his grandmother?
12. Is his grandmother or grandfather older?
13. How often does he have a family reunion?
14. What is the trait that runs in the family?
15. Is there a black sheep of the family?
16. Does David like to eat pork?
17. How do they feel about David?
18. How far back can John trace his family?
19. How does he feel about the elderly?
20. Will he be inheriting anything in the future?

Julia

My name is Julia and I am a babysitter. I baby-sit on Saturdays and Sundays. During the week, I am busy doing my homework. On Saturdays, I watch the Simpson's children. The children I watch sometimes do not behave. Their young boy, Bart, is goofy. He likes to wear socks on his hands and underwear on his head. This is his silly habit. He is four years old and still sucks on a pacifier. I think he is spoiled because he has many toys. Sometimes he can be a real brat. Last week he was naughty, and made a big mess when he ate his lunch. I think he wants me to lose my patience. I tried to discipline him, but he still misbehaved. I did not allow him to play with his toys. It would be better if I could just spank him. I spanked him once, and he threatened me by saying, "I am telling my mom you slapped me."

His sister is much nicer. She is two years old and crawls around on the carpet. I take care of her more. Every two hours she needs a new diaper. I think she eats a lot of food. I am glad Bart is potty trained. I wish their parents would just send them to a day care center, but then I would be out of a job.

My earliest childhood memory was wearing a bib and always puking baby food on it. My dad would get mad at me, but I was so innocent, he had to just clean up the mess. I do not want to have any children. I do not like babies. They are not cute. I need to find another weekend job. Maybe I can get a job at the carwash. I want a job that does not require a lot of thinking.

Julia	spoiled	threatened
babysitter	brat	slapped
homework	naughty	diaper
behave	big mess	potty trained
goofy	lose my patience	day care center
silly habit	discipline	bib
pacifier	spank	innocent

Julia

1. What is Julia's weekend job?
2. Do the children she watches always behave?
3. When does she baby-sit?
4. Does she baby-sit on Monday?
5. What is the name of the goofy boy she watches on Saturdays?
6. What does Bart do with his socks?
7. How old is Bart?
8. What does Bart suck on?
9. What does he do with his pacifier?
10. Does Bart have many toys?
11. Does Julia spank Bart?
12. Is his sister nice?
13. How old is his sister?
14. Can she walk?
15. Is she potty trained?
16. Did Julia ever wear a bib?
17. How many children does Julia want?
18. Does she think babies are cute?
19. Does she like her job?
20. Where does she want to get a job?

Jean

I am Jean. My hobby must be shopping. I do it everyday. I love to go shopping. My friends call me a real bargain hunter. I think a smart shopper looks for big sales. Clearance sales are my favorite. Prices are usually cut in half. I like buying discounted things. I try to use coupons as often as possible at the grocery store. I have to check the newspaper for department store sales. Rarely are brand name clothes on sale. I think brand name clothes are too pricey. I can buy imitation brand name clothes at the night market. Clothes are much cheaper there. I like the night market because I can negotiate with vendors. It is fun to make a deal with them. If I buy two shirts, I tell him I want the third free. The quality is sometimes the same.

Outlet stores often sell defective brand name clothing. The last time I went to an outlet store, I maxed out my mom's credit card. It took me a year to pay her back for all the clothes I bought. I used to do a lot of impulse shopping. When I go to the mall, I usually just window-shop and try on clothes because the prices are too high. The sales clerk does not mind if I buy anything at all.

A friend of mine was caught shoplifting at the mall. He spent three nights in jail for stealing a wallet. I never shoplift. This weekend a retail store is going out of business. I want to buy some knick-knacks there. I like small things that are cute. I have many charming things from the secondhand store. I spend most of my time visiting secondhand stores. I want to have my own secondhand store someday. I can sell everything in my room. I will have enough money to do more shopping.

Jean	imitation	credit card
bargain hunter	night market	impulse shopping
clearance sales	negotiate	window-shop
discounted things	vendors	sales clerk
department store	outlet stores	shoplifting
brand	defective	knick-knacks
pricey	maxed out	secondhand store

Jean

1. What is Jean's hobby?
2. When does she go shopping?
3. How does she feel about shopping?
4. Is she a bargain hunter?
5. Does she look for sales?
6. What is her favorite kind of sale?
7. Does she like buying things for full price?
8. Where does she use coupons?
9. How does she find out about department store sales?
10. How does she feel about brand name clothes?
11. Where can she buy imitation brand name clothing?
12. Why does she like the night market?
13. Where can she buy defective clothing?
14. Does she use credit cards carefully?
15. Is she an impulse shopper?
16. What does she buy at the mall?
17. What did her friend steal at the mall?
18. Is Jean a shoplifter?
19. Does she have many knick-knacks?
20. How does she feel about secondhand stores?

Jenny

I am glad my family is rich. They give me all the money I want. I will never have to work at a stupid job. Working at a boring job is such a waste of time. The best part about my life is all the free time. If I get bored, I just call up some friends and make a plan to do something. Last night, I went to a karaoke bar, and we sang until four in the morning. It is always fun chilling out with friends.

Today I am going to the museum and look at a new exhibit of some old Egyptian mummies. Tomorrow I will take a trip in my new jeep to the mountains and go for a day hike. After hiking, I will soak in the hot spring. The most stressful thing I do is play video games. Sometimes I play all day. When I play video games, I also listen to music really loud. I have expensive speakers that make the entire house vibrate. I cannot do this when my parents are home, so I have to skip school and crank up my stereo when they are at work. Someone has to pay the bills around here.

My parents usually just work for five hours a day during the week. The rest of the time, they are shopping or eating at a fancy restaurant. Tonight I think I will cruise the town, and look for some boys to talk with. I might go dancing in one of the nightclubs if I can find my fake driver's license. Since everyone has the Internet, I also spend time chatting with my friends online. I am not a couch potato, but I channel surf when I am watching my flat screen television. My life is never idle. I might open up my own nightclub when I turn twenty-one. One day, I will have many more friends who like me. They will call me "Superstar Jenny."

Jenny

	exhibit	vibrate
boring	Egyptian	fancy
waste of time	mummies	fake
free time	hiking	couch potato
karaoke	hot spring	channel surf
chilling out	stressful	nightclub
museum	expensive	

Jenny

1. Is she poor?
2. Do her parents give her money?
3. When will she work at a job?
4. Does she have any free time?
5. What did she do last night?
6. What is the new exhibit at the museum?
7. What is she doing tomorrow?
8. What is the most stressful thing she does?
9. Does she like to listen to music loud?
10. When can she crank up the stereo?
11. How often do her parents work?
12. What is something her parents do when they are not working?
13. Do they like to go shopping?
14. What will she do tonight?
15. Does she have the Internet?
16. Are her friends online?
17. Is her life idle?
18. What does she want to do when she turns twenty-one?
19. Does she like having lots of friends?
20. What is her nickname?

Lisa

I started reading fashion magazines when I was twelve. Ten years later, I opened up the most popular clothing store in this city. We sell all kinds of hip clothing. The kids love our store. If a girl wants to be in-style, she will come here first. There are young boys who dress up and come to my store to be seen here shopping. We have many trendsetters who shop here. I am a pioneer in this field, and I can never lose track of fashion. People often come into my store if they want an entirely different style. We supply them with all the accessories to go along with their new theme. If they want a more glamorous look, for an enchanting night out on the town, we have what they will need. Many people come here and spend an enormous amount of money. We do not sell any cosmetics. Make-up is something we will never do. Some people look hideous with it on their faces. Maybe they think they will draw some attention that way, but they will stand out only in their ugliness. All they need is a new outfit from us. We can tell them what goes with what. If they want to dress formal or casual, we have both. Yesterday, a very fashionable young woman came in to my store, and she had a good sense of style, but she put on too much make-up. Her outfit was perfect, but her make up would make an onion cry. Her boyfriend looked like a million bucks. He was really dressed to kill. When I told his girlfriend to go to the sink and wash that disgusting make-up off, he became seriously embarrassed. That mixed-up couple turned around and went home. She should have never left the house. That is why they came to me for help. I make them look more stylish.

Lisa	theme	stand out
magazines	glamorous	formal
hip	enchanting	casual
in-style	enormous	sense of style
dress up	cosmetics	make an onion cry
lose track	make-up	like a million bucks
accessories	hideous	dressed to kill

Lisa

1. What magazines does Lisa like to read?
2. How old was Lisa when she got interested in fashion?
3. What does she sell in her store?
4. How old was Lisa when she started her small business?
5. Do people like her store?
6. Are the kids who visited her store fashionable?
7. Does Lisa know a lot about clothing?
8. Do her customers know a lot about what is style?
9. Does her store sell fashion accessories?
10. Do people usually buy many things when they are in her store?
11. Does she sell many cosmetics?
12. How does she feel about make-up?
13. Does she think that wearing make-up is all the rage?
14. If people only want casual wear, can they shop at Lisa's store?
15. What if they want to look glamorous?
16. Does Lisa know how to match clothes?
17. Is her wardrobe big?
18. Is she confident or proud?
19. How did the sharp dressed man feel about his make-up wearing girlfriend?
20. What kind of person is Lisa?

Steve

My name is Steve Lewinsky. I live in the Castro District of San Francisco, California. I am thirty-years old. I want to find that perfect woman and one day fall in love. I am a veterinarian, and I am still not married. Most of my friends are married or getting married. Most women who see me at the clinic say I must be a real Romeo.

I am not going out with anyone now. I have a secret admirer. I have not seen her yet, but she writes me funny notes. I like her sense of humor. Not knowing what she looks like is kind of a turn on. Valentine's Day is next month, so I am looking forward to meeting her. I want her to ask me out on a date. If she does not ask me out, I have another prospective babe. She is British. She likes to play soccer and swim. She does not take my breath away, but she is really a flirt. Flirting in a public place like a museum is a real turn on. The last time we went out, she kept kissing me in the restaurant. It was a candlelight dinner with soft music. She also gave me a dozen red roses and some Japanese candy. Receiving a love note with candy and a rose is extremely enticing. These gifts I like. After dinner, we went for a walk in the park. It was a full moon and our shadows danced in the moonlight. Taking a moonlight stroll in the park is one of my main thrills. She whispered some sweet things that night. I was excited because we hugged and kissed.

At a new year's gala, an African-American woman whispered to me the most romantic thing I have ever heard. I was slow dancing with her and she said she wished everyday were Valentine's Day. That made me weak in the knees.

Steve	flirt
fall in love	turn on
veterinarian	candlelight
secret admire	love note
sense of humor	enticing
Valentine's Day	thrills
babe	romantic

Steve

1. Is Steve twenty years old?
2. Does he want to get married?
3. Does he want to fall in love?
4. Is he going out with anyone now?
5. Is his secret admirer funny?
6. Is he looking for a steady partner?
7. What does he think about flirting?
8. Is he open to multicultural dating?
9. Why does he like going to museums, zoos, and libraries?
10. What gift will help win his heart?
11. What does Steve think about crowded and noisy nightclubs?
12. Is it a good idea to take Steve on a picnic for a first date?
13. Does his British friend like to play soccer?
14. Does his British friend like public affection?
15. What did she give him when they went out for dinner?
16. Does he like Japanese candy?
17. Is he a thrill seeker?
18. Does he enjoy kissing?
19. Will he one-day get married and have children?
20. Will Steve be a caring father?

Tina

My name is Tina Cortez. I was born in Mexico City, but my family moved to Los Angeles when I was two. My birthday is this Thursday, the 17th of October. I will be twenty-three years old. I have a full-time job at a coffee shop in San Francisco. I get up at four every morning for my job. I have no problem getting up early because I am a morning person. I work two shifts. The morning shift is from five to ten. I take a two-hour break. I will eat an early lunch and have a ninety-minute siesta in the back of the coffee shop. There is no mattress. I put my head on the table. There is a blanket and pillow. Sitting in a chair is not a comfortable sleeping position. Without this power nap, I would be exhausted. I feel refreshed when I start back up at noon. My second shift ends at five. I work at that coffee shop seventy hours a week. I like talking with the customers. I know my boss can replace me at anytime, so I never complain. Every week a different person comes in with a job application. I do not get overtime pay. My boss said the tips I keep make up for the extra hours.

After work, I eat dinner quickly before my college class starts. The class meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from six to nine. I study accounting at the community college across town. The bus I take always is stuck in traffic. I drink a lot of free coffee at work, so the caffeine keeps me from being drowsy. If I do not drink lots of coffee, I will become easily irritable and often yawn. A man on the bus said I looked like a sleepwalking zombie. I yelled at him and said that I do not have insomnia. I am just a hard worker and enjoy both of my jobs.

Every Tuesday and Thursday night, I work at a bar near my apartment as a server from eight o'clock in the evening until two in the morning. Those men give me great tips. Before working at the bar, I go home from the coffee shop and get two hours of heavy sleep. This is why I have three alarm clocks. If I hit the snooze button on the first two, I still have that third alarm as my safety net. When I get off work at the bar, I am drained. Back at home, I immediately fall asleep. The bags under my eyes are genetic.

My heavy work schedule makes them darker circles. Wednesday and Friday mornings are the worst because I only get two hours of sleep.

I have a thick comforter from my grandparents in Mexico City. They told me it would help me have good dreams. When I finally get time to sleep, I will dress up in pajamas. I wear earplugs too. I do not toss and turn when I sleep. I always sleep like a baby from Saturday night unto Monday morning. This is my day of rest.

Tina

1. How old was Tina when her family left Mexico City?
2. How many hours a day does she work at the coffee shop?
3. How many days a week does she work at the coffee shop?
4. How long is her lunch break?
5. How long is her siesta?
6. Where does she go to take a nap?
7. Are there lots of people interested in her job?
8. Who keeps her tips?
9. What days of the week does she go to college?
10. What does she study at college?
11. How does she get to college?
12. Does she fall asleep in class?
13. Does she have insomnia?
14. Is she a heavy sleeper?
15. Does she hit her alarm's snooze button?
16. Why does she have three alarm clocks?
17. Where does she work at night?
18. How many hours a week does she work together?
19. What does she do on Sunday?
20. Who made her quilt?

Sally

My girlfriend loves to watch movies. Every genre appeals to her. A good movie does not have to be a smash hit or even an award winner. She does not have a favorite movie or a favorite actor. She has seen many enjoyable movies, so it is hard for her to say that only one flick is the greatest of all time. If she is in the mood to laugh, she will watch a comedy. A silly chick flick comedy is good after seeing a romantic tearjerker. It is important to balance a nail biting action drama with something farfetched. We watch many scary movies together when we both like being frightened. I like futuristic science fiction movies more than her. Every good movie has a sequel these days. She does not mind standing in line for a few hours if the first movie was great. Some sequels are better than the originals.

Before she goes and watches a new movie, she will check to see what type of reviews it is getting. This way she can compare her opinion with what other people are saying. The newest releases she will watch in a movie theater. She likes to munch on popcorn during the movie. Before it starts, she checks out the coming attraction trailers on the big screen. One thing that bothers her about watching movies in public is when someone in the audience does not silence their telephone's ringer and will take a call in the movie. Prohibited from entering should be crying babies, people with big heads, talkers, and telephones.

If she wants to watch an older movie again, she usually buys the DVD. At home, she can watch ever detail carefully. She has at least three hundred authentic DVDs. They are not pirated copies either. Buying them is more convenient than downloading an illegal copy off the Internet. The quality is better and it supports the entire industries income. There will not be a need for movie theaters if people keep stealing movies. We both want to support the motion picture industry even though famous actors get hundreds of millions of dollars.

Once a week she goes to the second run theater to watch an older movie on the big screen. There is a smaller theater in town that plays mostly independent and foreign

films. She does not mind reading subtitles. People all around the world watch American movies and read the dialogue in their own language. She would never go and watch an X rated film because most pornographic movies have no plot and the director is not trying to challenge the audience artistically. Lately, she is impressed with the quality of animated movies. Computer generated special effects really put her on the edge of her seat. The new computer animated films can be farfetched, but they are feel good movies for children as well as parents.

Sally

1. What is Sally's hobby?
2. Does she have a favorite genre of movie?
3. What kind of movie does her and her boyfriend enjoy together?
4. Why does she read movie reviews?
5. What movies does she find the most enjoyable in movie theaters?
6. Does she have a favorite snack for the movies?
7. How does she feel about pirated movies?
8. What movies cannot be enjoyed at home?
9. Where does she go once a week to watch older movies?
10. How does she feel about foreign films?
11. What does she find annoying about movie theaters?
12. Why does she watch comedies?
13. What is her boyfriend's favorite genre of movie?
14. Why doesn't she like pornographic movies?
15. Does she like to watch children's movies in the theatre?
16. Where can she watch independent and foreign films?
17. Does Sally's boyfriend know much about what she likes and dislikes?
18. Does Sally's boyfriend agree with the same ideas about movies?
19. What do Sally and her boyfriend have in common?
20. How are Sally and her boyfriend different?

George

I want to be a good mother and get my son, George, whatever he wants. When I say that it is impossible for him to get a puppy, he starts to cry. He asked me instead of his father because he knows his father will not let him have a pet. "George has no time for pets." He wants his son to be a brilliant student. I think owning a pet will teach George responsibility. Even if it is a bird, he must always keep the cage clean. He cannot treat a dog like his abandoned toys. My family had a dog when I was a little girl, and it lived in the backyard. One day it got out of the fence and a delivery truck ran it over. When I walk to the corner store, I feel afraid of stray dogs in the neighborhood not on leashes. There is a leash law, but some dogs are missing and have rabies.

George never leaves the house after school. We live in a crowded city, and have no backyard for the dog to play in. A dog he must walk and play with in the park at least two or three times a day. It will give him a good reason to go outside, but I think he will neglect the dog after a year. We might convince him that a housebroken cat is more convenient. It will poop and pee in a litter box. A cat can stay happy inside of the house. A cat meows and does not bark. There will be no need to worry about things like fleas or ticks either. I think we would let a veterinarian groom and clip its nails. A furry cat can be a nuisance because of hairballs and scratching fabric. The expensive black sofa in the living room might be ruined. We can visit the nearest pet shop to get more information and see what is available. Our new pet will become part of this family. We all need to agree on taking some of the responsibility raising it too.

George

pet

brilliant

responsibility

abandoned

stray

leash

rabies

crowded

neglect

housebroken

litter box

nuisance

ruined

George

1. Is George a spoiled brat?
2. How old is George?
3. Does he like to play sports?
4. What pets does George own?
5. What can he learn from owning a pet?
6. Who will take care of his dog?
7. Why will he have to take the dog to the park?
8. Where is the best place for him to play with the dog?
9. Why is the place they live not convenient for owning a dog?
10. Why did he ask his mother instead of his father about a dog?
11. How does his father feel about pets?
12. Why are there stray dogs in their neighborhood?
13. What can the animal shelter do to help the dogs with rabies?
14. Will they get a dog or a cat?
15. Why should they keep a bird in a cage?
16. Why is a veterinarian an important occupation?
17. Does his mother care too much about their furniture?
18. How are cats and dogs different?
19. What is the down side of owning a cat?
20. How will a pet become part of their family?

Roy

My name is Roy, and I am a student at Franklin Senior High School. I am a senior in my last year of school. I am working part-time at a convenient store as a cashier. I was born in a small Georgia town called Macon, but I grew up in Atlanta. In my free time, I like to play baseball or the guitar. I think sports and music are my hobbies. I often read sports magazines to stay in the know.

Many of my friends like to travel, but I do not have enough money to go anywhere. When I was sixteen, I went with my classmates on a school field trip to New York City. We were there for a week. It was an exciting experience. That was the only time I left the state of Georgia.

My friends say I talk about baseball all the time. I have always wanted to be a professional baseball player, but I do not have the physical ability. When I was twelve years old, my leg was broken in a car accident. I was not permanently handicapped. I feel blessed because I can still run and play baseball.

At school, I like studying foreign languages, and I am the best in my class at speaking Mandarin Chinese. When I graduate from high school, I want to study abroad at a University in Taiwan because the Taiwanese use traditional Chinese characters. Knowing this language fluently will help me get a career as an international sports writer. I want to report the news about Taiwanese baseball for English readers, and American baseball for those who can read Chinese. This would be an ideal career choice. I am comfortable with living abroad for the rest of my life.

Roy	professional	Mandarin Chinese
senior	physical ability	traditional Chinese
part-time	accident	characters
grew up	permanently	fluently
free time	handicapped	international
stay in the know.	blessed	ideal
field trip	foreign languages	career choice

Roy

1. Where does Roy go to school?
2. What year is he?
3. Does he have a full-time job?
4. Where does he work?
5. What is his position at work?
6. Where was he born?
7. Where did he grow up?
8. What is the name of his hometown?
9. What does he like to do in his free time?
10. What are his hobbies?
11. What do his friends like to do?
12. Does he travel often?
13. Where has he traveled?
14. What does he always talk about?
15. What happened to Roy when he was twelve?
16. What does he like to study?
17. What does he want to do when he graduates from high school?
18. Where does he want to study abroad?
19. Why does he want to know Mandarin Chinese fluently?
20. What career does he want?

1. Where is Roy from?
 - A. He is from Asia.
 - B. He is from Africa.
 - C. He is from America.
 - D. He is from Antarctica.

2. What does Roy like to do in his free time?
 - A. He likes to play baseball.
 - B. He likes to play the trumpet.
 - C. He likes to read romance novels.
 - D. He likes to speak French.

3. What has Roy always wanted to be?
 - A. He has always wanted to be a ballet dancer.
 - B. He has always wanted to be a race car driver.
 - C. He has always wanted to be a nurse.
 - D. He has always wanted to be a professional baseball player.

4. What does Roy like studying at school?
 - A. He likes studying foreign languages.
 - B. He likes studying European Art.
 - C. He likes studying geography.
 - D. He likes studying medicine.

5. Where does Roy want to study abroad?
 - A. He wants to study in Asia.
 - B. He wants to study in Africa.
 - C. He wants to study in America.
 - D. He wants to study in Antarctica.

6. What career does Roy want?
 - A. He wants a career as an international race car driver.
 - B. He wants a career as an international ballet dancer.
 - C. He wants a career as a European art critic.
 - D. He wants a career as an international sports writer.

7. Where will an internship benefit Roy the most?
 - A. An internship at the local hospital.
 - B. An internship at the local police station.
 - C. An internship at the local newspaper.
 - D. An internship at the local museum.

Roy's Day

Roy woke up at 6:30 in the morning. Today was the first Monday in August. This was also the first day of school for Roy. He got out of bed, took off his pink pajamas, and put on his blue bathrobe. He walked out of his bedroom into the hallway and went across the hall into the bathroom. He turned on the water faucet at the sink. He washed his round face clean with soap and water. He grabbed his toothbrush and slowly brushed his big white teeth.

Roy went back into his bedroom and changed clothes. He put on his school uniform. He wore a white short sleeve shirt and a pair of green shorts. His white socks were dirty. He walked into the dining room next to the bathroom across from his bedroom. His beautiful mother cooked him two eggs for breakfast. He ate a yellow banana and an orange also. He was hungry. He drank a cup of tea for breakfast. His mother cleaned the kitchen. Roy looked through the window at the trees outside and said, "mom, it is a sunny day."

Roy opened the kitchen door and went outside. He picked up the soccer ball on the grass and kicked it. The ball went into a pool behind Roy's house. He wiggled his toes, bent his knees, snapped his fingers, and clapped his hands. He smiled and laughed. He scratched his back and stretched his arms. He looked at the ball in the pool and said, "I have to go and get that ball."

Roy's Day

1. What time did Roy wake up?
2. What day was it?
3. What month was it?
4. Was the first day of school today?
5. What color pajamas did he wear?
6. What color bathrobe did he wear?
7. Did he take a shower?
8. What color shorts did he wear?
9. Were his socks clean?
10. What did his mother cook for him?
11. How many bananas did he eat?
12. Did he eat two oranges?
13. What did he drink?
14. How was the weather?
15. Where did he kick the soccer ball?
16. What did he snap?
17. What did he clap?
18. What did he scratch?
19. What did he stretch?
20. Do you think he got that ball?

Mark

My mom says I have a baby face. She always says this when we are in public. It is embarrassing. At age twelve, I started growing all this body hair on my chest. I used to be a chubby kid, and all my classmates said I was fat. I decided to exercise and lift weights. Now I am muscular with dark brown, curly hair. I have a big pointy nose. I don't like my nose. That is the only part of my body I am unhappy with. If I save up enough money, I will get plastic surgery. I want a smaller nose. When I was a teenager, I had many skateboarding accidents, so there are many scars on my arms from sliding along the road. I have thick eyebrows too. They do not bother me much. I want to change the color of them from black to light brown. My father has a beer belly. He eats a lot of potato chips and never exercises. He has straight, blond hair. He has a pudgy face with dimples. My mother is skinny. She has curly, red hair. She has freckles on her bony face and many moles on her arms. She is not happy about her body. Since she worked on a farm as a teenager, she will develop lots of wrinkles. The sun has damaged her skin. My girlfriend likes to paint her fingernails and toenails. She likes to get a pedicure and manicure. She does not like her big earlobes. She exercises a lot, so her body is firm. She has long, brown hair. She dyes her hair blond. I do not care what color her hair is. As long as her hair is not dyed blue, I am happy. Her breasts and butt are large. She wants a piercing in her belly button. She saw it in a magazine and said it looks interesting. I think that is just popular fashion. It is not attractive at all. I told her that it was stupid. My girlfriend has a perfect body.

Mark	muscular	moles
public	plastic surgery	wrinkles
embarrassing	scars	pedicure
body hair	eyebrows	manicure
chest	pudgy	earlobes
chubby	dimples	piercing
lift weights	freckles	belly button

Mark

1. What does his mom say when they are in public?
2. What does his mom say that is embarrassing?
3. How old was Mark when he started growing chest hair?
4. Was Mark always skinny?
5. Did his classmates pick on him?
6. What did Mark do to become more better looking?
7. Is Mark muscular now?
8. What hairstyle does he have?
9. What does his nose look like?
10. How does he feel about his nose?
11. How did he get a lot of scars?
12. What do his eyebrows look like?
13. What does his father's face look like?
14. Is his father a couch potato?
15. What hairstyle does his father have?
16. What hairstyle does his mother have?
17. Why will his mother have many wrinkles when she is older?
18. How does he feel about his girlfriend's body?
19. What does he think about body piercing?
20. What does his girlfriend do to her nails?

Laura

My best friend is so emotional. If she says something that seems awkward, she quickly apologizes. This becomes irritating because she keeps saying sorry. She never seems in a good mood. Maybe she is not confident and feels depressed. I think she has a lot of pressure in school to make good grades. She must be stressed out. If she doesn't get a perfect score on a test, she will be disappointed for weeks. This makes me furious because all she does is talk unhappily about her wrong answers. I just tell her to stop talking. When I get really angry at her, I scream. We often argue about how stupid school tests are. I don't think they matter in the real world. She bottles up her emotions. She always looks like she is going to cry.

I want to find her a boyfriend. She can express her miserable anxiety with him instead of me. She must be lonely too. I cannot relate to her anymore. We have known each other since we were five. I find her irritating because she is so moody. Her emotions go from happy to sad at the drop of a dime. I rarely see her laugh at anything. She likes to analyze jokes and discuss them. Maybe she is confused about herself and doesn't know what to do with her life. I am worried about her. If she doesn't start to find enjoyment in her life, I feel she will get burnt out and die down in the dumps at a young age. Her parents don't help much either. They are never at home to comfort her. They work all day long and usually have business dinners late into the night. She might need some pleasurable hobbies. If she found some enjoyable activities to do, maybe she would not be so annoying.

Laura

emotional	stressed out	worried
awkward	disappointed	enjoyment
apologizes	scream	burnt out
irritating	miserable	pleasurable
confident	anxiety	annoying
depressed	confused	sense of humor

Laura

1. Who is Laura talking about?
2. Is her friend apologetic?
3. What does her friend do that is irritating?
4. Is her friend cheerful?
5. Does her friend feel self-assured?
6. Does school make her insecure?
7. What is causing her so much pressure?
8. How does she feel about bad grades?
9. What makes Laura furious?
10. What does Laura do when she is angry at her friend?
11. How does Laura feel about school tests?
12. Does her friend openly express how she feels?
13. Does her friend have a boyfriend?
14. Why does Laura want to find her friend a boyfriend?
15. How long has Laura known her?
16. Does her friend have a good sense of humor?
17. What will happen to her if she does not start to enjoy her life?
18. Where are her friend's parents?
19. Does her friend know how to enjoy herself?
20. Does she have many hobbies?

Hillary

The last time I saw a doctor was just three days ago. I only had diarrhea, but I was worried it could have been something more serious. I was already sick that week. The night before I ate Indian food, and it worked its way through my stomach in warm sluggish chunks. Somebody told me curry is good to eat when sick. I also vomited a lot the next morning. The doctor said it was food poisoning. She suggested I eat at home or in cleaner restaurants. Foreign cooks never wash their hands correctly. There is nothing more disgusting than human bacteria and germs in food.

As preventive medicine against catching a cold, I eat vitamins everyday. I still get sick when the seasons change. In winter, my immune system weakens, so it is easy for me to catch a cold. I cannot remember a winter without blowing my runny and stuffed up nose continuously. During flu season, I will wear a mask similar to that a doctor in a hospital wears. Contagious diseases are everywhere, and I am not going to risk my health when in a public place. I never travel. I fear being stuck on a bus or subway. Trapped in a crowded place with other sick people is a viral time bomb.

Every morning my throat is soar and feels like sandpaper is caught in it. There must be something wrong with my larynx because I constantly cough. My allergies cause me frequently to sneeze. Western medicine does not help relieve me of my suffering. I am strongly considering trying out Chinese or other alternative medicines. I read on the Internet about medical marijuana used in California and in other states to relive chronic illnesses. It is getting to the point where I will try anything.

My boss is getting really frustrated with me always calling in sick for work. I am just a salesclerk at a department store, so there are other employees who can fill in my schedule. If I had a professional career like an attorney or a teacher, I would be collecting unemployment checks because of my chronic illnesses. When I get my period, I cannot get out of bed. Menstrual cramps are very uncomfortable. I do not want to go anywhere or do anything. The hot bathtub is my only sanctuary. Chocolate pudding always helps me ignore my cramps.

My health insurance premiums are going to skyrocket next year. I need to find an employer that will give me health care benefits. A large portion of my salary is spent on prescription drugs. My current job does not pay me enough for health care coverage. I am nervous about being hospitalized for a long period. What happens if I am exposed to a biological terrorist attack or any of the new Asian viruses? My grandparents on both sides of my family have died from liver failure. I am just genetically inferior.

Hillary

1. When was the last time she saw a doctor?
2. What did she think was wrong with her?
3. Why did she have diarrhea?
4. How can food poisoning be prevented?
5. What method of preventive medicine does she often use?
6. How do the seasons have an effect on her health?
7. Why does she dislike public transportation?
8. How does she avoid catching contagious diseases?
9. Is she going someday to smoke some marijuana?
10. Why can she frequently call in sick for work?
11. Is her health deteriorating?
12. What does she think about western medicine?
13. How does she comfort herself during the menstruation period?
14. When does she eat a lot of chocolate?
15. Is she sick or just experiencing hypochondria?
16. Are there many germs in public places?
17. What is a symptom of her allergies?
18. Is her health care plan sufficient?
19. What other worries are troubling her?
20. What illness runs in the family?

Joel

在美國北加州讀研究所的時候,我常常運動. 每天至少運動一個鐘頭. 在研究所一年半裡,我做很多運動,有走路,游泳,騎腳踏車和舉重. 第一年的時候,我住在宿舍,所以我都走路到學校. 學校有游泳池,我平常也會去游泳,差不多一個禮拜兩次,每次一個小時. 大學後面有運動場,所以有時候我也會去跑步. 我的學校附近有很漂亮的風景. 北加州有很長的海灘,所以在學校大樓的頂樓就可以看到海. 學校旁邊有一個很有名的國家公園,後面有一個森林. 森林裡面有一千多年的老樹,風景很美很寧靜,所以我喜歡到那裡散步. 下課後,我常常走一個多小時的路到那裡看老樹. 一邊走,一邊想著老師上課教什麼. 後來我搬出宿舍,離學校遠一點,所以我就騎腳踏車上學. 假如下雨,我就搭公車. 那個都市有八萬多人,沒有交通問題. 我的學校有八千多個學生,很多學生都沒有車子,也沒有人在騎摩托車. 在我們學校開車不方便,因為我們學校沒有停車場,所以大家都走路和騎腳踏車,走路比較方便也比較舒服. 這個城市裡的人喜歡露營,健行,和溜滑板. 我喜歡健行和騎腳踏車. 我不喜歡團體運動,像棒球,籃球,和網球. 我喜歡自己一個人可以做的運動,像游泳,保齡球,腳踏車. 我覺得團體運動很麻煩,因為每個人的程度不一樣. 程度好的人不喜歡跟我玩,我也不喜歡跟程度不好的人玩. 從小到現在我很喜歡騎腳踏車. 但是在台灣我很少騎腳踏車,因為台灣的交通不好,空氣也很差,在這裡騎腳踏車很不安全也很不舒服.

Joel

1. In what state did he attend graduate school?
2. What part of the state is his University located?
3. How many hours a week did he exercise?
4. Where did he live during his first year of graduate school?
5. How often did he swim at the University pool?
6. Where is the running track located?
7. Is the forest far from campus?
8. What kinds of trees are in the National Forest?
9. After class, what did he like to do?
10. About how many people live in this city?
11. Do many students drive their cars on campus?
12. Are there many parking spaces on campus?
13. Does he like to play in team sports?
14. How does he feel about playing sports with others?
15. Since he was a child, what has been his favorite exercise activity?
16. How does he feel about riding a bicycle in Taiwan?
17. Does he think that it is safer back home for bike riding?
18. When it rained, how did he get to the campus?
19. How many students attend his University?
20. What are some of the other sports he likes?

Lin

林建國從中國大陸來到波士頓留學。建國是一個很好的學生。因為他的成績還不錯，他的大學英文教授幫他寫了一封推薦信。建國在美語補習班裡的期末考成績也很高。他能用英文寫有趣的英文故事，可是他並沒有申請到獎學金。

這是他第一次到美國。他的錢太少，所以他一定得馬上找房間租。他大學的系辦公室推薦他一個房東叫高偉立。隔天，在麥當勞他們已經有約了。他們一起去看好幾間公寓。有些離波士頓大學很遠。而且房子太小，也不便宜，環境髒又不安全，空氣也很差。一個月的房租卻要一千多美金，讓他不知道該怎麼做。那晚，他睡不著覺。隔天早上起床後他很餓。於是走路到波士頓的中國城吃水餃和蛋花湯，碰見一個漂亮的小姐對他說：“歡迎，歡迎。”又說“嗨！你看起來很累，你怎麼了？我的名字是陳台麗。我的父母從臺灣移民到美國開餐廳。我可以跟你做朋友嗎？你叫什麼名字？”

“幸會幸會！我叫林建國。我是中國人。在這裡找房子很困難。在波士頓房價怎麼這麼貴呢？菜價也不便宜。我本來的打算都錯了。我要剪頭髮，可是每家美容院要五十塊美金，我的生活費不夠用。”陳小姐說：“我的姑姑可以幫你剪頭髮。她是理髮廳的老闆。她的公寓有一間房間要出租。她還沒有找到房客。你必需付她三百塊美金包括水費，電費，但如果你用她的電話打國際電話，你要付給她電話費。你願意跟他分租嗎？”一年以後，林建國跟陳台麗的姑姑結婚。

Lin

1. What nationality is Lin?
2. What country does he want to study abroad in?
3. Who helped him with his recommendation letter?
4. What does he like to write about in English?
5. Does he have a scholarship to study abroad?
6. How many times has he been to the United States of America?
7. What service does Gao Wei Li offer?
8. Where did they meet before looking at apartments?
9. Are the apartments near the University?
10. How does Lin feel about the apartments he has been shown?
11. How much money is the rent for one month?
12. Where does he go the next morning for breakfast?
13. What food does he order?
14. Who does he meet?
15. Where did Chen's parents emigrate from?
16. What did her parents do after settling down in the USA?
17. How does Lin feel about the prices of services in Boston?
18. Where does Chen's aunt work?
19. What other service does Chen help Lin with?
20. What do Lin and Chen's aunt do a year later?

Review: John, Jennifer, Julia

1. What family member does John quarrel with?
 - A. John quarrel's with his grandmother.
 - B. John quarrel's with his uncle.
 - C. John quarrel's with his younger sister.
 - D. John quarrel's with his mother.

2. What do John's friends do after school?
 - A. Come to John's house and study.
 - B. Come to John's house and clean.
 - C. Come to John's house and make a mess.
 - D. Come to John's house and ballet dance.

3. What does John like to do in his free time?
 - A. He likes to draw cartoons.
 - B. He likes to play trumpet.
 - C. He likes to read romance novels.
 - D. He likes to speak French.

4. What would John like to do?
 - A. He would like to join a band and play the drums.
 - B. He would like to join the basketball team.
 - C. He would like to do more ballet dancing.
 - D. He would like to become a nurse.

5. How does the young boy Julia baby-sits on Saturdays behave?
 - A. He always is well behaved.
 - B. He is really naughty and goofy.
 - C. He is quiet and keeps to himself.
 - D. He is like his little sister.

6. How does Julia feel about babies?
 - A. She thinks they are precious little dolls.
 - B. She wants to have many children.
 - C. She thinks that are cute and fun.
 - D. She does not like babies.

7. What does Jennifer do at school?
- A. She is a baseball player.
 - B. She is a cheerleader.
 - C. She is a nurse.
 - D. She is a French dancer.
8. What method will Jennifer use to pass the high school entrance exam?
- A. Join a study group every night for three hours.
 - B. Spend weekends at the library for ten hours.
 - C. Pay the teacher a lot of money to get a good grade.
 - D. Copy the answers from a better student.
9. What type of students does Jennifer like to befriend?
- A. She likes the nerds.
 - B. She does not like athletes.
 - C. She likes the slackers.
 - D. She likes the jocks.
10. How does Jennifer feel about school uniforms?
- A. She feels they are convenient.
 - B. She does not mind looking like everyone else.
 - C. She does not like them.
 - D. She is happy to conform.
11. How does Jennifer want Julia to help her?
- A. Jennifer wants Julia to join the cheerleading squad.
 - B. She wants her to join the Math Club.
 - C. She wants her to cheat.
 - D. She wants her to wear a pink skirt.
12. Disruptive students who break the rules in the USA are sent to _____. This is a classroom where students can stay after school or on Saturdays and reflect on their bad behavior. These students think of it as going to the school's jail.
- A. detonation
 - B. detention
 - C. dentist
 - D. dungeon

Review: Lisa, Steve, Tina, Sally

1. What does Lisa like to do in her free time?
 - A. She likes to play baseball.
 - B. She likes to read fashion magazines.
 - C. She likes to read magazines about trucks.
 - D. She likes to watch TV because she is a couch potato.

2. What does Lisa sell at her store?
 - A. She sells sporting goods like baseball bats.
 - B. She sells books, magazines, and pens.
 - C. She sells pants and other garments.
 - D. She sells potatoes and couches.

3. What is a trendsetter?
 - A. A person who leads the way for others in fashion or ideas.
 - B. A person who likes to buy many trends and setters.
 - C. A person who leads the way to a potato.
 - D. A person who is good at playing trends.

4. What is a pioneer?
 - A. A person who is the first to explore or settle a new country or area.
 - B. An innovator.
 - C. A developer of new ideas.
 - D. All of the above.

5. I did not sleep well last night at my friend's house because it was cold and I did not have a _____.
 - A. zombies
 - B. genetic
 - C. blanket
 - D. caffeine

6. I did not sleep well last night at my friend's house because it was cold and I drank too much _____.
 - A. zombies
 - B. genetic
 - C. blanket
 - D. caffeine

7. She needs just ten minutes before the next class starts. Without those ten minutes, she will be exhausted. She must have those ten minutes. What does she need?
- A. She needs a ten-minute power nap.
 - B. She needs a ten-minute zombie.
 - C. She needs a ten-minute pajama.
 - D. She needs a ten-minute earplug.
8. After working outside in the hot sun all day long, I really want to take a shower because it will make me feel _____.
- A. siesta
 - B. refreshed
 - C. snooze
 - D. drowsy
9. The movie takes place three hundred years from now on a space ship orbiting a different planet. What genre is this movie?
- A. chick flick
 - B. tearjerker
 - C. comedy
 - D. science fiction
10. If the movie does not have _____ at the bottom of the screen, how will I understand what the characters are saying?
- A. pirated
 - B. subtitles
 - C. sequel
 - D. drama
11. Everyone loves that movie. The acting is fantastic. It is the greatest movie of all time. That movie is a true _____.
- A. flick
 - B. award winner
 - C. trailers
 - D. audience
12. The main character in the movie did not get married as everyone in the audience predicted. His death was a shocking twist. It made the story realistic. There was not a dry eye in the theater. Men and children cried. It was such a _____.
- A. comedy
 - B. tearjerker
 - C. animated
 - D. frightened

Review: Hillary, George, Roy

1. I told her that she would get sick on that scary rollercoaster, but she said she would not. I did not expect her to _____ on the ride.
 - A. diarrhea
 - B. bacteria
 - C. vomit
 - D. germs

2. I eat too much junk food, so I am worried about my health. This is why I also eat _____. I do not want to be sick or dying in a hospital.
 - A. diarrhea
 - B. vitamins
 - C. vomit
 - D. germs

3. When winter comes, it is normal for many schoolchildren to catch the _____. This is why I do not like to play with your dirty nephew.
 - A. vitamins
 - B. diarrhea
 - C. flu
 - D. preventive

4. We really need to exercise at least an hour everyday. This is the best way to _____ getting sick.
 - A. genetically
 - B. germs
 - C. allergies
 - D. prevent

5. "Is there something wrong with your sister? This is the tenth time she has sneezed in the last five minutes."
 - A. It is springtime, so her allergies are acting up.
 - B. It is summertime, so her vomit is acting up.
 - C. It is wintertime, so her bacteria are acting up.
 - D. It is Halloween, so she is dressed like Santa Claus.

6. What is Hillary's favorite thing to talk about with her friends?
- A. How sick she was, is, or will be.
 - B. How her dogs, cats, and birds are so nice.
 - C. She talks about the newest movies with her friends.
 - D. She talks about jocks, and how much fun it is to be a cheerleader.
7. If you are walking home after school, and a mean dog bites you. It will be a good idea to go to a hospital immediately and get medicine for _____.
- A. leash
 - B. rabies
 - C. ruined
 - D. brilliant
8. Roy is in his last year of high school, so he is busy studying. This is why he has _____.
- A. a part-time job
 - B. field trip
 - C. permanently handicapped
 - D. grew up
9. "I do not know where the plastic wrappers are located."
- A. Ask the senior.
 - B. Ask the cashier.
 - C. Ask the part-time.
 - D. Ask the accident.
10. When Adam was riding his bicycle home from church, a police car went through a red light and hit him. The doctor said Adam is lucky to be alive. Unfortunately, Adam will be _____.
- A. traditional Chinese characters
 - B. international
 - C. physical ability
 - D. permanently handicapped
11. In my free time, I like to volunteer at the local hospital to help sick people. I also like to dance. Dancing is my _____.
- A. senior
 - B. hobby
 - C. fluently
 - D. cashier
12. Joel can speak Japanese, French, German, Spanish, English, Russian, and Taiwanese because he majored in _____.
- A. hobbies
 - B. field trip
 - C. career choice
 - D. foreign languages

Comprehensive Review

1. When Jennifer was thirteen years old, she was a bad _____ school student.
A. low B. high C. small D. middle
2. During the school's basketball games, she would jump around and cheer the team on because she was a _____.
A. pompom B. cheerleader C. chair leader D. quiz
3. Most students are nervous about next week's high school _____.
A. pompom exam B. exits exam C. enter exam D. entrance exam
4. In the USA, disruptive students will be sent to _____. This is a classroom where students can stay after school and reflect on their bad behavior.
A. detonation B. detention C. dentist D. dungeon
5. His mother was yelling at me. I broke her lamp. It mad me uncomfortable being _____ by her.
A. chopped out B. chewing on C. chewing out D. chewed out
6. The jocks played a practical joke on one of the nerds at my school. They opened up his _____ and put a dead mouse inside of it. When the nerd found the dead mouse, he started to cry.
A. lock B. locks C. locker D. locking
7. I am not supposed to spend so much time surfing the Internet and _____ online.
A. shot B. chat C. chatter D. chatting
8. If a student is having trouble at home and suffering from some emotional problems, it best that she or he see the school _____ immediately.
A. janitor B. couch C. counselor D. coach
9. Jane is having some troubles understanding her English homework. A smart boy in class can help her. We should go ask him if he can be Jane's _____.
A. cheerleader B. jock C. dork D. tutor
10. Joel is not worried about next weeks quiz. He can just sit next to a smarter student who studies more. If he does not _____, he will most likely fail the class.
A. chat B. cheat C. cheer D. chop

11. Roy is almost eighteen years old. He will graduate from high school this July. He is a _____.
- A. junior B. sophomore C. senior D. cheerleader
12. My mother only gave me a little money. She told me to ask the _____ at the convenient store to help me if I did not know the price of milk. Maybe I can buy the cheaper brand.
- A. cheater B. cheerleader C. thief D. cashier
13. In his free time, he plays the piano, the guitar, or the violin. I am sure that _____ is his main hobby.
- A. sports B. photography C. gymnastics D. music
14. Roy has to read the newspaper, watch the news, check the Internet, and ask his friends to stay in the _____ about his favorite interest in life.
- A. known B. now C. no D. know
15. My classmates are going visit a museum and zoo in another city this Saturday. They will be riding a bus together and will stay in a cheap motel that night. They must get permission from their parents to go on this _____.
- A. fly trap B. field trip C. fat trout D. field travel
16. Spiderman and Superman have the _____ to do amazing things.
- A. professional B. physical C. permanent D. physical ability
17. The soldier lost his right foot when he stepped on a bomb. It is sad that he can never run again. Being _____ is terrible.
- A. broken B. accident C. permanently D. handicapped
18. Joel has lived in Taiwan for more than fifteen years and he still cannot speak Taiwanese _____.
- A. blessed B. fluently C. language D. flagellant
19. The airport has many tourists arriving and departing from other countries. It is apparent that the new _____ airport is a real success.
- A. county B. country C. suburban D. international
20. Joel does not want to work as a cashier at a fast food restaurant for the rest of his life. This is why he studies medicine twenty hours everyday. He wants a new _____ working for a hospital in the pharmacy.
- A. county B. career C. cash D. carrier

21. She has a lot of money, so she can buy many things that are
 A. hiking B. exhibit C. karaoke D. expensive
22. After hiking all day, she wants to _____ in the hot spring.
 A. stupid B. video C. soak D. mummies
23. Her stereo speakers are loud and make the entire house _____.
 A. skip B. soak C. vibrate D. crank
24. Her parents like to eat at _____ restaurants.
 A. usually B. fancy C. online D. disgusting
25. She is not old enough to buy beer, so she will make a _____ driver's license.
 A. poor B. disgusting C. fake D. authentic
26. To learn about what clothes people are wearing, Lisa will read a _____ magazine.
 A. hideous B. irritating C. fashion D. travel
27. Many people like her store. There are always boys and girls shopping. It is _____.
 A. trend B. popular C. pioneer D. styles
28. She can never lose track of the newest trends, so she must stay in the _____.
 A. dark B. sun C. know D. shower
29. Things like necklaces, bracelets, earrings, buttons, and rings are fashion _____.
 A. accessories B. glamorous C. enormous D. cosmetics
30. Girls like to put make-up and lipstick on their faces before they have an enchanting night out with their boyfriend. They use _____ to look better.
 A. glamorous B. enormous C. cosmetics D. onions
31. Her mother is not crying. It looks like she is crying because she has been cutting _____ in the kitchen for an hour.
 A. cosmetics B. onions C. bucks D. ugliness
32. If you are meeting the President of Taiwan, it is best to wear _____ clothing.
 A. casual B. formal C. hip D. onion
33. Joel's girlfriend has been exercising everyday for two years, so she is getting
 A. chubby B. skinny C. curly D. pointy

34. After work, Joel eats five hamburgers, three pizzas, and an orange. He is getting _____.
A. chubby B. skinny C. curly D. pointy
35. Joel's mother had a terrible car accident and her jaw was broken. She went to the hospital and had to get _____ on her face to look normal.
A. rubber B. plastic surgery C. plastic D. rubber surgery
36. His girlfriend's father has a million dollars, but he does not buy fancy cars. He drives a regular car and wears average clothing. He is a _____ consumer.
A. muscular B. impulse C. frugal D. wasted
37. There are some dirt-poor kids on the streets of Bangkok, Thailand, who ask for money from tourists. I do not like to help these _____.
A. pokers B. beggars C. shoppers D. clerks
38. His family needs a million dollars tomorrow for rent on the family grocery store. The bank will not give it to him. He must ask a _____ to help him.
A. beggar B. child C. loan shark D. cop
39. The air conditioner is broken in my dormitory. At night it is hot and there are many mosquitoes biting me. This is _____.
A. exciting B. irritating C. exercising D. clothing
40. We have prepared the last two months for our school's fiftieth anniversary. There will be a dance contest. We are all happy. This Friday should be _____.
A. exciting B. irritating C. exercising D. clothing
41. My best friend is an impulse shopper. She does not care if anything is on sale. Her wardrobe has a lot of _____.
A. exciting B. irritating C. exercising D. clothing
42. The new girl at school is short and fat. Nobody wants to be her friend. I do not think she did well on our English exam. She must be _____.
A. depressed B. cheerful C. charming D. glamorous
43. Her emotions go from happy to sad at the drop of a dime. She is too _____.
A. cheerful B. charming C. moody D. tall
44. Many Taiwanese students want to study English _____ in Canada.
A. a brook B. a bride C. traditional D. abroad

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49. I will tell my best friend a secret because we _____ each other.
A. dishonest B. humiliate C. trust D. betray
50. When Jenny's father died, she inherited a million dollars. Her father worked hard and saved a lot of money. His dream was to provide for his family during life and after death. Luckily, she was born well off. Her family is _____.
A. rich B. poor C. annoying D. boring