

Unit 10 The Value of Diamonds

Reading Comprehension

A. Main Reading

Circle the best answers.

1. Which is NOT true about diamonds?
 - a. They are expensive.
 - b. They are rare.
 - c. They are mined from the ground.
 - d. They are connected with marriage.
2. What can be inferred from the passage?
 - a. Rare things are usually expensive.
 - b. Single women do not want diamonds.
 - c. People cannot get married without diamonds.
 - d. DeBeers lost many of their diamonds.
3. What did people in the 1930s think about diamonds?
 - a. They didn't like diamonds.
 - b. Only miners bought diamonds.
 - c. Only women bought diamonds.
 - d. Only rich people bought diamonds.
4. According to the passage, what helped DeBeers to sell more diamonds?
 - a. Mining
 - b. Marketing
 - c. Owning
 - d. Scamming
5. How much money are men supposed to pay for diamonds for their future wives?
 - a. About \$2,000
 - b. One month's pay
 - c. Two months' pay
 - d. One year's pay

B. Focus on Language

Circle the correct words.

6. Steve wants to put his house (up for sale / to this day) and move to Finland.
7. (Up for sale / To this day), Steve regrets not asking Helen to marry him.
8. Helen (rarely / very) walks anywhere. She almost always rides her bike.
9. That company's computers are (so / nicely) expensive. Only rich people can buy them.
10. The weather today is (quickly / extremely) hot. Be sure to wear a hat and drink a lot of water.

C. Focus on Strategies

Write T for True or F for False.

11. Jewelry shows the giver did not think much about the gift. _____
12. If you want to show someone that you want to spend time together, buy that person a gadget. _____
13. The gift of a trip is very useful. _____
14. If you want to show your love, buy someone a gift certificate. _____

Write the correct gift names in the blanks.

15. A _____ shows that the giver thought about the wants and needs of the receiver.
_____ is expensive and is a show of love.
A _____ is practical but does not show thought for the receiver.
A _____ shows the giver wants to spend time and money on the receiver.