***Unit1***

***Week2***

***Quiz***

***Running for Mayor***

I stared out the window and watched the falling rain as I thought about issues affecting my city. For one thing, the parks were not kept up. There was broken equipment in almost every park, and I worried that one day someone was going to get seriously hurt. A lot of snow fell in the winter, and the streets were never cleared quickly. There were also a lot of people out of work because companies had moved to new areas. I loved this city, and it made me sad to see these problems. Something needed to change!

I didn't hear my husband, Gary, enter the room until he said, "Alita, you've been sitting here for an hour. Why do you look so down in the dumps?"

"I'm unhappy with what is happening to our city," I said sadly. "I can think of at least three major changes that I would like to see, but I'm just not sure what I can do about it."

Gary smiled at me and patted my hand. "You're a smart woman and a great leader, so maybe you should run for mayor."



I started to laugh, but stopped when I realized Gary's words made sense. I am a member of the Oneida Tribe, which is part of the Iroquois Nation. In our history, women have always held positions of leadership. Women select the male leader, and if the man chosen does not do a good job, they remove him from the job. The current mayor seemed to be putting minimal effort into solving our city's problems, and I thought he was doing a poor job. Maybe he should be replaced, and I should run for mayor!

 Gary saw that I needed some time to think. Before he walked out of the room, he said, "If you need to talk, I'm all ears."

 I thought about Gary's suggestion for a while longer and began to like his idea. I had been a leader before, when I was in charge of the group that raised money for the local homeless shelter. I also organized volunteers for litter cleanup on the highway. I knew how to take charge and get things done.

 I called my mother to find out what she thought about the idea. Should I run for mayor?

 "I think that is a wonderful idea," she said. "You come from a long line of women leaders, and your grandmother and great-grandmother would be proud. What do we need to do to get the ball rolling? How do you get your name on the ballot?"

 After I said good-bye to my mother, I felt like a million bucks! I had my mother's support and knew that she will help me in the run for mayor. I knew I had Gary's backing, too. Instead of feeling hopeless about the problems in my city, I felt energized. Things would get better, and I wanted to be the one to start the changes.

Choose the correctly spelled word from each drop-down menu to complete the sentences.

Many           come to the fair every year.

This box is           than that one.

At the end of the story, the hero           the princess.

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

Who is telling the story?

****A. Alita

****B.Gary

****C.the mayor

****D.Alita’s mother

**Part B**

Which detail helps you know who the narrator is?

****A.The narrator is not happy.

****B.The narrator makes a phone call.

****C. The narrator’s husband calls her “Alita”

****D.The narrator thinks of running for mayor.

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

**Part A**

Read the sentence from the passage.

“What do we need to do to get the ball rolling?”

What does it mean to “get the ball rolling”?

****A. get started

****B. play a game

****C. go for a ride

****D. cause a problem

**Part B**

Which sentence from the passage helps you know what it means to “get the ball rolling”?

****A. “‘I think that is a wonderful idea,’ she said.”

****B.“’How do you get your name on the ballot?’”

****C. “After I said good-bye to my mother, I felt like a million bucks!”

****D. “I had my mother’s support and knew that she will help me in the run for mayor.”

Choose two sentences from the paragraph that best sum up Alita’s feelings about her city.

* I stared out the window and watched the falling rain as I thought about issues affecting my city.
* For one thing, the parks were not kept up.
* There was broken equipment in almost every park, and I worried that one day someone was going to get seriously hurt.
* A lot of snow fell in the winter, and the streets were never cleared quickly.
* There were also a lot of people out of work because companies had moved to new areas.
* I loved this city, and it made me sad to see these problems.
* Something needed to change.

What does the first-person point of view help the reader understand? Choose the **two** correct answers.

****A. Alita's job

****B. Alita's family

****C. city problems that worry Alita

****D. the opinions of Alita's mother

****E. Alita's thoughts about running for mayor

****F. traditions in different Native American cultures

The dictionary gives the word overwhelming these definitions: 1. upsetting 2. difficult 3. huge 4. confusing

Which definition is the best for the word overwhelming as it is used in this sentence?

Ike thought that he would have overwhelming support when he ran for mayor.

****A. upsetting

****B. difficult

****C. Huge

****D. confusing

Read the following sentence.

Our best friends sent a postcard to my brother, my mother, and me.

Which of the following sentences has the same meaning and uses subject or object pronouns correctly?

****A. They sent a postcard to us.

****B. Them sent a postcard to us.

****C. They sent a postcard to we.

****D. Them sent a postcard to ourselves.

***Time to Move On***

* It was the end of the workday. Ting shut his computer down. He put his hands behind his head and sighed. He truly loved his job as state senator. He made a difference in the lives of the people of his state.
* Ting looked up when his office door opened. “Do you need anything else?” Ting’s assistant, Denise, asked. “I’m getting ready to call it a day.”
* Ting smiled and answered, “Yes, would you please make sure these get to the right people?” He handed her some papers. “Thanks for your hard work today.”
* After Denise left, Ting settled back in his chair. For weeks, he had been thinking of running for the United States Senate. He had been elected to the state senate three times and had written and passed many laws. “I know the ropes,” he thought. Now he felt it was time to work at the national level.
* Ting had always been interested in politics. He remembered winning the election for class president in high school. Then he organized projects to help the community. As a lawyer, Ting represented people who needed his services, and Ting was happy when he represented people in court. As a state senator, he made sure the people in his district were heard. He helped pass laws that improved schools and towns.
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* Now, Ting wanted to be able to help more people, and working in the federal government would give him that opportunity. He asked his trusted advisor, Esteban, to come to his office. When Esteban arrived, Ting asked, “What do you think about me running for the United States Senate?”
* Esteban’s face went through a quick change of emotions. At first, he looked shocked, but then he slowly started nodding his head. “Ting, I think that should be the next step for you. You have done great things for the people of this state, and now is the time to throw your hat into the ring for the U.S. Senate.”
* Ting smiled at Esteban and suggested that they talk more tomorrow. He was excited about the future and eager to help more people.

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

### Part A

How does Ting's point of view change from the beginning to the end of the passage?

****A. from tired to anxious

****B. from hopeful to anxious

****C. from anxious to unsure

****D.From unsure to hopeful

### Part B

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports your answer in Part A?

****A. "Ting smiled and answered, 'Yes, would you please make sure these get to the right people?'"

****B. "When Esteban arrived, Ting asked, 'What do you think about me running for the United States Senate?'"

****C. "At first, he looked shocked, but then he slowly started nodding his head."

****D. "He was excited about the future and eager to help more people."

This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.

### Part A:

Read the sentences from the passage.  
  
He had been elected to the state senate three times and had written and passed many laws. "I know the ropes," he thought, and now he felt it was time to work at the national level.  
  
What does the idiom "know the ropes" mean in the sentences above?

****A. like to sail

****B. write the laws

****C. able to tie knots

****D. know what to do

### Part B:

Which phrase from the sentences provides the **best** clue to the meaning of "know the ropes"?

****A. "been elected to the state senate"

****B. "had written and passed many laws"

****C. "it was time to work"

****D. "at the national level"

Which choice contains the correct form of the word **worry**?

****A. She **worryes** about whether her friends will enjoy the party.

****B. She **worrying** about whether her friends will enjoy the party.

****C. She **worries** about whether her friends will enjoy the party.

****D. She **worry** about whether her friends will enjoy the party.