Reading 5A

Pages in My Head

Viewpoints
(Lessons 29–54)

Vocabulary—Context Sentences
1. Mom hired a **tutor** to teach math to Cindy during the summer.
1. The car ride **lulled** Liz to sleep.

2. The steady rhythm of the teacher’s voice produced a **cadence** that made me sleepy.

3. The breakfast **alcove** was large enough for only the table and chairs.

4. A **casement** window opens outward on hinges, rather than sliding open.

5. The fishermen aboard the bobbing **trawler** cast the net over the side of the boat.
1. On their way out to sea, Jan moved to the **stern** of the ship so that she could watch the land disappear.

2. The captain demonstrated how to move the **tiller** to steer the ship.

3. The **mooring lines** had to be untied before the boat could leave the dock.

4. Swimmers moved beyond the **breakers** to ride on the smooth, unbroken waves.

5. The hikers wanted to **scale** the mountain by nightfall so that they could camp at the top.
1. The **burly** boxer was certain he could win the match against his small opponent.

2. Using her hands and feet, Kate **clambered** over the last obstacle in the course.

3. Soldiers stood as **sentinels** outside the fort to warn of danger.

4. Dad slipped the heavy bolt through the metal **hasp** to lock the barn door.
1. Keith carefully descended the stairs that led to the cellar.

2. The picnickers needed to leave the island to return to the mainland before dark.

3. The sound of gunshots reverberated from the shooting range.

4. The bulky football player moved surprisingly quickly on the basketball court.
1. The adults swam in the deeper water while Bobby waded near the sandy shoals.

2. He invented a contraption that makes paper hats.

3. Timothy’s job was to scrub the sink and the bathtub and to shine the metal fixtures.

4. The lighthouse is a beacon to ships, signaling them of dangerous, rocky shores.
1. The trail was **treacherous** after dark because the many tree roots and rocks could cause the hikers to fall.

2. Grandpa always kept a **reservoir** of water on the farm in case of a drought.

3. He hung up the phone and **promptly** wrote down the message before he forgot it.
1. Dad called an exterminator to rid our garden of the pesky insects known as zyzzyvas.

2. Dictionaries and encyclopedias are excellent reference books for finding information.

3. We paid two dollars to drive on the turnpike from Virginia to Washington, D.C.

4. Alaska’s cold, arctic climate is much different from Florida’s.
1. The dentist had to **anesthetize** John’s gum before filling the cavity.

2. An antibiotic cream will **decontaminate** a cut and help prevent infection.

3. When Roger has an ear infection, quiet voices are **inaudible**.

4. The student experienced **angst** when he was called down to the principal’s office. [pronunciation: angst angkst]
1. The shipbuilder added the steel **bulkhead** to divide the rooms and strengthen the walls.

2. Due to the widespread use of computers, typewriters have almost become **obsolete**.

3. The architect drew a **schematic** map of the mansion to show the layout of each floor.

4. Linda had **qualms** about the roller coaster and decided not to ride it.

5. The **stagnant** water in the little pond had a rotten smell.
1. The only sound Rick could hear was his own footsteps as he *squelched* through the muddy swamp.

2. David wrung out the *sodden* sponge before rinsing off the tables.

3. The sheets hanging on the clothesline *billowed* in the afternoon breeze.

4. The can was completely *depressurized* after it lost all its air.

5. NASA *aborted* the space mission when it discovered an electrical problem onboard.
1. The young wench was ordered to clean the queen’s bedroom.

2. The tailor hemmed to knee-length the skirts of the gentleman’s frock coat.

3. According to the indenture, the slave would serve his master seven years.

4. Dad paid fifty dollars in earnest for the car; next month he will pay the remainder of the price of the car.

5. The wild dog’s fur was infested with ticks and other vermin.
1. Jeff was better than his sister at ciphering math problems.

2. He will needle his sister about his recent discovery of her favorite hiding place.

3. The man offered to give the lady a ride in his trap so that she would not have to walk.

4. With a coin between two fingers, he practiced his new sleight of hand in front of the mirror.

5. While the children played, the dog spirited away the picnic leftovers.
1. The earthquake in India was the worst calamity in ten years.

2. The teenager yammered on and on about her day at school.

3. The nursery school teacher listened as the children prattled to each other.

4. The comedian regaled his audience with jokes.

5. When she learned that she had won the contest, she keeled over on the stage.
1. When a dog came near, the prickly hedgehog curled into a ball for protection.

2. Mud covered Will’s clothes after he fell into the turbid water of the creek.

3. Jaguars and leopards were hunted in the jungles for their tawny, black-spotted coats.

4. A good speaker says words distinctly rather than slurring them together.

5. Because of its sharp prickles, don’t touch the cactus.
1. Brenda told the jokes to **amuse** her friends.
1. Jesse learned many lessons by doing menial tasks such as taking out the trash.

2. The boys had difficulty getting used to the dresslike tunics for the Christmas play.

3. The day before Christmas, the stores were teeming with shoppers.

4. Jan was reluctant to speak in front of people for fear of forgetting what she had planned to say.

5. Mrs. Wheeler took the arguing boys aside to help them reconcile their differences.
1. The soldiers were afraid of the enemy captors who had put them in prison.