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# 1

Autonomous cars are able to operate without the control of a human. They will eventually be available for purchase by the average American. Car companies are working to build technology that will allow them to provide a destination and then relay the information to the car driver. While there are currently no laws about autonomous cars, many people are already buying them. Some people are concerned about the technology. Cars that can park and brake on their own are already available for purchase. While some drivers for the way they can sit and relax during the morning drive to work, others are concerned these cars will cause a big problem for people like taxi drivers and truck drivers. Some people are concerned about safety and giving up all control of a speeding vehicle to a computer. No matter what your feelings are though, autonomous cars are coming.

1. What is the best definition of autonomous based on its use in the passage?
  - a. having the power to govern itself
  - b. acting without the control or outside influence
  - c. existing independently
  - d. separate from other issues
2. What is the meaning of program as it is used in the passage?
  - a. to plan
  - b. to control
  - c. to manage
  - d. database

# 2

Many people are terrified of snakes, but others are fascinated by them. Many pet owners own one species of snake known as the boa constrictor. Unlike venomous snakes whose bite can be deadly, boa constrictors don't bite to kill. While they do have a very powerful bite, if they are hurt they kill their owner. They feed their victims by squeezing their bodies until the blood is forced out. They are very still and wait until they are in a good position before striking. Once an animal is close enough they will strike. Boa constrictors are slow animals that do much of their hunting at night. They can grow very large with a maximum length of 25 feet. These popular nocturnal pets are also found in the wild of North, Central and South America.

1. What is the meaning of prey as it is used in the passage?
  - a. fan
  - b. prey
  - c. run
  - d. prey
2. What is the meaning of strike as it is used in the passage?
  - a. to hit
  - b. to run
  - c. to manage
  - d. to attack

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Aretha Franklin was an American singer and songwriter. She won many Grammys and became known as the Queen of Soul. Franklin was also the first female to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. She started her career in the 1960s by singing in a church where her father was a minister. Her music career really took off in the late 1960s and 1970s when she had a number one song called "Respect" and "You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman." Besides being a successful musician, Franklin was also an activist for civil rights and women's rights during her career and fought for racial and gender equality. Later in her career, she tried her hand at acting and appeared in a few movies as well. She passed away in 2018 at the age of 76.

1. What is meant by the phrase Queen of Soul?
  - a. Aretha Franklin was considered a very important person in the music industry.
  - b. Aretha Franklin was officially made a leader of soul.
  - c. Aretha Franklin was focusing on being an activist.
  - d. Aretha Franklin was focused on acting.
2. What is the meaning of inducted as it is used in the passage?
  - a. introduced
  - b. inducted
  - c. selected
  - d. trained

# 4

Mr. Potato Head was invented in 1949 by an American man, George Lerner. The toy came with an assortment of pieces for kids to use to design a face. Lerner sold his idea to a company called Hasbro. Mr. Potato Head was featured in the first television advertisement for kids. The advertisement aired on April 3, 1954. Mr. Potato Head became very popular and many toys were made after him. Mr. Potato Head was initially sold as separate parts to be used in a Mr. Potato Head. The next year water came out with plastic Mr. Potato Head. Over the years Mr. Potato Head's family grew. Mrs. Potato Head and Mr. Potato Head have two children, Yarn and Spud. They were also joined by friends, including Kate the Carrot and Pete the Pepper. Mr. Potato Head continues to be a popular toy among children and even adults.

1. What is the meaning of featured as it is used in the passage?
  - a. performed
  - b. introduced
  - c. mentioned
  - d. banned
2. What is the meaning of intended as it is used in the passage?
  - a. expected
  - b. intended
  - c. meant
  - d. believed



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# Preview

1. What is meant by the phrase final frontier?
- a. an area that is the last part of a country  
b. an area that is difficult to visit  
c. an area where few people live  
d. an area that has not been studied
2. What is the meaning of colossal as it is used in the passage?
- a. huge  
b. remote  
c. minor  
d. interesting

# 6

# Preview

1. What are domesticated animals?

a. animals that can usually live alongside humans

b. animals that can reproduce with their own kind

c. animals that are a constant threat to the safety of humans

d. animals that have been tamed by humans to be helpful

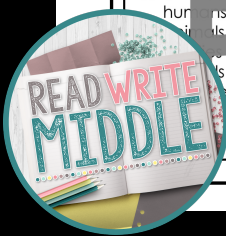
2. The phrase pack animals refers to what?

a. animals that can be kept as pets

b. animals that are able to travel in packs

c. animals that can help transport things

d. animals that dwell in mountain climates



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# Preview

1. What is the best definition of documented based on its use in the passage?

a. to record something so that it can't be denied  
b. to record something by making a list  
c. to briefly mention something  
d. to recognize that something is important

2. What is the best synonym for ailment as it is used in the passage?

a. symptom  
b. illness  
c. cure  
d. condition

# 8

# Preview

1. What is the meaning of diversion as it is used in the passage?
- a. change  
b. career  
c. hotel  
d. interruption
2. What is the meaning of contentious as it is used in the passage?
- a. encouraged  
b. denied  
c. unfair  
d. controversial

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# 9

Many people may hate seeing commercials and ads, but many businesses find them very helpful. Small businesses depend on paid advertising to get the word out about their products. Marketing has changed over the years because of changes in technology. Spending a commercial during a television show or on one of the big websites that some companies could not have the possibility of reaching that audience. Today, many companies compensate influencers for posting about their products. Influencers are people who have a very large following on social media. Companies pay influencers for a set number of posts that advertise their products. Some influencers are able to charge hundreds of thousands of dollars per post.

1. What does the phrase "get the word out" mean?
  - a. to publish a book or report
  - b. to visit a newspaper or website
  - c. to spread information about something
  - d. to pass out business cards
2. What is the best synonym for compensate as it is used in the passage?
  - a. encourage
  - b. influence
  - c. suggest
  - d. encourage

# 10

Many people only get bills and junk mail in the mail. There are some people who are artists and create custom pieces of art in the mail on a regular basis. Mail art is the practice of sending small pieces of art through the mail. There are a wide variety of types of mail art. Some people use old newspapers and other items to create mail art. Some people use different types of art and some people use different materials. Some people use different types of art and some people use different materials. Some mail artists focus their resourceful on their own work, making a piece of art that is not just for their friends and family. They are more likely to connect with other mail artists online. Some people send and receive all over the world.

1. What is the meaning of array as it is used in the passage?
  - a. display
  - b. range
  - c. opinion
  - d. idea
2. What is the meaning of resourceful as it is used in the passage?
  - a. creative
  - b. angry
  - c. cheerful
  - d. kind

