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Lesson
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bus



metro rail transit



high speed rail

Reading Passage

How to Manage Your Finances

12

We're all trying to tighten our belts in these tough economic times—but what are the easiest ways to do it? Try our quiz below to find out your attitude towards your personal finances and get some great money-saving ideas!

1. How do you deal with bills?

- A** I pay them immediately.
- B** I pay some and delay some!
- C** I ignore them.

2. Where do you buy everyday items?

- A** At the market.
- B** In my local mall.
- C** At designer stores.

3. How do you travel to work?

- A** Walk or cycle.
- B** Public transport.
- C** Car or taxi.

4. How did you choose your cell phone network?

- A** It was the cheapest.
- B** My friends use it.
- C** I chose it **at random**¹.

5. Have you ever sold something on an auction² site?

- A** Yes—
it's a great way to get extra cash.
- B** Yes—
but only when I moved house.
- C** No—it's too much trouble.



▲ bargain



▲ auction



▲ cell phone network



▲ splash the cash

6. How much do you save each month?

- A** A fixed percentage of my salary.
- B** Whatever I have left at the end of the month.
- C** I don't save anything.

7. How often do you bargain³?

- A** Any time I can!
- B** Occasionally.
- C** Never. It's **trashy**⁴.

8. How do you compare to your peers?

- A** I try not to compare myself.
- B** Some are richer, some are poorer.
- C** I need to have what they have!

- 1 with no specific purpose or pattern
- 2 a sale of items to the highest bidder
- 3 try to negotiate the price
- 4 not sophisticated
- 5 careful with money
- 6 buy yourself something nice
- 7 spend money
- 8 not careful with money

Now add up your score . . .

Mostly **A**s: **Frugal**⁵ Frankie

You certainly understand the importance of saving money, and you take your time before making a purchase—but remember it's OK to **treat yourself**⁶, too!

Mostly **B**s: Sensible Susan

Well done. You have a very balanced attitude towards your personal finances. You make wise choices on a day-to-day basis but aren't afraid to **splash the cash**⁷ on special occasions.

Mostly **C**s: **Extravagant**⁸ Eric

Oh dear! You like to spend, spend, spend, and you probably have a weakness for the finer things in life. Consider using cheaper stores, and try to save a little each month.

Lesson
26

Carnivorous Plants



Before You Read

Pre-reading Warm-up

- 1 Have you ever seen the movie *Little Shop of Horrors*? Look at the posters on the right. What do you think it's about?
- 2 One of the songs from the movie is called "Grow for Me." The lyrics from the first verse are below, but the words of each line are jumbled up. Can you rearrange them?

1. given sunshine I've you ➔ *I've given you sunshine;*
2. dirt you I've given ➔
3. given you've nothing me and heartache hurt but ➔
4. begging sweetly you I'm ➔
5. knees my down on I'm ➔
6. for oh grow please me ➔

- 3 Do an Internet search for the song and check your ideas!

Vocabulary Tool Kit

trap



soil



jaw



hinge



aquatic plants



terrestrial plant



reptile



trapdoor



Vocabulary Definition

- 1 meat-eating
- 2 a process, technique, or system for achieving a result
- 3 sweet liquid made by flowers
- 4 natural substances produced by a living organism which cause chemical reactions to happen
- 5 soft wet ground formed of decaying plants
- 6 passed out of the body
- 7 unable to move
- 8 space that is empty of any substance
- 9 very fast
- 10 mechanism that allows light into a camera lens

(cc by English Lock)

Chapter 32: Carnivorous¹ Plants



Carnivorous plants gain nutrients by trapping and consuming animals, typically insects. The following detail four types of trapping **mechanism**² in carnivorous plants.

pitcher plant



1. Pitfall trap: found on pitcher plants

Prey is attracted by **nectar**³ and caught within a rolled leaf, then digested by internal **enzymes**⁴. The tropical pitcher plants *Nepenthes* are also known as “monkey cups” as monkeys have been observed using them as drinking vessels. Some species are able to digest small mammals and reptiles. They typically grow in **bogs**⁵ or rocky areas whose soil lacks nutrients.

sundew



2. Flypaper trap: found on various plants

Prey is trapped by a glue-like substance called mucilage, **secreted**⁶ by glands which may be long and delicate (as seen on the sundew, left) or barely visible (as on butterworts). These plants can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

Venus flytrap



3. Snap trap: found on various plants

Sensitive hairs on these hinged plants react to the touch of an insect or spider, and the “jaws” close to trap them. Hairs must be touched twice; a single touch will not cause the leaf to fold. This prevents accidental capture of **inanimate**⁷ objects. One plant with this mechanism, the Venus flytrap, was featured in the musical comedy *Little Shop of Horrors*.

bladderwort



4. Bladder trap: found on bladderworts

Prey is sucked into a bean-sized bladder containing a **vacuum**⁸, and a trapdoor closes behind it. The mechanism works **at lightning speed**⁹—in just 1/60 of a second, the average time it takes a camera **shutter**¹⁰ to close, “dinner” is served! The (aquatic) bladderwort is often compared to the (terrestrial) orchid and snapdragon.

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A Reading Skill: Identifying Text Features

Non-fiction texts such as *newspapers* and *academic textbooks* include special features, called **text features**, to help us find our way through the text. They prepare us for what we are about to read, organize information, and provide additional information and visuals such as *photos*, *diagrams*, and *maps*.

1 Take a look at the text features used in these reading passages from previous lessons.

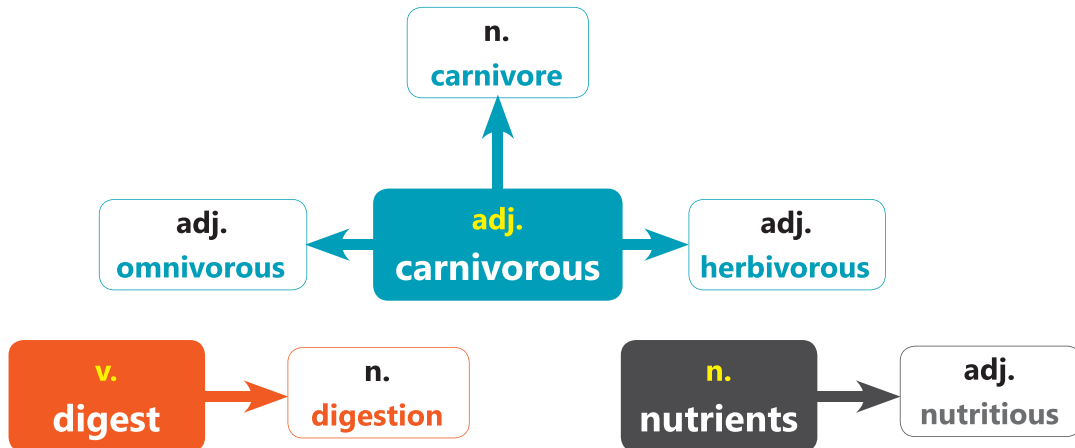
Text Feature	How does it help you as a reader?
title ➔	
diagram ➔	
bold words ➔	
captions ➔	
photos ➔	
maps ➔	
headings ➔	

2 Look back at the reading passage for this lesson. What text features can you identify? How did these particular features help you to understand the text?

3 With a partner, look through a variety of non-fiction texts (e.g., academic textbook chapters, brochures, print or Internet newspaper articles, etc.). What can you learn about the texts by just observing the text features (not actually reading the text)?

B Word Study: Word Families

When learning new words in English, it can be helpful to make a note of other *words which are related*. For example:



- 1 Look back at the passage. Were there any new words for you? What other word family diagrams can you create below?

- 2 Can you complete the tables below with related words? Use a dictionary to help you if necessary.

Noun	Verb
preference	<i>prefer</i>
	refer
mark	circle
identification	minimize
expansion	

Adjective	Opposite
relevant	
moderate	
logical	
similar	
typical	
efficient	
specific	

Would it be helpful for you to keep a notebook in this style? Why or why not?

C Exercise

1 Reading Comprehension

- _____ 1. What is the text about?
- a. Animals that eat animals. b. Plants that eat plants.
c. Animals that eat plants. d. Plants that eat animals.
- _____ 2. What does a bladder trap contain?
- a. Beans. b. Prey. c. A vacuum. d. A trapdoor.
- _____ 3. Which of the following is a heading from the reading passage?
- a. "Chapter 32: Carnivorous Plants"
b. "Now turn to page 151 and complete the exercises."
c. "sundew"
d. "Bladder Traps: found on bladderworts"
- _____ 4. Which plants could potentially eat a lizard?
- a. Those with pitfall traps. b. Those with flypaper traps.
c. Those with snap traps. d. Those with bladder traps.
- _____ 5. What are "glands" (the second box)?
- a. Organs in the body which produce liquid.
b. A glue-like substance which is delicate.
c. Insects which are caught in a flypaper trap.
d. Invisible hairs which are found on leaves.



▲ *Nepenthes jamban* (cc by Alfindra Primaldi)



▲ intermediate pitcher of *Nepenthes bicalcarata*



▲ *Nepenthes aristolochioides*



▲ large lower pitcher of *Nepenthes sibuyanensis* (cc by Attenboroughii)

2 Target Vocabulary

Use the words below to complete the sentences. Two words will NOT be needed. You may have to change the forms of some of the words.

bog

secrete

vacuum

inanimate

carnivorous

nectar

shutter

enzyme

mechanism

at lightning speed

1. This model has a high-speed _____ and optical zoom.
2. Although many _____ animals hunt in packs, some hunt alone.
3. _____ gardens are great for attracting frogs, toads, and newts.
4. The case is fine, but I think the internal _____ is broken.
5. Special offers on _____ cleaners and dishwashers until Saturday!
6. Honeybees collect both _____ and pollen from flowers.
7. They finished their dinner and left the restaurant _____.
8. I know it sounds crazy, but sometimes I find myself shouting at _____ objects like my computer!



▲ *Drosera tokaiensis*
(cc by Jan Wieneke)



▲ Many *Sarracenia* hybrids are easy to grow.



▲ *Sarracenia oreophila*
(cc by Noah Elhardt)

3 Critical Thinking

1. Would you say that carnivorous plants are animate or inanimate?
2. Fruitarians will only eat fruit, nuts, and seeds that have naturally fallen from plants. They will not eat vegetables, as they believe they feel pain when cut. What do you think about this?
3. In the movie *Little Shop of Horrors*, the giant Venus flytrap (called Audrey II) eats human beings. Do you think this type of situation could ever become a reality?

Lesson
27 Bora Bora

Before You Read

Pre-reading Warm-up

- 1 Work with a classmate. Which of the activities below do you enjoy doing on vacation? Could you and your classmate go on vacation together?



sightseeing



fine dining



extreme sports



amusement parks



shopping



sunbathing



enjoying nature

Would you like to win a dream vacation?

The prize: \$10,000 each for you and a friend to spend on the vacation of a lifetime.

The challenge: Describe your perfect seven-day itinerary. Submit your ideas (illustrated if you wish) by 31 May for the chance to win!

- 2 Now look at this advertisement from a travel magazine. Work together to enter the competition!

BEACH 500m

Vocabulary Tool Kit



parasailing



jet skiing



water skiing



handicrafts

Vocabulary Definition

- 1 make someone want to do something
- 2 short swim
- 3 walk in a slow, relaxed way
- 4 extremely pleasurable
- 5 very comfortable; high-quality
- 6 relax
- 7 type of bed, made of net and hung between trees
- 8 surprise and amaze
- 9 good-bye
- 10 looking at lots of different things in a shop



Welcome to Bora Bora!

Bora Bora is waiting for you! With white sand, turquoise seas and breathtaking scenery, this French Polynesian paradise is the perfect honeymoon destination. Can we **tempt**¹ you with our sample itinerary below . . . ?



▲ Bora Bora

Day 1.....

Guests are welcomed in the reception of Hotel Aube with refreshing cocktails. The afternoon is free to spend as you please—why not take a refreshing **dip**² in the lagoon, **stroll**³ around the tropical gardens, or sample the local cuisine in one of our four award-winning restaurants?

Day 2.....

After a **blissful**⁴ first night's sleep in one of Aube's **plush**⁵ four-poster beds, take a tour around Bora Bora by either land or sea. Hop in a jeep for a mini-safari, or climb aboard our luxury catamaran and follow the curves of the purple coral reefs.

Day 3.....

Experience your own personal James Bond moment as you jet ski or water ski your way around the lagoon with exotic birds circling overhead.

Day 4.....

Take it easy⁶ on a beach picnic or, if you're feeling adventurous, try parasailing with one of our fully-qualified instructors. As the evening draws in, settle into a **hammock**⁷ with an ice-cold beer and enjoy the sunset.

Day 5.....

Create lifelong memories as you take a helicopter ride over the crystal-clear waters of the Pacific Ocean. Bring your longest zoom lens!

Day 6.....

Take to the water at one (or all!) of these spectacular snorkeling/diving sites:

- Anau, whose giant manta rays will **astound**⁸ you
- Tapu, known locally as “the shark island”
- Muri Muri, where turtles and dolphins are daily visitors

In the evening, guests will be treated to a delicious **farewell**⁹ barbecue on the terrace.

Day 7.....

Spend your final day **browsing**¹⁰ colorful handicraft markets. Will you choose scented oils, stylish coconut tableware, or a traditional ukulele to remember your dream vacation forever?



▶ hammock in Bora Bora

Lesson
32 The X Games

Before You Read

Pre-reading Warm-up

- 1 Have you ever watched or tried an extreme sport? Which one? How did you feel?
- 2 Look at the silhouettes. In **five minutes**, how many of the extreme sports can you name in English?
- 3 Make a list of the most dangerous activities human beings do, and then use the Internet to find out which have the highest chances of injury. Do the results surprise you?

Vocabulary Tool Kit



car racing



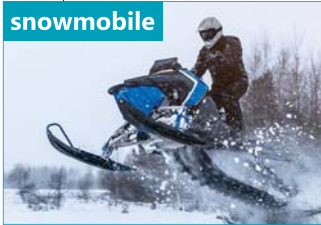
skateboarding



climbing wall



snowmobile



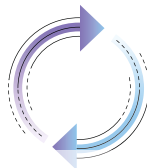
moto



sled



rotation



BMX



Vocabulary Definition

- 1 a large and impressive entertainment event
- 2 the first performance of a sportsperson, singer, etc.
- 3 most difficult
- 4 not professional
- 5 people who love doing dangerous things for fun
- 6 provided for
- 7 do an activity for the first time
- 8 making you feel nervous and excited
- 9 start
- 10 first (event)

Get Ready . . . The X Games Are Coming!

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It's that time again. ESPN brings you yet another extreme sports **extravaganza**¹!

Book online now for your favorite event:

MOTO

CAR RACING

SKATEBOARDING

BMX

. . . for the chance to witness a famous first! Skateboarding fans will remember it was right here at the X Games that superstar Tony Hawk first landed a 900, and Nyjah Huston made his international **debut**² at just 11 years old. What records will be broken this year?

How to land a 900

A “900”—in which the boarder spins through 900 degrees, or two-and-a-half rotations, in mid-air—is one of the **trickiest**³ moves to execute. Hawk was the first to achieve it in the 1999 X Games, after 10 failed attempts.

How a kid wowed the crowd

Nyjah Huston was the youngest X Games competitor ever when he made his first appearance in 2006. He has since gone on to win bronze, silver, and gold medals for the USA in the street skateboarding event.

Fancy taking part in our amateur⁴ events?

Order your X Games tickets now to register!

Not ready to compete yet?

Adrenaline junkies⁵ will be well **catered for**⁶—scale our climbing wall, **try your hand**⁷ at sledding, check out brand new video and games and products, or party at the X Fest music event which will run, as ever, alongside the Games. A list of participating DJs and bands can be found on our website.

Can't join us this time?

No worries! You can catch all the action live on ESPN and on our YouTube channel! Or why not come along to one of our winter events? The **nail-biting**⁸ snowmobile, snowboarding, and skiing events **kick off**⁹ in just four months' time . . .

Gone but not forgotten: canceled X Games events

(cc by Dave.ca)



Popularized in the 70s, street luge was last seen at the X Games in 2001.



Bungee jumping was an official event in the (**inaugural**¹⁰) 1995 and 1996 X Games.



Since 1999, ice climbing has been absent from the X Games schedule.