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UNIT PREVIEW

Where would you be likely to see each instruction?

A

Next to each instruction in the list, write a location from the box. Then circle a letter to show the meaning of the instruction.

clothing care label	construction site sign	“no littering” sign
hand cream label	rental application	medicine label
game instructions	credit card statement	tomato can label

1. **Apply sparingly.** _____
 a. Wrap tightly. b. Use a little bit. c. Soak thoroughly.
2. **Remit in 30 days.** _____
 a. Wait for a month. b. Answer immediately. c. Pay in 30 days.
3. **Consult your physician.** _____
 a. Ask your doctor. b. Tell about physics. c. Get a physical.
4. **Violators may be prosecuted.** _____
 a. Violet rays may harm you. b. Violence is not allowed. c. Lawbreakers will be punished.
5. **Enter at your own risk.** _____
 a. Leave by the rear exit. b. Risk-takers need not apply. c. Any consequences will be your own fault.

B

Write a letter to match each important “warning word” with its *synonym*.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. ____ combustible | 3. ____ perishable | a. spoilable | c. burnable |
| 2. ____ prohibited | 4. ____ hazardous | b. dangerous | d. forbidden |

C

Circle a word or words to correctly complete each sentence.

1. You can figure out how to operate an appliance by reading the (classified ads / owner’s manual).
2. You need (assembly instructions / game rules) to put together a bookcase that comes in parts.
3. Understanding the terms of a product’s (ingredients / warranty) can help you get a refund or a replacement.

USING SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

COMPREHENSION SKILLS FOCUS

Words with the same or nearly the same meaning are called *synonyms*. Words that have opposite meanings are called *antonyms*. Familiarity with synonyms and antonyms will make it easier to understand everything you read.

- A** Write a *synonym* from the box for each **boldfaced** word. You will *not* use all the words in the box.

refrain	denotes	ounces	remove	claim
respond	requires	portions	retain	revolves

1. This bag of frozen peas contains four **servings** _____.
2. You must **reply** _____ to the landlord's letter within 24 hours.
3. That fabric won't **hold** _____ its color if you wash it in hot water.
4. The asterisk (*) next to that sentence **indicates** _____ an exception to the rule.
5. That little machine part **turns** _____ in a clockwise direction.

- B** Circle the *antonym* of each **boldfaced** word.

1. Her medical insurance is covered on a **group** policy.
HMO workers individual public
2. Thorough cleaning **retards** the growth of bacteria.
limits eliminates prevents encourages
3. Guests must park only in **designated** spaces.
unmarked designed distant disintegrated
4. You might **retain** water if you use too much salt.
exclude lack reject release
5. Carelessness can result in a **critical** injury.
embarrassing insulting trivial painful

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TELEPHONE BOOKS

The white pages of most telephone books begin with a listing of emergency numbers such as these.

FIRE: 911	POISON CONTROL: 555-1290
POLICE: 911	DRUG, ALCOHOL: 555-9812
HIGHWAY PATROL: 911	MISSING CHILD HOTLINE: 1-800-222-5678
AMBULANCE: 911	SUICIDE PREVENTION: 555-6666
COAST GUARD: 555-9182	FAMILY STRESS SERVICE: 555-4276
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES: 555-3210	

A

Use information from the chart to complete the sentences or to answer the questions.

1. You see smoke coming from the window of an abandoned house. You should call _____.
2. Someone walking by your house falls to the ground and seems to be having a heart attack. Who would you call? _____
_____ At what number? _____
3. You witness a four-car collision on the freeway. You immediately use your cellular phone to contact the _____
. What number do you call? _____
4. You overhear the unmistakable sounds of a neighbor beating his children. You call to speak to someone at _____.
5. A sudden storm is about to sink your fishing boat. You should notify the _____ at once. That number is _____.
6. Your uncle is depressed about your aunt's recent death. He tells you he's thinking of killing himself. What emergency service should help him? _____
7. Your baby sister appears to have been drinking paint thinner. You should call _____ at _____.