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前 言

对于中国的英语学习者而言，手头能够拥有《英语阅读e世代》（*Ready for Reading*）系列丛书是非常幸运的，因为它符合我们对英语学习材料选择的最高要求，即由以英语为母语的教育界专家或具有较强的英语背景的专业教育人士编写，并且它们的编写是以专门为华人学生学习英语为目的的。

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这一系列是由知名教材编写专家、美国加州大学圣塔克鲁斯分校学士、哈佛大学教育硕士 Andrew E. Bennett 老师编写而成的。Andrew E. Bennett 长期在台湾地区教学与写作，并且他相信语言跟文化之间有着密不可分的联系，他在英文这个国际语言的教学方面致力于加强文化的了解。

本书是专门为我国台湾地区国中（相当于大陆初中）程度学生编写的、作为平时培养课外阅读能力、考前可以当做加强学习能力测验与应试的阅读材料。书中的文章都是以初中英语知识为基础而编写成的，对提升英语阅读能力来说是非常适用的内容。

《英语阅读e世代》系列阅读共分三册，每册50余篇，由40篇阅读理解和10余篇完形填空组成。每册文章长度呈有序递进：

level 1 的文章长度约有100个单词左右；

level 2 的文章长度约有200个单词左右；











level 3 的文章长度约有250个单词左右。

















书中的内容非常丰富，有各种知识的、艺术的、娱乐的、文化的、人物的……等等的文章、故事与对话。采用循序渐进的编序教学原理、生动活泼、多元化并且生活化的题材编写而成。尤其很多广为初中学生所熟悉的港台地区的风土人情、人物小传，如：F4、陶子、王菲等小传，相信这些有趣的内容，能够让同学们在阅读时，不但可以加强自己的阅读能力，更能因为阅读这些内容而充实自己的知识。









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Book Two



In the south of Taiwan, there is a very special place.

___(1)___ great weather, and beautiful forests. That place is Kenting Park.

Every year, millions of people ___(2)__. People go there on honeymoons, school trips, and short weekend ___(3)__. Also, tourists from other countries love to visit the park.

At Kenting, ___(4)__. You can play in the water. And you can relax on the beach. You can also visit the beautiful gardens. And you can ___(5)___ the strange rocks with funny shapes. They have names like "Frogrock" and "Sail rock."

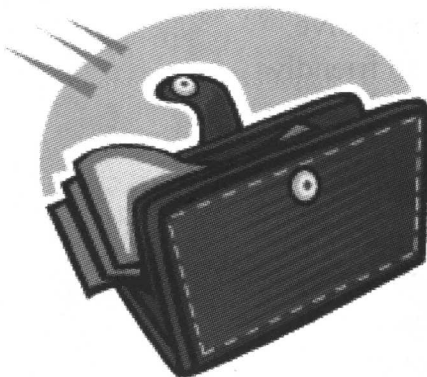
Choose the right answer.

1. () A: It's not expensive.
 B: They are all friendly
 C: It has clean beaches,
 D: You can buy mountains,
2. () A: visit the park
 B: think about the beach
 C: go to Taipei
 D: stay at home
3. () A: days
 B: jobs
 C: food
 D: holidays
4. () A: it's boring
 B: there is a lot to do
 C: people don't have fun
 D: there is nothing to do
5. () A: eat
 B: look at
 C: understand
 D: make



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The Lost Wallet



Emilio lost his wallet at a bar. He looked for it everywhere. But he couldn't find it. The bartender didn't have it either. Emilio went home. He was very angry.

"Somebody stole my wallet," he told his wife.

"Are you sure?" she asked. "Maybe you just lost it."

"I don't think so. You can't trust anybody in this city."

Then, Emilio's phone rang.

"Hello?" he said in an angry voice.

"Good evening. Is this Emilio Santos?"

"Yes it is. Who is this?"

"My name is Pablo. I found your wallet at a bar."

The next day, Emilio met Pablo at a coffee shop. Pablo returned the wallet. Everything was still inside. Emilio thanked Pablo for being so honest.

Choose the right answer.

1. () Who stole Emilio's wallet?
A: Pablo.
B: His wife.
C: The bartender.
D: Nobody.
2. () Emilio didn't _____.
A: talk to the bartender
B: trust anybody in the city
C: answer the telephone
D: want to see Pablo
3. () Where did Emilio live?
A: In the city.
B: In the mountains.
C: In a coffee shop.
D: At Pablo's house.
4. () Emilio sounded _____ on the telephone.
A: happy
B: confused
C: sad
D: mad
5. () Which of the following is true?
A: Pablo called Emilio at night.
B: Emilio and Pablo met at the bar.
C: Money was missing from the wallet.
D: Emilio's wife found the wallet.



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Wrong Total

The Cheap House
657 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10024

6/25/2000

6:17 PM

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Product #</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	T-shirt	3597981994	\$27.00
3	Pair of socks	8295726156	\$3.00 each
1	Sweater	3754858336	\$31.50
Subtotal			\$67.50
Tax (8.25%)			\$5.57
Total			\$73.07

Cashier: \$73.07, please.

Paul: What? That's impossible. Show me the receipt.

Cashier: Here it is.

Paul: Look. The price on this shirt is \$17. The receipt says \$27.

Cashier: You're right. The receipt is wrong.

Paul: And what is the \$5.57 for?

Cashier: That's for tax.

Choose the right answer.

1. () When did Paul go shopping?
A: In the morning.
B: In the afternoon.
C: In the evening.
D: We don't know.
2. () How many things did Paul buy?
A: Two.
B: Three.
C: Four.
D: Five.
3. () What's the problem?
A: Paul is wrong.
B: The total is too much.
C: Paul doesn't have any money.
D: The T-shirt is too small.
4. () The cashier may _____.
A: tell Paul to pay more money
B: give Paul the shirt
C: make the total cheaper
D: give Paul \$5.57
5. () How much should the total be?
A: \$73.07.
B: About \$83.
C: About \$63.
D: \$17.00.



Many people have the wrong idea about pigs. Pigs are actually very clean animals. On farms, they live in dirty places. So, they become very dirty. In the wild, pigs keep very clean.

They are also really smart. They may be smarter than dogs. So, pigs can learn things from people.

Pigs are very friendly animals. Some people raise them as pets. Of course, people raise the small kind, not the big kind. Small pigs are very cute. And they don't break things in the house. Big pigs usually live outside on farms, not in people's houses.

Choose the right answer.

1. () Which words can describe pigs?
A: Dirty and stupid.
B: Nervous and strange.
C: Dangerous and unfriendly.
D: Intelligent and friendly.
2. () What does in the wild mean?
A: In nature.
B: On farms.
C: Acting crazy.
D: In people's houses.
3. () Which of the following is true?
A: Pigs like to be dirty.
B: People can teach pigs things.
C: Dogs are smarter than pigs.
D: Only farmers raise pigs.
4. () What kind of pigs do people raise in their houses?
A: The very big kind.
B: The small kind.
C: The kind from farms.
D: The ugly kind.
5. () The article does NOT discuss _____.
A: pigs as pets
B: pigs on farms and in the wild
C: raising dogs
D: people's wrong ideas about pigs