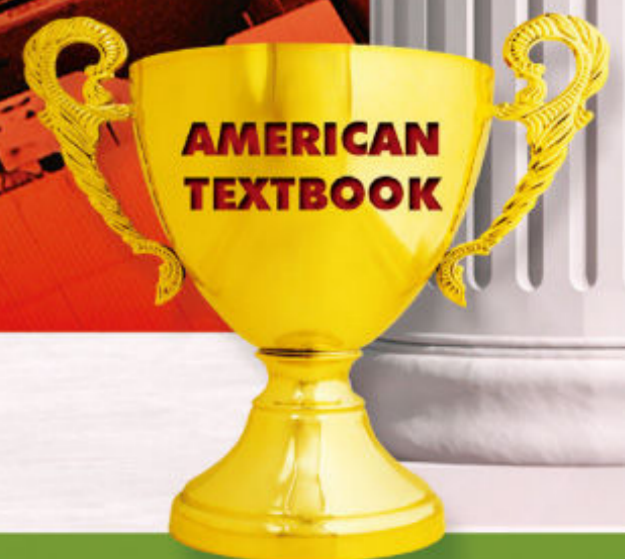


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Dear Readers,

Reading is magical. It takes you to places you have never been--and may never go. It introduces you to people you would have no other way to meet.

Reading nonfiction is the most magical. It lets you learn about new people, places, and things. Your mind expands. You grow smarter.

Then you read some more, and your mind grows again. Soon you are brilliant!

In these pages you will meet a man who turned a paperclip into a house by making clever trades. You will find out how to survive if you fall into quicksand. You will learn how hair clippings helped save the Gulf of Mexico after a bad oil spill. And that is just for starters! I hope you like reading these stories as much as I liked writing them for you.

Let's get started reading. The magic is about to begin!

Debra J. Housel

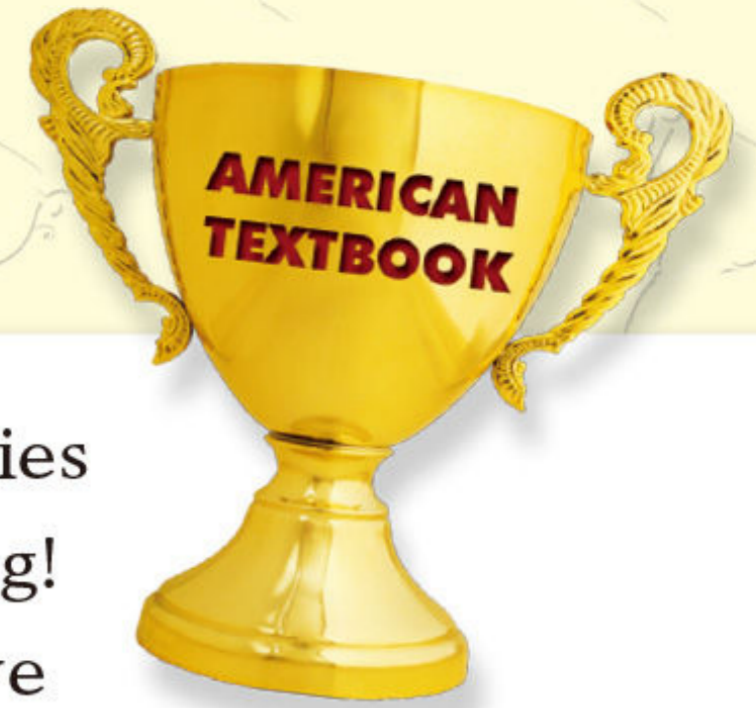


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About

Reading Trophy



Reading Trophy Series is full of interesting stories that lead you into the fantastic world of reading! Just follow easy-to-use steps. You will improve not only English reading skills but also build the knowledge of history, science, art, people, health, and many more through major English skills such as Listening, Speaking, and Writing.

Just Follow the Steps!

STEP 1

- 1 Listen and repeat the words in **Words to Know**.
- 2 Look at the picture and answer the questions in **Speaking**. Don't forget to share your answers with your classmates.
- 3 Listen to the conversation and answer the questions in **Listening**.



STEP 2

- 1 Read the story and listen to MP3.
- 2 Find the words in the passage with the clues in **Circle the Words**.
- 3 Read on and find more information about the topic in **Fun Fact** or **Fact File**.



STEP 3

Check your reading comprehension skills with the questions in **Comprehension**.

Now, fill in the blanks and complete the task in **Writing Project**.

Comprehension

A Choose the correct answers.

- What is the best title for the passage?
 - a. The Family Fought that Saved the Town
 - b. The Family Fought that Caused a War
 - c. The Family Fought that Split the Town
- When did the brothers stop making shoes together?
 - a. in 1927
 - b. in 1945
 - c. in 1970
- How did the townspeople react to the brothers' fight?
 - a. They took sides with Adolph or Paul.
 - b. They stopped speaking to both brothers.
 - c. They moved out of the town.
- The feud ended when...
 - a. the brothers gave up on making shoes.
 - b. the brothers' families moved the shoe companies.
 - c. the brothers' families no longer owned the companies.

B Number the sentences in the correct order.

- The brothers each started their own company.
- The brothers' 81-year-old feud ended.
- The brothers each started their own business.
- The brothers' companies were sold to other people.
- The brothers started shoe businesses.

Writing Project

Complete the TV report.

Today, I am here in the small town in Germany to witness the historical moment. A feud between two German shoeowner companies ended today. It was _____ by the company founders.

The story goes way back. Adolph and Paul Decker _____ in 1927. Their business was great. But they fought all the time. One day, they got into a big fight. They were _____ again. Paul moved to the other side of the river. He named his business Puma. Paul named his business Adidas. They are _____.

The fight between them influenced the whole town. The people _____ Adidas workers were not allowed in certain stores, bars, or restaurants. The same was _____ Both brothers died in the 1970s. The companies _____ the brothers' families.

Now, today they are going to have a football match. The townspeople are made up of staff from both companies. It's the day _____ The feud is over.

Swiss Broadcasting TV1 News reporting from the German town of Herzogenaurach.

Writing Project

Write a TV report about the feud between the two shoe companies. Use the information in the passage and your own ideas.

STEP 4

Do you remember the words from the passage? Try **Vocabulary A**. You can go ahead check your word knowledge in **Vocabulary B**. Let's see if you are ready to wrap up the unit with **TEST PREP!**

Vocabulary

A Write the letters of the words.

a. spread	1. _____ to have strong effect upon, affect
b. setting	2. _____ to enter or send forth
c. top	3. _____ to be owned or possessed
d. rival	4. _____ to make a serious promise
e. influence	5. _____ an agreement to stop fighting
f. over	6. _____ to go on through time, continue
g. certain	7. _____ best or foremost
h. feud	8. _____ finished, done
i. swear	9. _____ specifically, fixed
j. feud	10. _____ a fight between families that lasts for a long time

B Complete the sentences with the words.

- Who does this cologne _____ to?
- Both countries called a _____ to end the war.
- The car was running at its _____ speed.
- My advice may _____ your decision.
- Peter only swore _____ words when he was angry.
- He never spoke to his sister because of a lengthy _____.
- The story about a young boy _____ around the town fast.
- I _____ that it's the truth.
- Hours, the swim is finally _____.
- Did the meeting _____ more than an hour?

TEST PREP

Choose the correct answer.

Puma is a major German company that produces sports shoes and sportswear. It was first formed by Adolph and Rudolf Decker in 1927, but they often argued and fought and the relationship between them became bad. Soon the company got separated into two. Owned by Rudolf Decker, Puma became internationally popular with the made-for-the-film shoes introduced in 1958.

- What is the passage mainly about?
 - a. How Puma became a German company.
 - b. How to be a good brother.
 - c. How Puma became an international company.
 - d. How Adolph and Rudolf Decker got on.
- What can be inferred from the underlined sentence?
 - a. There were two owners for Puma.
 - b. The brothers decided to start a new company.
 - c. The brothers decided to have their own company.
 - d. There were many problems in the company.

Read a story describing a problem. Suggest a solution.

I just had a big fight with Dad. I am going to attend the Big party at my friend's house. He said I should go, but he is so busy. I don't think that's too easy. What should I do?

STEP 5

This is a real final step. Check your English reading skills with **Final Test!**

Final Test

Read the following passage and answer the question.

An oil spill is dangerous. It happens when an oil tanker or an oil rig is wrecked. Then its cargo contains the oil. It lets the oil flow into the water. Oil does not mix with water. It floats on the surface. Oil spills are bad for wildlife. A duck with oily feathers cannot fly. Otters and dolphins breathe in the oil. It hurts their lungs. They die.

1 What is the passage mainly about?

- a. The dangers of oil spills
- b. The importance of wildlife
- c. The accident caused by oil tankers
- d. The differences between otters and dolphins

Read the following passage and answer the question.

You move, eat, think, feel, and breathe each day. In do so, you use your body. Most of all, you use your brain. It is your body's control center. It tells your body what to do. This busy worker never stops. It gets and sends messages all over your body. Your brain works much like a computer. Computers need electricity to run. What does your brain need? It needs healthy food like fish, fruits, and vegetables. Protect your brain. If it is damaged, there is no cure.

2 What is the closest meaning of the underlined word "damaged"?

- a. harmed
- b. broken
- c. ruined
- d. destroyed

Read the following passage and answer the question.

Sometimes we need a new organ. We are ill or injured. Our lung, heart, or liver does not work right. Then we need an organ transplant. In the early 1950s, the first human organ transplant was done. Some people received new kidneys. It saved their lives. It was a big breakthrough. Later on, doctors transplanted other organs. However, it is hard to replace organs. And, there are too many sick people. There are not enough organs.

3 Which organ was first transplanted?

- a. Liver
- b. Lung
- c. Heart
- d. Kidney

Read the following passage and answer the question.

Quicksand is a mixture of water and sand. The sand has too much water in it. It cannot hold weight. Rivers make quicksand seem deadly. They show people drowning in it. But quicksand does not suck you down and swallow you. In fact, it is hard to sink deep. You may sink as deep as your neck. Quicksand can form along the shore of ponds or rivers. Often it is above a spring. Water bubbles up from under the ground. It makes the sand watery. But the sand looks solid.

4 What is true about quicksand?

- a. It sucks people you down.
- b. It is common to sink deep.
- c. It is made of water and mud.
- d. It can be made along the bank.

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Words to know



Listen and repeat the words.

- | | | | | |
|--------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|
| belong | certain | feud | influence | last |
| over | spread | swear | top | truce |



Speaking

Look and answer the questions.

- 1 What do you think the men are doing?
- 2 Have you ever fought with someone? Why?

Listening TR 03



Listen and choose.

- 1 What are the speakers talking about?
a. b. c.
- 2 Why is Brad surprised?
a. b. c.



 TR 04 **Word Count 179**

Fun Fact

- Rudi and Adi were the brothers' nicknames. Their formal names were Rudolph and Adolph.

Fun Fact

- Even before the split, the brothers argued all the time. They disliked each other's choice of homes, clothes, and wives.

A battle began in 1948 in a small German town. It lasted 61 years. There were no bombs or guns. It was a family feud. But it spread through the whole town.

Rudi and Adi Dassler were brothers. In 1927, they started making sneakers. They did well. But they fought all the time. One day, they got into a big fight. They swore not to talk to each other again. Rudi moved to the other side of the river. He named his business Puma. Adi renamed his business Adidas. They are the top two sneaker brands.

Circle the Words

Line 2 went on through time; continued

Line 3 a fight between families that lasts for a long time

Line 3 scattered or sent forth

Line 8 made a serious promise

Line 11 best or foremost



The brothers' feud influenced their small town. The people living there chose sides. If a person worked at Adidas, he could not go to certain
15 stores, bars, or restaurants. The same was true for Puma workers. If you wore Puma shoes, you could not marry someone who wore Adidas!

Both brothers died in the 1970s. Both companies were sold. They no longer belonged to the
20 brothers' families. At last, in September 2009, the two company owners called a truce. The feud was over.

FACT FILE

For decades Adidas and Puma were at the top. But Adi and Rudi were busy fighting each other. They did not respond fast enough when Nike came on the scene.

Line 12 had strong effect upon; affected

Line 14 specific; fixed

Line 19 owned or possessed

Line 21 an agreement to stop fighting

Line 22 finished; done

A Choose the correct answers.

- 1** What is the best title for the passage?
 - a The Family Feud that Helped the Town
 - b The Family Feud that Caused a War
 - c The Family Feud that Split the Town

- 2** When did the brothers stop making shoes together?
 - a in 1927
 - b in 1948
 - c in 1970

- 3** How did the town people react to the brothers' fight?
 - a They took sides with Rudi or Adi.
 - b They stopped speaking to both brothers.
 - c They moved out of the town.

- 4** The feud ended when _____.
 - a the brothers grew old and made up
 - b the brothers' families owned the shoe companies
 - c the brothers' families no longer owned the companies

B Number the sentences in the correct order.

- The brothers each started and named their company differently.
- The brothers' 61-year-old feud ended.
- The brothers got into a big fight.
- The brothers' companies were sold to other people.
- The brothers started a shoe business together.

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Susan Bloomsberg TNT News reporting from the German town of Herzogenaurach.



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 - c How Puma became international company
 - d How Adolph and Rudolph Dassler grew up

- 2** What can be inferred from the underlined sentence?
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SPEAKING Read a story describing a problem. Suggest a solution.

Prepare your answer for 2 minutes. Write the answers and speak.

I just had a big fight with Dad. I am going to attend this big party at my friend's house. He said I should be home by 8 in the evening. But I think that's too early. What should I do?



UNIT

2

Nature

