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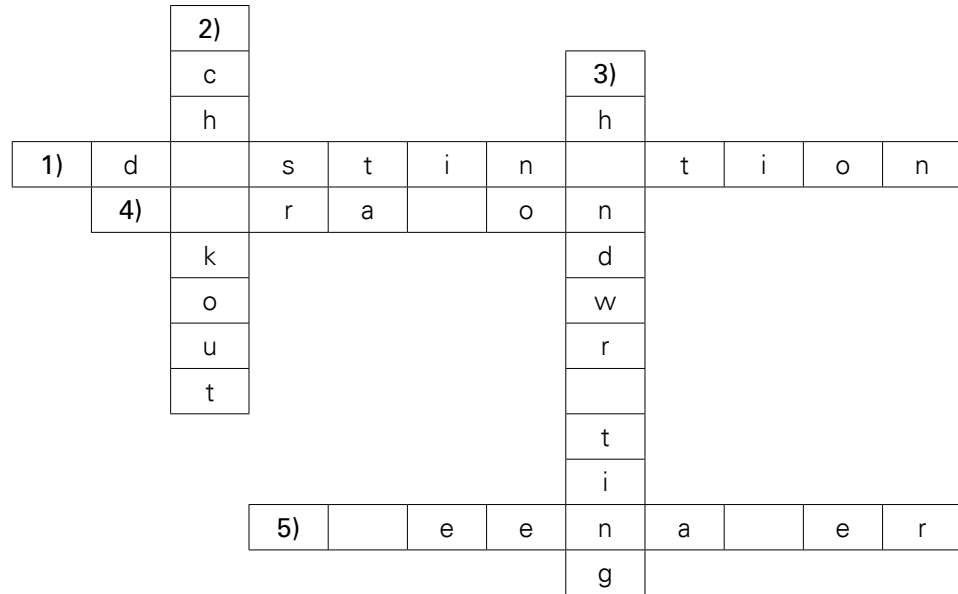
## Vocabulary and structure

### Vocabulary

**1** Cross out (✗) the word in each group that does not belong.

1	dancer	firefighter	spaceman	counter
2	likely	confidently	possible	probable
3	smile	laugh	grief	grin
4	athlete	coach	player	sportsman
5	path	hallway	way	road

**2** Complete the following crossword based on the information given.



- 1 the place that sb. or sth. is going to
- 2 the place in a supermarket where you pay for the goods you have collected
- 3 the particular way sb. writes using a pen or pencil
- 4 a stick of colored wax that children use to draw pictures
- 5 sb. who is between 13 and 19 years old

**3** Complete the following sentences with the expressions given below. Change the form if necessary.

go through    be supposed to    rely on    grow into    put out    end up

- 1 The firefighters tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a big fire caused by fireworks.
- 2 Whenever we go out to dinner I always \_\_\_\_\_ paying the bill.
- 3 We \_\_\_\_\_ prepare for the exam in advance.
- 4 It takes a few months for freshmen to \_\_\_\_\_ the college life.
- 5 Now many college students \_\_\_\_\_ too heavily \_\_\_\_\_ electronic products.
- 6 After \_\_\_\_\_ a period of depression, Kobe Bryant was back to his old self.

**4** Complete the first three columns with correct word forms and then complete the sentences by choosing the right word.

Words			Sentences
v.	n.	adj.	
/	_____	confident	You should have more _____ in your own abilities.
read	reading	_____	Make sure that your handwriting is clearly _____ in your paper.
inspire	_____	inspiring	Nature has always been an _____ for my creation.
promote	_____	promotive	I wish to express congratulations on your _____.

**5** Add the suffix “-ness” to the words given below. Then complete the following sentences with the words thus formed. Change the form if necessary.

sad	friendly	ill	weak	loud	beautiful
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- The doctor told him that his \_\_\_\_\_ was due to overwork.
- Don't mistake her \_\_\_\_\_ for love.
- The smile on his face could not hide his \_\_\_\_\_.
- On the mountain top, you can enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of nature.
- In fact, everyone has \_\_\_\_\_.
- I cannot hear you because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the rock music.

## Structure

**1** Combine the following sentences using “even though.”

- Jeremy Lin never gave up his dream. Things got harder and harder.
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- Nick Vujicic is disabled. Nick Vujicic can do many things like swimming, writing, and reading.
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- My Love from the Star* is an idol drama of the ROK. Many old people appreciate it very much.
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**2** Complete the following sentences by translating the Chinese given in brackets into English using "as well."

- 1 Vivian can play the piano; \_\_\_\_\_ (她也会弹吉他).
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (你也想成为足球俱乐部成员吗)? Let's go to apply for it.
- 3 Children in *Where Are We Going, Dad*, a very famous TV program, are very popular, and \_\_\_\_\_ (这些孩子的父亲也很受欢迎).

**3** Combine the sentence beginnings in Column A with the endings in Column B to form complete sentences.

Column A	Column B
Wherever we are,...	... many students want to give up.
When I grow up,...	... how we won the championship.
He wondered...	... depends on the weather.
Whether he is coming or not...	... we should go back home for the Spring Festival.
As the course becomes more difficult,...	... I want to be a teacher.

## Translation

**1** Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

- 1 The severe smog is expected to clear by the arrival of cold air on Sunday.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 This young couple's dream for a second child is likely to come true because there is a new childbearing policy.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The teamwork will enable you and your teammates to reap some rewards.  
\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Translate the following Chinese sentences into English with the help of the words or phrases given in brackets.

- 1 这款软件只适用于苹果手机。(apply to)  
This software \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 晚会以一首歌曲结束了。(end up with)  
The evening party \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 他并未对抄袭他人作品的指责作出回应。(respond)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the criticism of copying someone else's work.

# Grammar

**1** Complete the following sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Facts \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) louder than words.
- 2 Oprah Winfrey \_\_\_\_\_ (suffer) a lot when she was young.
- 3 Linda \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to see me every day last week.
- 4 The 24th School Sports Meet now \_\_\_\_\_ (begin).
- 5 Once upon a time, there \_\_\_\_\_ (live) an old lady.

**2** Choose the correct tense of the verbs in brackets to complete the following sentences.

- 1 The teacher told us the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (rises / rose) in the east.
- 2 Former South African President Nelson Mandela \_\_\_\_\_ (dies / died) at 95.
- 3 In Columbus' days, people \_\_\_\_\_ (believe / believed) that the Earth \_\_\_\_\_ (is / was) flat.
- 4 Lee Min-ho \_\_\_\_\_ (attends / attended) an event in Beijing on December 21, 2013.
- 5 Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn / learned) more math in college than I ever \_\_\_\_\_ (do / did) in high school.

# Reading comprehension

## Passage one

### When I grow up...

When John Lenon was five years old, his mother told him that happiness is the key to life. When he went to school, they asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. He wrote down "happy." They told him he didn't understand the assignment. He told them they didn't understand life.

So, is that the answer? Are we going to be happy? OK, of course I don't have a problem with that, but... I remember when I was five years old all of the girls in my class wanted to be ballerinas (芭蕾舞女演员), or princesses.

And our boys, footballers. Luckily we changed our minds, or else the whole world would be covered by palaces or football courts.

Yeah, we changed our minds, but have we come to a decision yet? Well, maybe the other guys have, but I haven't. In my 15 years I could never find the perfect job, the one that is made for me or that will fulfill my dreams. One year, I wanted to be a ballerina. The other, a nurse. The year after, a hairdresser. A singer, a teacher, an author, a medical examiner, a criminologist (犯罪学家)... I myself got tired!

And now the time has come. It's time to take a serious decision. Which path will I follow at high school? Am I supposed to choose the theoretical lessons, like History, Latin, etc., or maybe Maths, Science, Chemistry...? How can I be sure about what I'm going to do in the future? Why does everyone put so much pressure on me? My parents, my school, my society...

In fact my "temporary" dream—and I insist on "temporary"—is to study at Harvard University. I think I have concluded in Physics, but this can change easily... or study Forensic Science (刑事鉴证学) at Cambridge University in order to become a crime scene investigator (犯罪现场调查员). Yes, TV really affects us. Anyway, back to my problem... How am I supposed to go to these universities when I cannot afford them? I allow you to call me a bighead, but I don't want something less than that. For now at least...

Did I say too much? Well, the last thing I want to say through my little boring story is that: I have a dream. I want to achieve something in my life. I want to be "happy." Please, society, I'm begging, don't ruin it...

Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 When the writer was five years old, her mother told her that happiness is essential to life.
- 2 The writer had ever wanted to be a nurse, a hairdresser, a singer, a teacher, an author, a medical examiner, a criminologist, except a ballerina.
- 3 The writer had ever dreamed to be a crime scene investigator because of possible effect from TV.
- 4 The writer's dream changes at different stages of her life because she is growing and changing all the time.
- 5 The writer doesn't think her parents, school, and society put much pressure on her.

## Passage two

### My life is like the sport of rowing

In a lot of ways my life is like the sport of rowing.

The shore is like my past. Once I have gotten in that boat and launched off for my race, there is no looking back. And there are no regrets and no disappointment. I have to just keep rowing.

The water is comparable to the problems I face in life. Some days, the water will be smooth and there will be hardly any waves at all, while other days I'll take efforts to get past waves that could potentially flip my boat.

The boat is like my perspective. I can only do in the boat what I have learned; similarly, I can only base my opinions on the experiences I've had. Though my boat will sometimes be unbalanced, I'll make the best of the situation I've been placed in and learn from it.

The oars (桨) can be related to my will and drive to succeed. Though there are times the oars will rip my hands open, leaving them in so much pain that I feel I cannot go on, I know my hands will heal, and I'll have become more conditioned because of it. I know the harder I pull on the oars, and the greater endurance I build from doing so, the more likely I'll obtain the outcome I am working toward.

My teammates can be related to my family and friends. Sometimes the race will get hard. My body will ache, my throat will be sore, and I will feel like quitting. However, I know that I have eight other people in the boat counting on me, and will not let myself down.

The coxswain (舵手) is much like my morals and values. When rowing, I cannot see the racecourse, so I must rely on the coxswain to guide me. Although there will be times she won't know what's around a corner, she must use her best judgment to get the boat to the end.

The finish line is most similar to my goals and dreams. Although my goal during a race is to be the first to cross the finish line, my goals in life are much more than that. I realize that I have a long way to go before I reach my "finish line." When one goal is reached, I create another one to work toward.

Overall, the most important lesson I've learned through rowing about life is that life is what I make it. I can choose to be angry and wallow in self-pity or I learn from my mistakes.

I will always work toward being the best person I can and take constantly the opportunities I'm offered to learn and grow.

I am a rower.

Choose the best way to complete each of the following sentences.

- 1 The shore is just like the writer's past because when he is rowing, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A there are regrets and disappointment
  - B he has to keep rowing
  - C there is no looking back, and there are no regrets and no disappointment
  - D he has to get in the boat and launch off quickly
- 2 The water is like the problems the writer faces in life because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A smoothness and roughness of the water are just like happiness and unhappiness in life
  - B there will be hardly any waves at all in the water
  - C he will have to get past waves that could potentially flip his boat
  - D the problems in rowing are like the writer's problems
- 3 The harder the writer pulls on the oars, the greater \_\_\_\_\_ he builds from doing so.
  - A judgment
  - B experience
  - C pain
  - D endurance
- 4 The most important lesson the writer has learned from rowing about life is that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A he can choose to be angry
  - B he can choose to wallow in self-pity
  - C he cannot make mistakes
  - D he makes his own life
- 5 The passage is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A rowing's effects on life
  - B similarities between rowing and life
  - C differences between rowing and life
  - D life's effects on rowing





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## Vocabulary and structure

### Vocabulary

**1** Cross out (✗) the word in each group that does not belong.

1	envelope	letter	expression	stamp
2	skill	trick	track	technique
3	goldfish	scale	catfish	carp
4	owner	master	shelter	host
5	custom	convention	tradition	customer

**2 Match the words in Column A with their definitions in Column B.**

Column A	Column B
uncaring	to try to hurt or kill sb.
anniversary	that can be seen or noticed
attack	without any sympathy for other people
abundance	a large quantity of sth.
visible	kindness, especially in giving things to people
generosity	a date on which sth. important or special happened in an earlier year

**3 Complete the following sentences with proper prepositions or adverbs.**

- Blessings do not come \_\_\_\_\_ pairs and calamities never come alone.
- If you want to stand \_\_\_\_\_ from other candidates, you should make an impressive resume.
- What a pity to throw \_\_\_\_\_ such a valuable opportunity!
- As a charity ambassador, Andy Lau usually cares \_\_\_\_\_ those who are in poverty.
- The little mermaid (美人鱼) was extremely depressed, and she said, "Leave me \_\_\_\_\_."
- Michael Jordan, the flying man, is usually regarded \_\_\_\_\_ a basketball legend.

**4 Complete the first three columns with correct word forms and then complete the sentences by choosing the right word.**

Words	Sentences
<i>v.</i> _____ <i>n.</i> competition <i>adj.</i> competitive	In order to _____ for the job, we'd better try our best.
harmonize _____ harmonious	We sincerely hope that all peoples and nations could live in _____ on the Earth.
_____ abundance abundant	Blessings _____ in every corner, especially during the Spring Festival.
threaten threat _____	The _____ letter made her extremely scared.

**5 Add the suffix "-ing" to the words given below. Then complete the following sentences with the words thus formed. Change the form if necessary.**

swim

score

move

charm

draw

surprise

- Newly retired NBA star, Allen Iverson, has won the NBA \_\_\_\_\_ title

- in several seasons.
- 2 Paul has a \_\_\_\_\_ pool with an underwater music system in his house.
  - 3 Perhaps any girl cannot resist a boy with a \_\_\_\_\_ smile.
  - 4 It is really such a \_\_\_\_\_ story that everyone is moved to tears.
  - 5 3D \_\_\_\_\_ shocked people with their terrific sense of reality.
  - 6 The \_\_\_\_\_ ending makes audiences depressed and sorrowful.

## Structure

**1** Complete the following sentences by translating the Chinese given in brackets into English using “where.”

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (我昨天寄信的邮局) is not far from here.
- 2 You can take the subway to get to \_\_\_\_\_ (我上周借书的图书馆).
- 3 This is \_\_\_\_\_ (他毕业后将要工作的高中).
- 4 Many people ask about \_\_\_\_\_ (我上瑜伽课的健身俱乐部).
- 5 The young parents want to find \_\_\_\_\_ (他们为孩子举办生日聚会的地方).

**2** Combine the sentence beginnings in Column A with the endings in Column B to form complete sentences.

Column A	Column B
The dog runs to the door,...	... that he is unwilling to come.
The girl may not answer the phone...	... barking at the stranger.
Yao Ming walked out of the classroom,...	... he was not unhappy.
His words mean...	... until her boyfriend apologizes.
Although many people cannot appreciate his paintings,...	... followed by a group of crazy fans.

## Translation

**1** Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

- 1 Try your utmost to fulfill your original dream and never give up, and every dog has its day.

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2 The panda, a symbol of harmony, is our national treasure.

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3 To their great surprise, their daughter held an excellent party to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

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**2** Translate the following Chinese sentences into English with the help of the words or phrases given in brackets.

1 如果你忘记了女朋友的生日，估计你就要倒霉了。(be in the doghouse)

You could \_\_\_\_\_.

2 让他安静一会儿吧，不管好坏，他都要面对现实。(for good or ill)

Leave him alone, \_\_\_\_\_.

3 森林里到处都有蛇。(abound)

\_\_\_\_\_ in the forest.

## Grammar

**1** Complete the following sentences with the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.

1 They \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) an adult ceremony at the moment.

2 He \_\_\_\_\_ (read) Mo Yan's novel when I came in.

3 He \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) to work because his car is being repaired.

4 Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the elevator when there was a power failure.

5 We \_\_\_\_\_ (play) basketball at four yesterday afternoon.

**2** Choose the correct tense of the verbs in brackets to complete the following sentences.

1 These teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ as their favorite game characters in the cosplay. (are... dressing up / were... dressing up)

2 She \_\_\_\_\_ on the train now, but an hour ago she \_\_\_\_\_ on the couch at home. (is sitting / was sitting)

3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (am wondering / was wondering) if she could give us the chance.

4 At the moment, Leehom Wang \_\_\_\_\_ (is holding / was holding) a solo concert in the Beijing National Stadium.

5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (am hoping / was hoping) they could help me decorate the kitchen.

# Reading comprehension

## Passage one

### American expressions on colors

Every people has its own way of saying things, its own special expressions. Many everyday American expressions are based on colors.

Red is a hot color. Americans often use it to express heat. They may say they are red hot about something unfair. When they are red hot they are very angry about something. The small hot-tasting peppers found in many Mexican foods are called “red hots” for their color and their fiery taste.

Pink is a lighter kind of red. People sometimes say they are in the pink when they are in good health. The expression was first used in America at the beginning of the 20th century. It probably comes from the fact that many babies are born with a nice pink color that shows that they are in good health.

Blue is a cool color. The traditional blues music in the United States is the opposite of the red hot music. Blues is slow, sad, and soulful. Someone who is blue is very sad.

The color green is natural for trees and grass. But it is an unnatural color for humans. A person who has a sick-feeling stomach may say he feels a little green. A passenger on a boat who is feeling very sick from high waves may look very green. Sometimes a person may be upset because he does not have something as nice as a friend has, like a fast new car. That person may say he is green with envy. Dollars are called greenbacks because that is the color of the back side of the paper money.

The color black is used often in expressions. People describe a day in which everything goes wrong as a black day. The date of a major tragedy (悲劇) is remembered as a black day. A blacklist is illegal now. But at one time, some businesses refused to employ people who were on a blacklist for belonging to unpopular organizations.

In some cases, colors describe a situation. A brown out is an expression for a reduction in electric power. Brown outs happen when there is too much demand for electricity. The electric system is unable to offer all the power needed in an area.

Complete the following table with the information from the passage.

Colors	American expressions on colors
red	When Americans are red hot, they are very 1) _____ about something unfair.
pink	If people are in good 2) _____, Americans usually use the color of pink to describe them. This expression probably comes from the pink color of newborn 3) _____.
blue	Generally, Americans associate the color blue with a(n) 4) _____ emotion.
green	When a person feels a little green, he may have a(n) 5) _____ feeling. And if a person is green with 6) _____, he may be upset because he does not have something as nice as a friend has.
black	A person may say he has a black day if everything goes 7) _____ that day.
brown	The expression "a brown out" usually refers to a situation of the 8) _____ in electric power.

## Passage two

### What sets Chinese painting apart from Western painting

Because of different instruments, materials, and cultural backgrounds, Chinese painting sets apart from Western painting. Unique Chinese painting owes much to the use of the Chinese writing brush and the Chinese paper. There are four essential elements used in the creation of Chinese painting, the brush, ink, paper, and the ink stone. Lacking any of them the job cannot be done.

The most important factors for Chinese painting are the special teaching methods, the close relationship with the painter's personality, and Chinese philosophy (哲学). They are trained not only to convey the objects, but also to express the mood and the spirit of the subject. The Chinese also believe that the painting is the expression of the painter's knowledge and temperament (性情). In this way, Chinese painting becomes something much more than art.

The most essential philosophy of China is the unity of the heavens, Earth, and human beings. What the Chinese painters are trying to express is not what meets the eye, but their attitude to the great nature. The

Chinese painter has a profound love and admiration for nature. It is part of their culture, religious practices, and their need to depend on nature to survive. In the same theme they may spend hours thinking and drawing inspiration (灵感) from nature. From the minor or simple creatures that are chosen as subjects of art work, we can see how they enjoy nature and the love they devote to the most humble things.

The Chinese painter finds it offensive to contemplate and draw the human figure by itself. Human beings are part of the surrounding heavens and Earth. They are all together. That is why Chinese paintings are simple in composition and full of harmony, overall balance and peace.

Choose the best way to complete each of the following sentences.

- 1** The four essential elements used in Chinese painting are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A the brush, watercolor, paper, and the ink stone  
B the oil, ink, paper, and the ink stone  
C the drawing board, crayon, paper, and the color palette  
D the brush, ink, paper, and the ink stone
- 2** Of the following statements, the true one is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A the typical Chinese painting is oil painting  
B the unity of the heavens and human beings is the most essential philosophy of China  
C the Chinese painter has a profound love and admiration for religion  
D for many Chinese, the painting is the expression of one's knowledge and temperament
- 3** In order to draw inspiration from nature, Chinese painters \_\_\_\_\_.  
A usually spend days thinking  
B usually appreciate the minor and humble things in nature  
C usually choose the complex creatures as the subject of art work  
D usually take part in religious practices
- 4** The word "humble" underlined in Paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A lovely          B natural          C minor or simple          D senior
- 5** The information the writer wishes to convey in the passage is that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A Chinese painting is different from Western painting  
B Chinese painting is similar to Western painting  
C Chinese painting has unique features  
D Chinese painting is trying to imitate Western painting