B2U3 Key & Transcript

# Part I Pre-Reading Task

1. We had a summer reading program. It was competitive.
2. I ended up reading over 800 books that summer.
3. When I started reading I realized that there are many, many different kinds of people, that it is OK to be different/unique. Now, I appreciate that I’m from Bangladesh and I have all of these interesting things that make me what I am.

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| **Transcript:**  **When I Started Reading**  When I was in the 6th grade, I was two or three grade levels behind my reading level. And my teacher at the time, she helped me, she told me that something needed to change. “You need to read more.” And you know, like, what better place than the New York Public Library that was open on Saturdays? And I’d come here, get books. So we had a summer reading program, and it was competitive, and I have a little competitive edge in me. I ended up reading like over 800 books that summer. The first thing I thought was like, “Well, did you really do that?” And the second part, I was like, “Well, Khadija, good job! I’m proud of you, you know.” After I started reading my first book, I realized that I was diving into everybody else’s world, and I just could not stop. In a span of six to … I mean, six months in a year, I skipped three grade levels of academic reading and writing. I kept reading throughout high school, and now I’m currently a senior at Baruch College studying actuarial science. And when I started reading I realized that there are many, many different kinds of people, and it’s OK to be different, and it’s OK to, like, be unique, you know. Now I appreciate that I’m from Bangladesh and I have all of these interesting things that make me who I am. |

# Part II Text A

**Comprehension**

**Text Organization**

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| **Parts** | **Paragraphs** | **Main Ideas** |
| Part One | Paras. 1–4 | The library of the author’s childhood, her trips there with her mother, and her love of reading that came from her family tradition. |
| Part Two | Paras. 5–7 | Her trip to a library in LA with her son, which brought back her memory of her library trips with her mother in her own childhood. |
| Part Three | Para. 8 | Immortality: the library as a place that captures and collects all human time and experience. |

**Recounting the Story**

The author grew up in a reading family. Her parents valued books. But they did not believe in buying books. They were convinced that one should read a book for the experience of reading it. So early in her childhood, her mother began taking her to the public library near their home. She loved wandering around the shelves and scanning the spines of books until something happened to catch her eye. No visit was long enough for her, because the library was so bountiful.

This memory of her hometown library came back to her decades later, when she took her son to a public library in LA. Though the building didn’t look anything like the one her mother took her to, once they stepped inside, she was struck by the thunderbolt of recognition. Everything inside was just the same, the kids, teenagers, patrons of all ages absorbed in reading, the creak and groan of book carts, and the sense of gentle steady busyness. It seemed that time had stopped, or was captured there. In the library, people could live forever.

**Interpreting Difficult Sentences**

1. A 2. A 3. A 4. B 5. B

**Language Sense Enhancement**

1.

My family was 1) big on the library. We were very much a reading family, but we were more a borrow-a-book-from-the-library family than a 2) bookshelves-full-of-books family. My parents valued books, but they had grown up in the Depression, aware of the 3) uncertain nature of money, and they had learned 4) the hard way that you shouldn’t buy what you could borrow. Because of that frugality, or perhaps 5) despite it, they also believed that you should read a book for 6) the experience of reading it. You shouldn’t read it in order to have an 7) object that had to be housed and looked after forever, a memento of the purpose for which it was 8) obtained. The reading of the book was a 9) journey. There was no need for 10) souvenirs.

**Language Focus**

**Vocabulary**

**I. Basic Practice**

1.

1. They started off late in the morning,assuming that they would have perfect weather and nothing would turn up unexpectedly.
2. You must read the book. I guarantee that you will find it interesting.
3. The exhibition is not yet open to the public, but you could glimpse the exhibits through the windows.
4. More than 60 candidates wereinterviewed for the project.
5. My roommate holds the original letter. I obtained a copy from him.
6. At the end of the opening night there was an unannounced ceremony, which clearly delighted the audience as much as the eagerly anticipated performance of the work itself.
7. Most professions in the medical field require years of training.
8. Many people have questioned the accuracy of his narrative.
9. My friend Jenny is known for her frugality. She often says that her parents earned their money the hard way, and it is a sin to waste their money.
10. He amazed audiences with the power of his voice.
11. I wouldn’t have recognized her if she hadn’t introduced herself — she’s really changed beyond recognition since we were kids.
12. He made a sensible decision not to go to college after high school. He needed a steady job to support his mother and younger siblings.
13. For a moment there was complete silence, then the audience exploded into a warm applause.
14. The country’s health-care system is in need of repair.
15. The waiter was good at pacingthe dishes and changing our plates as needed.

2.

1. Being too trusting, Tom has to learn to be wiser the hard way.
2. Is this robot capable of face recognition?
3. We didn’t stay at his house long enough to take in all the details.
4. Children throughout the world are charmed by *Alibaba and the Forty Thieves*.
5. A good start does not guarantee your success.
6. If you make a promise, you must stick to it.
7. What is broken is broken. Don’t give a second thought to that precious vase of yours.
8. The dress in the window caught the girl’s eye, and she wanted to try it on.
9. The pupils have to cross that wooden bridge as they go back and forth to school.
10. Today, the Chinese company Huawei is known throughout the world.

3.

1. He only glimpsed the photo from a distance and I don’t think he took in all the faces in it.
2. Since my parents were big on education, I assumed that they would help me pay for college, and never gave a second thought to other possibilities.
3. Early on, he learned the hard way that starting a business of his own was tough. The amazing thing was that from obtaining government approvals to renting an office, he did it all by himself.

4.

1. He has turned his previous statement on its head, saying that the plan won’t save money but will cost more.
2. After the new owners took control of the company, they turned everything in the company on its head.
3. 3-D printing will turn the defense industry — and possibly the entire global economy — on its head.
4. In a few years, the airport will not be big enough for the city’s growing population.
5. In the eyes of Andrew’s mother, Andrew never worked hard enough.
6. As a writer, he feels that his writings are never good enough.

**II. Usage**

1. We don’t look at things the same way. But that does not mean we can’t be good friends.
2. If you handle the boy the wrong way, he will yell at you.
3. I don’t totally agree with him. But in a way he is right.
4. Economically, the island country is currently in a bad way.
5. For better or for worse, I want to do it my own way.
6. In many ways he is just like his father.
7. From a poor country boy to a world-famous scientist, he has come/came a long way.
8. I am doing what I can to help him, though in a small way.

**III. Collocation**

1. The plane arrived safe despite the storm.
2. She looked up very surprised when she heard the news.
3. Jay stood frozen from head to toe and watched the car accelerate down the road.
4. They came to seek help. Don’t let them leave disappointed.
5. Mozart, known by many to be the world’s greatest composer of western music, died young.
6. The journey was dangerous, but they returned unharmed.
7. She lay there awake, thinking of her dear mother thousands of miles away.
8. The old man had a sudden heart attack and fell unconscious on the sidewalk.
9. He was born poor, but he died rich.
10. He went fishing, expecting a big catch, but he came back empty-handed.

**Comprehensive Exercises**

**I. Cloze**

The first time I got inside a library, I was just 1) amazed by what I saw. There were so many books that, 2) for a moment, I could scarcely believe my eyes. Ever since then, the library has become my 3) favorite place to go. I used to 4) wander around the shelves, 5) scanning the book titles, or read for hours 6) by myself. I even took my textbooks with me and worked on my school 7) assignments there. 8) Now and then, I would see somebody I knew, and we would share with each other what we had found. On my way back home from the library, I would keep my mind busy thinking about how to 9) pace myself through the grace period. What a thrill it was 10) anticipating reading the new books I had borrowed!

**II. Translation**

I grew up in the countryside. I didn’t have a chance to get inside a library throughout my six years at primary school. So, the first place I chose to go on my first day at middle school was its library. It was not a magnificent building, but when I got inside, I gasped as I took in the details. It was not like anything I had seen before. There were so many books. Just scanning the spines of the books would have taken me hours. The librarian told me that I could borrow three books at a time. So I took two books of popular science whose interesting covers just happened to catch my eye. Ever since then, the library has been my favorite hiding place, where I could spend my after-class hours without fear of being disturbed. The library is like a window, through which I can glimpse the world of knowledge and communicate with men of wisdom. If you ask me what I would choose to do as a profession, without giving it a second thought I would say that I would like to be a librarian.

# Part III Text B

**Comprehension Check**

1. A 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. D

**Language Practice**

1. The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting; by doubting we come to the question, and by seeking we may come upon the truth.
2. Many people who work in the city choose to reside in nearby towns.
3. The president of the university grantedthe students’ request for an organized trip to Yunnan.
4. The teacher’s expressive sigh showed that she had heard that excuse many times before.
5. As far as I know, this community college accepts all who apply for admission, regardless ofage.
6. The company is committed to completing the bridge by next fall.
7. He is something of an expert with car repair.
8. A mouse is a device which makes it easier to select different options from computer menus.
9. The rescue team arrived just in time to save the boy’s life.
10. With her talent and ambition, she is well on her way to success.
11. The thought of having to speak before a huge crowdterrifies him.
12. A school year has two terms in China, the spring and fall terms, which usually end in early July and late January, respectively.
13. It was my high school English teacher who initiated me into the world of English literature.
14. The professor mentioned Jack Ma by way of example to show that a positive mindset is very important for success.
15. Alice Ward was the only politician to condemn the proposed law on moral grounds.

# Part IV Comprehensive Language Practice

**Viewing & Comprehension Practice**

1.

1. E-commerce, in other words delivering print books bought on websites, has dramatically improved access outside of the metropolitan areas.
2. The importance of reading can never be over-emphasized.
3. Being an effective communicator, being a good story-teller, is a part of everybody’s life personally and professionally.
4. One great way to write effectively is to read well.

2.

1. Because there are different kinds of reading, including e-books and print books, magazines, newspapers, text messages, and chat messages, among others.
2. Yes, they are, although in a slower way than in cities.
3. Because reading is a way to succeed in the modern world.

**Transcript:**

**Richard Nash on Reading**

Richard Nash: Well, reading has become more diverse. There is certainly more reading, but not all of the reading is with print books. There is more reading of e-books, and there is more reading of all sorts, newspapers, magazines, text messages, chat messages, and so on and so forth. It’s very difficult in some ways to sort of distinguish between all the different kinds of reading. It’s just that there is more and more and more and more of it.

Elaine Reyes: Right, a lot of people reading on their phones or devices. What about access to books around the world? Has that improved in more rural and poor areas?

RN: It has, although more slowly. But certainly in many ways that has improved more dramatically in the last decade. The traditional infrastructure for delivering books via bookstores really puts a lot of pressure on the infrastructure; whereas e-commerce, in other words delivering print books bought on websites, has dramatically improved access outside of metropolitan areas.

ER: And do you think people realize the importance of reading?

RN: I think it can never be over-emphasized. It can be that people will pick images over words because they are easier to digest, but I think there is an awareness that to succeed in the modern world, you need to have all the tools available to you. And being an effective communicator, being a good story-teller, is a part of everybody’s life personally and professionally, and one great way to write effectively is to read well.