

## Unit 7: Everyone Makes Mistakes

absent-minded	boost	flop	outraged
adhesive	endured	novelty	tampered

1. When personal computers first came out, many people thought that they were a \_\_\_\_\_ and that they would not last.
2. You need to use an \_\_\_\_\_ to make the paper stick to the door.
3. The new car model was a complete \_\_\_\_\_. Hardly anyone bought one.
4. Many people were \_\_\_\_\_ to learn that they could no longer buy software for their old computers.
5. To \_\_\_\_\_ sales, the department store is having a big sale this weekend.
6. Charlotte is so \_\_\_\_\_. She leaves something behind wherever she goes.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ eight hours of interviews before she got the job.
8. Someone has \_\_\_\_\_ with our computer system. Now it is not working properly.
9. Match the following pairs of sentences.
  - .....9.1 My phone is not working.
  - .....9.2 Where were you last night?
  - .....9.3 I've been waiting for an hour.
  - .....9.4 I'm not sure where I left my umbrella.
  - .....9.5 She shouldn't have quit her job.
  - .....9.6 I'm getting worried about them.
  - .....9.7 My essay is late.
  - A. It should have been done last week.
  - B. They should have been here by now.
  - C. I might have broken it when I dropped it.
  - D. You were supposed to come over.
  - E. She could have become the manager.
  - F. I must have left it at home.
  - G. Someone was supposed to pick me up.

## A Big Business Mistake

The oil industry is a highly profitable business. People have made trillions of dollars from finding and selling oil. It seems a sensible conclusion to make, then, that the man who invented the oil drill must have been a very rich man. Sadly, this is not the case. The man who first learned and then taught the world how to obtain oil from deep within the earth died a poor and forgotten man.



The man who invented the oil drill was named Edwin Drake. Drake was a former train conductor. In 1858, he was hired by the company Seneca Oil to research ways to take oil from the ground. It has been said that the only reason Drake was hired for the job was because he was able to travel for free on the railways. Drake performed his research in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., but after one year, Seneca Oil gave up on him. They didn't think that he would be successful, so they refused to finance his research any longer.

Seneca Oil really should have waited just a little bit longer. Just a few months later, Drake developed a way to hand-pump oil from the ground. The method was similar to the one used to drill for salt.

So, what was Drake's mistake? He should have become the wealthiest man alive; however, he never patented his invention. Other entrepreneurs in the area quickly copied his oil drill and started their own businesses. Within a few years, Drake was out of work and money.

10. Drake \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. invested in oil
- B. discovered oil
- C. invented the oil drill
- D. invented the salt drill

11. Many other people \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. stole his oil
- B. went to work for Drake
- C. copied Drake's drill
- D. bought Drake's drill

12. Which word from the reading is a synonym of the underlined word?

Drake was hired to research ways to take oil from the ground.

- A. obtain
- B. gave up
- C. invent
- D. finance

13. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Drake should have been being the wealthiest man alive.
- B. Drake may have been the wealthiest man alive.
- C. Drake must have been the wealthiest man alive.
- D. Drake could have been the wealthiest man alive.

14. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Drake should have been patented the oil drill as soon as he invented it.
- B. Drake should have patented the oil drill as soon as he invented it.
- C. Drake should have been patented as soon as he invented the oil drill.
- D. The oil drill should have patented as soon as Drake invented it.

## Unit 8: Against the Odds

1. Match the following words and definitions.

- |                     |                                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| ...1.1 assassinate  | A. immediately noticeable famous person |
| ...1.2 astound      | B. to kill an important or              |
| ...1.3 delight      | C. likeness                             |
| ...1.4 disoriented  | D. to amaze                             |
| ...1.5 exhilarating | E. causing excitement and happiness     |
| ...1.6 resemblance  | F. to make someone very happy           |
| ...1.7 striking     | G. confused about time and place        |

2. He drives \_\_\_\_\_ fast that I get nervous riding in the car with him.

- A. so      B. such      C. so much      D. so many

3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ seats left that I'm not sure we'll all be able to sit together.

- A. so much      B. so many      C. so little      D. so few

4. This club plays \_\_\_\_\_ loud music that you can't hear other people talking.

- A. so      B. such      C. so much      D. so many

5. I got \_\_\_\_\_ sleep this week that I am very tired now.

- A. so      B. such      C. so little      D. so few

6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ books that I want to read that I can't choose just one.

- A. so      B. such      C. so much      D. so many

7. There is \_\_\_\_\_ snow on the ground that we cannot walk out of our house.

- A. such      B. such a      C. so much      D. so many

8. Which sentence is correct?

- A. While waiting for the movie to start, we made popcorn.  
B. While we waited for the movie to start, making popcorn.  
C. Making popcorn while we waited for the movie to start.  
D. We made popcorn while we waiting for the movie to start.

9. Which sentence is correct?

- A. Since he moved to the city, he met a lot of people.  
B. Since he moved to the city, meeting a lot of people.  
C. Since moving to the city, he has met a lot of people.  
D. Since he moving to the city, he met a lot of people.

## Ship of Misfortune



In 1829, a ship called the *Mermaid* broke apart in Australian waters after striking a reef. Fortunately, the crew was able to swim to a group of rocks in the water and hang on until they could be rescued. Three days later the crew of a passing ship called *Swiftsure* picked them up. However, not long after, a storm hit and the winds were so strong that *Swiftsure* was swept on to another part of the reef, wrecking this ship as well. Once again, the crew had to abandon the ship. Eight hours later, a boat called *Governor Ready* picked up the crew of both the *Mermaid* and *Swiftsure*. *Governor Ready* was already full of passengers and cargo, but they were able to squeeze the newcomers aboard. What happened next seems too incredible to believe, but three hours later, *Governor Ready* caught fire and had to be abandoned. The passengers and crews rowed away from the ship in longboats.

Next, the ship the *Comet* rescued the combined crew of the previous three ships. But, five days later, an intense storm destroyed this ship as well. After clinging to broken pieces of ship and fighting off sharks for hours, the survivors were rescued by the crew of the *Jupiter*. Twelve hours later, the *Jupiter* sank! Eventually, all the survivors were picked up by another ship, *The City of Leeds*, which did finally reach Sydney Harbor.

As if the startling coincidence of sinking five ships was not strange enough, there was one additional coincidence. It is told that one of the passengers on the *Jupiter* was an elderly woman from England who was traveling to Australia to find her son, who had been missing for 15 years. As it happened, she found him before she reached Sydney: He was one of the original crew members from the *Mermaid*!

10. The verb *abandon* probably means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. to swim                                      B. to leave behind  
C. to chase after                                D. to rescue
11. The winds were \_\_\_\_\_ strong that the *Jupiter* was wrecked as well.  
A. so                      B. such    C. such a            D. so much
12. In the story, \_\_\_\_\_ ships sank successively.  
A. 3                      B. 4                      C. 5                      D. 6
13. Throughout this story, \_\_\_\_\_ lives were lost.  
A. 0                      B. 5                      C. 10                      D. 15
14. A woman found her long lost \_\_\_\_\_ during the long journey.  
A. husband    B. sister            C. daughter    D. son

Unit 9: Beauty Is Only Skin Deep

appealing	ideal	privileged	traced
elements	obsession	synthetic	vanity

1. Most makeup today is made from \_\_\_\_\_, or man-made, materials.
2. Students usually learn about Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ in chemistry class.
3. The first use of real deodorant can be \_\_\_\_\_ back to the late nineteenth century.
4. He has a very \_\_\_\_\_ personality. People like to be with him.
5. They have had a very \_\_\_\_\_ upbringing. Their families have a lot of money and they are given the best of everything.
6. Even though she needs her glasses to see, she doesn't wear them because of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Some people have an \_\_\_\_\_ with their own looks. They are constantly looking in a mirror.
8. Your \_\_\_\_\_ mate is the person that you think would be perfect for you.
9. Match the following sentence parts.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| .....Mari is disappointed    | G.that she was not accepted to that university.                |
| .....It is funny             | F.that Sara and Pam are wearing the exact same dress today.    |
| .....Many people believe     | E.that Earth is in danger because of pollution.                |
| .....I suspect               | D.that my brother ate all of the cookies, but I can't be sure. |
| .....Last night John dreamed | C.that he was being chased by people he didn't know.           |
| .....Britney was lucky       | B.that she wasn't hurt in the car accident.                    |
| .....It is unlikely          | A.that it will rain today. The sun is shining brightly.        |

## The History of the Toothbrush



Since many people today like to have clean, bright white teeth, it is surprising that toothbrushes only became common in the twentieth century. But just because people haven't been using toothbrushes doesn't mean that they haven't always tried to keep their teeth clean and their breath fresh. People have cleaned their teeth in a variety of different ways for thousands of years. Evidence of toothbrushes has been found dating back as early as 3500 B.C.E. At that time, people used a device called a *chewstick*. This was a small, thin stick, about the size of a pencil, that people chewed on to remove food and debris from their teeth. Chewsticks were made from special trees that smelled and tasted good so that they would also freshen the mouth and breath.

Some form of the chewstick was used all over the world for thousands of years. Another way that people cleaned their teeth was by rubbing baking soda or chalk on them.

The first bristled toothbrush, or toothbrush with stiff hairs on the end, originated in China around 1600 C.E. In 1780, the first toothbrush was mass-produced in England by William Addis. These toothbrushes were made of animal bone. The bristles on expensive toothbrushes were badger hair. The bristles on cheaper toothbrushes were pig hairs.

By the early 1800s, bristled toothbrushes were in general use in Europe and Japan. As technology progressed, the pig bristles were eventually replaced by synthetic bristles. The first toothbrush with nylon bristles became available in 1938. The first electric toothbrush was invented in Switzerland in 1954.

In January 2003, Americans chose the toothbrush as the number one invention that they could not live without.

### True/False

- .....10. The earliest form of teeth brushing was done with a chewstick.
- .....11. Americans think that the toothbrush was an important invention.
- .....12. Pig hair bristles are synthetic.
- .....13. Many people are amazed that toothbrushes only became common in the twentieth century.
- .....14. Researchers have discovered that people used a type of toothbrush as early as 500 B.C.E.