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## Family

Mom taught me how to shave.

The smallest coffins are the heaviest.

Only child, but never the favourite.

Introduced myself to mother again today.



"I'm faking Alzheimer's," said grandpa. Again.

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## Relationship

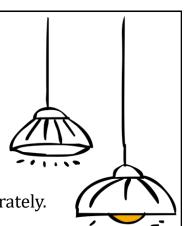
Finally spoke to her. Left flowers.

She's his love. He's her wallet.

They lived happily ever after. Separately.

"Wrong number," says a familiar voice.





## Existence

BREAKING: Simulated beings realize they're simulated.

Jumped. Then I changed my mind.

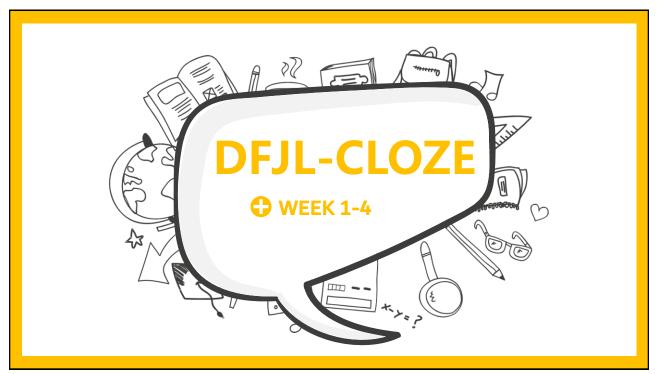
"Sorry soldier, shoes sold in pairs."

Painfully, he changed "is" to "was".



"I'm your #1 fan", said #360,420.







Para.3

If schools aim to increase students' future income by teaching job skills, why do they (6) students' education to people so separated from the real world?

A. owe

B. treat

C. entrust D. ensure

owe sth. to sb. **treat sb./oneself to sth.** eg. She treated him to lunch. entrust sth. to sb.

eg. She still owes \$300 to me.

eg. He entrusted the task to his nephew.

Para. 4

...Yet in a good class, 4 test-takers out of 40 demonstrate true economic understanding. (10) students who receive honour grades in college-level physics courses are frequently unable to solve basic problems encountered in a form slightly different from what they have been instructed and tested on.

A. Similarly B. Interestingly

C. Frankly

D. Accordingly



Para.4

College students aren't supposed to just (12)\_\_\_\_\_ facts; they should learn how to think in real life.

A. present

B. establish C. emphasize D. download

Para. 5

In 2003, the U.S. Department of Education gave the National Assessment of Adult Literacy. Fewer than a third of 18,000 college graduates received a score of "proficient" and about a fifth were at the "basic" or "below basic" level. You could (14) the difficulty of the questions until you read them.

A. adjust

B. blame

C. imagine

D. increase

**literacy** n.  $\rightarrow$  literature n. literary a. literal a. **proficient** a.  $\rightarrow$  proficient in/ at sth./ doing sth.



Para. 2 The average size of the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ farms increased to make up for the smaller number. (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_states around the world established networks of tax incentives, loan plans, training programs, and direct allowances to help big farmers acquire large-scale farm machinery, stock up on chemicals, and grow certain government-favoured crops for export. Because these systems remain (7) , Vogtian farmers are swimming against the tide. To Vogtians, the best agriculture takes care of the soil first, ... B. remote C. commercial D. surviving A. organic A. Therefore B. Meanwhile C. However D. Otherwise A. in effect B. in hand C. in trouble D. in question **incentive** n. [C,U]激励; 鼓励→ incentive for/to sb./sth. (to do sth) **stock up (on/with sth.)** eg. We ought to stock up on film before 贮备. 备足 our trip. **go/swim with/against the tide** → to act in accordance with/against 顺应/逆潮流 the popular opinion or tendency in effect 有效 in hand 在手头;在掌控中 in question 讨论中;成问题的

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Para.3

Providing these workers with a decent living would drive up costs. Some labour-sparing mechanism is possible but no small farmer I have spoken with thinks that it would be likely to (10) the labour force to the level seen in big industrial operations.

A. shrink B. extend C. purchase D. devote

**likely** → sb./sth. is likely to do sth. → It is likely that ...



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Para.2

Guy Wollaert made it a point to seek and surround himself with new ideas and people who challenged him to reflect and question first then act later. When stakes are high, it can be difficult for leaders to

(2)\_\_\_\_\_before acting.

A. hurry

B. pause

C. remark

D. weep

made it a point of (doing) sth. / to do sth. 打定主意做某事

Para.4&5

Create a (3)\_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem through different teams

Successful leadership isn't just about the leader, its about the team. For initiatives to take hold, leaders must purposefully bring varied perspectives internally while seeking unique perspectives externally.

A. blooming B. competing C. demanding D. questioning take hold eg. I broke him of his bad habit before it could 确立,开始生效 take hold.



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Para. 6

Through Wollaert's hands-on experience in the field, he learned that to win in the unpredictable beverage business, extreme flexibility throughout the operations and within the team was essential. (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_ to gain perspectives on the business from multiple angles, Cornell visited stores in person. He ...

A. Accordingly B. Fortunately C. Interestingly D. Similarly

**hands-on a.** eg. He has a very hands-on approach to management.

Para. 9&10

(12)\_\_\_\_\_ the current situation and when needed,

start from scratch

Sometimes asking uncomfortable questions means making tough decisions about an existing strategy or abandoning it all together.

A. Follow B. Challenge C. Monitor D. Understand from scratch eg. He built his company from scratch.



04

Para.1

But the second dog, named Denver, sat trembling in a corner, with her eyes downcast. Vujanic gasped at the apparent (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of guilt: "You did this!"

A. sense B. fear C. process D. admission (make) an **admission** of guilt/failure/defeat 承认有罪/失败/被击败 sense of guilt 罪恶感

downcast a. 1) (of) eyes looking down

2) (of a person or an expression) sad or depressed

Para.2

Far from signaling regret, one group of researchers wrote in a 2012 paper, the guilty look is likely an obedient response that has proved (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it reduces conflict between dog and human.

A. natural B. emotional C. appropriate D. advantageous **prove** (to be) +n./a. 被证明是……



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Para.3

In medieval Europe, misbehaving dogs were routinely tried in court on criminal charges such as attack and murder; punishments ranged from jail to death. (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_, it's easy to see unpleasant words

as kind responses to bad behaviour. But some experts worry that our (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of dog guilt may be self-fulfilling. Research shows that the more dogs are punished, the more they tend to act in ways that drive their owners mad. Scolding may (13) \_\_\_\_\_

dogs, resulting in anxious cycle of destruction and satisfaction that could ultimately "harm the dog-human relationship".

A. After all B. By comparison C. For instance D. In conclusion

A. assumptions B. admissions C. definitions D. experiences

A. scare B. excite C. confuse D. impress self-fulfilling a. → becoming true because people expect it to be

true and behave in a way that will make it happen

**try** v.  $\rightarrow$  try sb. for sth. eg. He was tried for murder.

审理; 审判

**on a charge of** eg. He was arrested on a charge of burglary.

## Suggestions:



- 1. Write a six-word novel of your own and present it to your teacher!
- 2. Review the passages and the language points

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