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# Unit 1

## STRONG ENGLISH

### 思创英语阅读

#### I. 完形填空

#### A

Dick is seven years old. He began to go to school three months ago. On the first day 1 school, the teacher told the new students to wear school clothes. The boy looks 2 a soldier when he's wearing them, so he likes them very much and never wants to take them off though they're 3.

It was Saturday today. It was very cold. Dick and his sister Sue played with snow balls outside. Soon he felt hot and took off his school 4 and hung (挂) it on the tree. Then he went on playing until their mother told them to have supper. Suddenly the woman heard Sue crying in the yard. She came out and asked, "What's the matter, dear?"

"Dick lost his cap," the little girl said sadly. "But he hit me for it!" "But why should he hit you?"

"I was 5 it when he looked for it."

- |                 |               |            |            |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| 1. A. for       | B. at         | C. on      | D. with    |
| 2. A. like      | B. as         | C. for     | D. at      |
| 3. A. too large | B. too small  | C. clean   | D. dirty   |
| 4. A. cap       | B. hat        | C. shirt   | D. clothes |
| 5. A. dressing  | B. putting on | C. wearing | D. put on  |

#### B

A lot of boys and girls in western countries are wearing the same kind of clothes, and many of them have long 1, so it is often difficult to tell whether they are boys or 2.

## Unit 1

One day, an old man went for a walk in a park in a big city. When he was 3, he sat down on a chair. He saw a young person under a big tree nearby.

"Oh, dear!" the old man said to the person beside him.

"Do you see that person with long hair? Is it a boy or a girl?"

"A girl," said the person beside him. "She is my daughter." "Oh!" the old man said

4. "I am very sorry - I didn't know that you were her 5."

"Oh, I'm not her mother. I'm her father."

- |               |            |           |            |
|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. A. tails   | B. hairs   | C. tail   | D. hair    |
| 2. A. girls   | B. men     | C. women  | D. ladies  |
| 3. A. free    | B. tired   | C. sad    | D. happy   |
| 4. A. quickly | B. happily | C. sadly  | D. easily  |
| 5. A. sister  | B. mother  | C. father | D. brother |

### I. 阅读理解

#### A

Look at the car. It's Mr Black's car. It doesn't work now. Mr Black is under it. He is mending it. Mrs Black is near the car. She is helping Mr Black. The girl in the car is Kate, Mr Black's daughter. Who is the boy in the car? He is Jim, Kate's brother. It's Saturday today. They don't work. They want to go to Zhongshan Park. They all look worried.

1. Today is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Tuesday  
B. Thursday  
C. Saturday  
D. Monday
2. Mr Black is \_\_\_\_\_ his car.  
A. washing  
B. driving  
C. cleaning  
D. mending
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is helping Mr Black near the car.  
A. Miss Black  
B. Mrs Black  
C. Kate  
D. Jim
4. Kate is \_\_\_\_\_ the car with her brother, Jim.  
A. in  
B. beside  
C. under  
D. near
5. They are going to a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. zoo  
B. farm

C. factory

D. park

## B

"This is really a very fast game, the fastest one I have seen this year. Both sides are fighting for the ball all the time. The crowd is loving every minute of it. They're shouting at the top of their voices."

"Willis has the ball now. This is only his third game for England, but he's playing so well that it won't be his best. I'm quite sure."

"Willis passes the ball to Cotton. Cotton kicks it over the waiting Frenchmen towards the goal mouth. But he's too far away. Dupont picks it up easily, and throws it to Paton, out the left."

"France and England still have one goal each, and there are only two minutes left. But in that time, anything can happen. Paton kicks the ball across to Crozat. It's a beautiful kick, but Stevens jumps and just stops the ball with the side of his head. But Menier is there. He passes it to Crozat and Crozat, without waiting a second, puts the ball into the back of the goal. It takes everyone by surprise, I've never seen a goal like it."

"And the game is over. France has won the cup."

1. What does "They are shouting at the top of their voice" mean?

It means "\_\_\_\_\_".

- A. they are shouting as loud as they can
- B. their shouting is almost like singing
- C. they are shouting all the time
- D. their voices are as high as they will go

2. It wouldn't be Willis' last game for England because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. he had played three already
- B. this was only his fourth time
- C. he was playing so well
- D. he had the ball for the third time

3. Cotton couldn't kick the ball into the goal mouth because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the Frenchmen stopped the ball with their heads
- B. he was too far away
- C. Dupont picked the ball up easily
- D. Willis was too far away from him



## Unit 1

4. What does "In that time, anything can happen" mean?

It means "\_\_\_\_\_".

- A. nothing more will happen
- B. there is time for another goal
- C. the game is nearly over
- D. anything can happen after the game

5. How many goals had the French players kicked by the end of the match?

\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

## C

Jenny came back from her holiday. When she was having lunch, Jenny told her parents about her wonderful holiday. After lunch her mother gave her some letters. They had arrived while Jenny was away. There were over ten letters and most of them were from her friends. There were two from the school. Jenny knew that one of them was about her exam results (结果). Her parents watched her face as she read the one that she had opened. She looked more and more upset (不安) and at last she began to cry.

"I can't understand it," she said. Then she gave the letter to her father. It read:

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have to tell you that your child failed in all the five exams except the English exam. If she wants to go on with her studies, we think she must work harder next term.

After a moment Mrs Hutton opened the other letter. This read:

Dear Jenny,

We're sorry to say that we have made a mistake. The letter you got yesterday wasn't for you, but for Jeanne. You, in fact, passed in all the five subjects.

1. The letters got to Jenny's house \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. while she was on her holiday
- B. before she went for her holiday
- C. as she was having lunch at home
- D. after she came back from the holiday

2. As she read the first letter Jenny looked more and more upset because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. her father and mother watched her face
- B. the letter said she had failed in the four exams

- C. the letter was about her exam results  
 D. the letters said she had failed in the English exam
3. Mrs Hutton was Jenny's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. teacher  
 B. friend  
 C. sister  
 D. mother
4. Who failed in four out of the five exams in fact? \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Jenny  
 B. Jeanne  
 C. Jenny and Jeanne  
 D. Nobody
5. After reading the second letter, Jenny and her parents would feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. sad  
 B. upset  
 C. worried  
 D. pleased

## D

As he sat there, watching the children at play and listening to people talking to each other, he was surprised to see a red sports car like his own come out of the street from the parking place. The car ran fast and was soon lost to sight (视域). George felt in his pockets for his keys; they were not there.

"My car!" he shouted, the voice made several people look at him. He got up and ran across the square, then down the narrow street. His car was not to be seen, but then he found it behind a larger one. He was pleased too to find his keys, still in his car.

By the time he reached the dentist's, it was already after five. "I had a very strange story," he said to the dentist to explain (解释) his lateness. "I thought my car had been stolen." "It's quite all right, sir," said the dentist, "As a matter of fact I have only just got here myself."

1. George left his car \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. at the end of the street  
 B. quite a long way from the dentist's  
 C. in the dentist's way  
 D. in a car park
2. In the square George \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. took an interest in people around him  
 B. talked to some people  
 C. was busy looking for his keys  
 D. enjoyed his walking alone

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3. When George saw a car like his own come out of the street he \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. dropped his keys                      B. was very pleased  
C. was interested                      D. was surprised
4. George's car \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. was hidden from seeing              B. had been borrowed by the dentist  
C. was damaged (损坏)                  D. had been changed
5. When George got there the dentist \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. was not in a hurry                      B. listened with great interest  
C. had waited for him for a long time      D. had not waited long

## E

John Paul is a worker. He comes from England. He was born in 1964 in London. When he was very young he had learned a lot about China from his mother, so he wished to live in China one day. When he finished school in 1982, he came to China with his parents. Now he works in a factory in Chengdu. He is friendly to the Chinese people and gets on well with the other workers in the factory.

1. John Paul is from England.
2. John Paul's mother told him many things about China.
3. When John Paul was very young he left his parents and came to China.
4. John Paul works in China now.
5. John Paul was not kind to Chinese workers.

## II. 综合填空

Jack went to school to study history, but when he finished his first year, he didn't pass the exam and the teacher said to him, "You have to leave school." When the boy's father heard this news, he was very worried. He came to the school to see the teacher. He found the teacher in the office and asked the teacher to allow (允许) his son to go on with his studies the next year. "He is a good boy. He always does well in his studies," said Jack's father, "and if you let him pass the exam this time, he'll do better next year and pass the exam." "No, no, that's not right!" answered the teacher, "Do you know, last month I asked him when Napoleon (拿破仑) died, and he did not know." "Please sir, give him another chance (机会)," said Jack's father, "You know we don't have any newspapers in our house, so nobody in our family knew that Napoleon was ill."

# Unit 2

## STRONG ENGLISH

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#### I. 完形填空

#### A

Plants are very important living things. Life can not go on without plants. This is 1 plants can make food from air, water and 2. Animals get their food by eating plants and 3 animals. Man gets 4 food by eating plants and animals, too. So animals and man need 5 in order to live. This is why we find that there are so many plants around us.

- |                |           |            |               |
|----------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 1. A. because  | B. that   | C. which   | D. why        |
| 2. A. sunlight | B. light  | C. sun     | D. the sun    |
| 3. A. other    | B. others | C. another | D. the others |
| 4. A. his      | B. her    | C. its     | D. their      |
| 5. A. plants   | B. food   | C. air     | D. water      |

#### B

In every language there are words that have some interesting stories 1 them. The word "sandwich", for example, is very common(普通的) in English. If we want to know the story behind 2, we must know something about an English noble man named Sandwich who lives in the 18th century. Sandwich was 3, but he liked to play cards for money. He often played for 24 hours, and did not even stop to have his 4. He ordered his servants(仆人) to bring him some meat between two pieces of bread and he held the food in his left hand, while he played with his 5 hand. People liked Sandwich's idea and began to eat bread and meat in this way. From the name of the man Sandwich, we have the word "sandwich" today.

## Unit 2

1. A. after            B. in            C. before            D. behind  
2. A. it            B. him            C. her            D. its  
3. A. rich            B. poor            C. tall            D. short  
4. A. meals            B. sleeps            C. lunch            D. meal  
5. A. left            B. right            C. bigger            D. smaller

## I. 阅读理解

## A

The summer vacation is over. It's true that time always flies fast. During the vacation, the weather was hot and I could not do much work, but I lived happily. As the afternoon was hot, I did my work in the morning. I used to get up at 6:30 and take a walk in the garden for half an hour. After breakfast, I began reading English and Chinese and did some exercises in maths. Those took me three hours or more. I worked quite hard and made good progress (取得进步). I spent the afternoon outside. I went to swim and it was funny. I would not go home until it was about five or six o'clock. Sometimes a friend of mine would come to see me and we would spend some hours listening to music. In this way I spent my vacation happily. And I not only studied well but also became a good swimmer. Now I am in good health and high spirits (精神).

1. What does the passage mainly tell us?

It mainly tells us \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. how the writer spent his summer holidays
  - B. what the weather was like in that summer
  - C. when the writer got up in the morning
  - D. where the writer took a walk
2. How long did it take the writer to do his homework?
- A. Half an hour.
  - B. Three hours or more.
  - C. Only one hour.
  - D. Two hours and a half.
3. The writer spent most of the afternoon \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. listening to music
  - B. visiting his friends
  - C. walking in the garden
  - D. swimming
4. The writer had very good summer holidays because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. worked very hard and made good progress
  - B. learned to swim and did his work well
  - C. got up early and went home late

- D. liked swimming better than studying
5. Which of the following is not true?
- A. The writer made progress in his lessons.
- B. The writer took a walk for half an hour before breakfast.
- C. The writer began studying as soon as he got up.
- D. The writer spent more time swimming than listening to music.

## B

Until a few years ago, only boys could become! students at the University of Ruritania. Later the university decided to take girls in. But one of the teachers, Mr Goller, was not pleased at all. He had not wanted to let girl students in.

Mr Goller always began his lessons with the word "Gentlemen!". What could he do now? Well, when the girl students came to his lessons for the first time, he still began with the word. For him the girls were just not there. Then one day there was only one boy in his class among a lot of girls. For a moment, Mr Goller didn't know what to do. Then he began, "Sir!"

Finally a terrible(可怕的) day came when there were no boys in his class. He came into the room, looked at the girls and said, "Oh, nobody's here today!" He turned and went out without giving his lessons.

- Several years ago, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - there was no girl studying in the university
  - Mr Goller didn't teach in the university
  - the university let girl students in
  - most of the students in the university were boys
- Mr Goller usually said "\_\_\_\_\_!" when he began his lessons.
  - Sir
  - Good morning
  - Gentlemen
  - Hello
- When the girls came to his lessons, Mr Goller was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - surprised
  - afraid
  - glad
  - unhappy
- The writer wants us to know Mr Goller \_\_\_\_\_.
  - agreed to let the girls in
  - didn't like his teaching
  - always didn't know what to do with the girls

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- D. only liked to teach boy students
5. We can know from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the boy students didn't enjoy Mr Goller's lessons  
B. we will not see girl students in Mr Goller's class  
C. Mr Goller was loved by his students  
D. Mr Goller will not work in the university

## C

One day a dentist was starting his morning work. Suddenly a man ran in. His face was red and he could only say "Quick! Quick!" The dentist thought he must be very ill. His assistant (助手) helped to make the poor man sit in a chair. The dentist gave the man some medicine to make him sleep. Then, he looked into (检查) the man's mouth and pulled out all the bad teeth. As soon as the man woke up, he said in a low voice. "Quick, doctor, quick."

"It's all right now," the dentist told him. "It's over."

"You don't understand," said the man. "I came to tell you your house is on fire."

1. The story took place \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. in the morning  
B. in the afternoon  
C. in the evening  
D. at night
2. When the man ran in, the dentist thought he must be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. over  
B. ill  
C. all right  
D. rich
3. The man \_\_\_\_\_ after he took some medicine.  
A. began to work  
B. began to cry  
C. went home  
D. went to sleep
4. The dentist pulled \_\_\_\_\_ out of the man's mouth.  
A. a tooth  
B. a bad tooth  
C. all the bad teeth  
D. all the teeth
5. The man ran in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. because he was ill  
B. because he wanted to sleep  
C. to tell the dentist that he was all right  
D. to tell the dentist that his house was on fire

## D

Mr Brown was going away for a week. Before he left, he said to his son, "If anyone asks for me, you can tell him that your father has been out for doing something, and will be back in a week, then be sure to ask him to sit down for a cup of tea."

"OK, Dad," said his son. But he was afraid his son couldn't remember this, he wrote these words down on a piece of paper and gave it to him.

His son put it into his small pocket, took it out and looked at it every now and then.

Four days passed, but no one came to see his father. The boy thought that there was no man to come and that the piece of paper was of no more use for him, so he burnt it that evening.

The next afternoon, someone knocked at the door. The boy opened it. A man was standing at the door and said, "Where is your father?" The boy put his hand into his pocket at once and looked for the piece of paper. He could not find it. He suddenly remembered he had burnt it, so he shouted, "No more."

The man was very surprised. He asked, "No more? I met your father last week. When did it happen?"

"Burnt yesterday evening."

- Mr Brown told his son that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. he would be away from home for four days  
B. he would be back in seven days  
C. he would be back in a month  
D. he liked a cup of tea
- Mr Brown wrote the words down on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the wall  
B. the door  
C. a piece of paper  
D. his son's pocket
- A man came to visit the boy's father on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the second day  
B. the third day  
C. the fourth day  
D. the fifth day
- The man was very surprised because \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. he thought the child's father was dead  
B. the child didn't ask him to sit down  
C. the child gave him a cup of tea  
D. he couldn't find that piece of paper



## Unit 2

5. What was burnt in fact? \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The piece of paper

B. Mr Smith

C. The visitor

D. The boy

## E

When David was playing in front of a big house, a man arrived. The man asked David, "Are your parents at home? I have a letter for them." David answered, "Yes. My father is watching TV and my mother is taking care of (照看) my little sister." The man rang the doorbell but no one answered the door. "Are they sleeping?" the man said to himself.

The man tried again, but still no one answered. Then the man turned around and said to David, "You bad boy. You lied (说谎) to me! Your parents aren't at home." "I never lie," said David. "This is not my house!"

1. David was playing behind a big tree.

2. David's father was sleeping and his mother was watching TV.

3. The man rang the doorbell but nobody opened the door for him.

4. David lied to the man.

5. David didn't live in that big house.

## II. 综合填空

It was getting dark when a pig went to see his good friend an honest dog, and he was going to stay at his friend's place for the n \_\_\_\_\_.

"It's getting late, my friend. Let's go to bed." With these words, the pig got into a haystack (干草堆) and lay t \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep. Several hours passed, the pig opened his eyes and saw the dog sitting there. The pig asked why the dog was not going to sleep. The d \_\_\_\_\_ answered that he had already begun to sleep by sitting this way. The pig f \_\_\_\_\_ very strange and said, "How could you have a good sleep while sitting? It's unfair (不公平的) to you!"

The dog replied, "Eating and sleeping is your habit. Being a dog, I'm used to looking a \_\_\_\_\_ a house. So I am always ready to catch a thief even while sleeping."