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Reading

► Read the selection and answer each question.

Why the Sea Is Salty

by Tim Myers

¹ Hundreds of years ago, when ocean water was not salty, a poor old man and woman lived on the coast of Norway. One day, a dusty old storyteller came to their village, and the old couple gave him a meal and a place to stay. In return, he gave them a coffee mill—a little wooden box with an opening on top, a handle for grinding the coffee beans, and two doors in front where the coffee came out.

² “If you say, ‘Mill, please grind,’ it will make whatever you want,” the storyteller said. “To stop it, say ‘Mill, please halt your grinding.’”

³ Soon the old couple was leading a much better life, but they’d always been happy people, and they didn’t need much more.

⁴ The young husband and wife next door, though, were greedy people who were never satisfied. When they saw the old couple wearing fine clothes and buying good food, they burned with jealousy, so the young husband sneaked over to the old couple’s window, where he heard the old man say, “Mill, please grind hot chocolate!” The young husband stood amazed as he watched the mill begin pouring hot chocolate into the cup the old man held.

⁵ The neighbor raced back to his wife to tell her about the amazing mill. One day, when the old couple was away, the neighbors entered their house—the old couple never locked their door, as they distrusted no one—and stole the mill. They bought a horse and carriage and set off down the coast, where no one would know them.

⁶ Along the way, the anxious wife said, “Are you really sure this mill will give us anything we want?”

⁷ The husband answered calmly, “Of course I’m sure—what do you want it to make?”

⁸ “Oh, I don’t know. Why not salt?”

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- ⁹ “Mill, please grind salt,” he commanded, and the little handle began turning as salt poured out.
- ¹⁰ “It works! We can have anything we want!” the wife shouted. But then she noticed salt spilling everywhere.
- ¹¹ “Make it stop,” the wife said, but the husband hesitated.
- ¹² “You mean you don’t know how?” his wife shrieked.
- ¹³ “Mill, please stop grinding!” he commanded. “Mill, please stop grinding salt! Mill, stop grinding! Mill, grind no more!” But the handle kept turning, and soon the carriage began filling with so much salt that the husband and wife had to open the door and kick it out with their feet.
- ¹⁴ When they suddenly came to a cliff high over the sea, the husband grabbed the mill from his wife’s hands and, marching to the cliff-edge, threw the mill as far as he could out over the water.
- ¹⁵ The mill went flying, somersaulting as it sailed through the air, finally sinking and settling deep into the sea.
- ¹⁶ There it has been, for hundreds and hundreds of years, down among rocks and waving grasses, endlessly churning out salt.
- ¹⁷ And that is why the sea is salty.

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- 1** What is the author’s main message in paragraphs 1–3?
- Ⓐ People may try to balance bad deeds with good deeds.
 - Ⓑ Happiness comes from within, not from the things you own.
 - Ⓒ Traveling is a good way for you to learn about the wider world.
 - Ⓓ Even when their wishes come true, people sometimes want more.

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- 2 What mistake does the young husband make when he overhears the old couple talking?
- Ⓐ He runs home too soon.
 - Ⓑ He refuses to believe them.
 - Ⓒ He tells no one what he learns.
 - Ⓓ He expects his wife to listen instead.
- 3 Based on the prefix *dis-*, which means “opposite of,” what does distrusted mean in paragraph 5?
- Ⓐ expected
 - Ⓑ believed
 - Ⓒ doubted
 - Ⓓ invited

- 4 Read the sentence from paragraph 6.

Along the way, the anxious wife said, “Are you really sure this mill will give us anything we want?”

Read the analogy.

Greedy is to satisfied as anxious is to _____ .

Which word best completes the analogy?

- Ⓐ cozy
- Ⓑ tired
- Ⓒ steady
- Ⓓ carefree

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5 Read the sentences from paragraph 13.

"Mill, please stop grinding!" he commanded. "Mill, please stop grinding salt! Mill, stop grinding! Mill, grind no more!"

What do these sentences show the reader about the husband's character?

- Ⓐ He is starting to feel worried about what he has done.
- Ⓑ He thinks he should have wished for something else.
- Ⓒ He believes he will soon remember what to say.
- Ⓓ He is angry that the old couple has tricked him.

6 Read the sentence from paragraph 15.

The mill went flying, somersaulting as it sailed through the air, finally sinking and settling deep into the sea.

What is the purpose of using repeated /s/ sounds in the sentence?

- Ⓐ It tells how things may sound when they bounce downhill.
- Ⓑ It echoes the sound of the young couple as they argue.
- Ⓒ It shows that the young husband and wife feel ashamed.
- Ⓓ It creates rhythm and is similar to the sound of salt pouring.

7 Explain how the author supports the theme that wanting more will lead to trouble. Use details from the story to support your answer.

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Writing

► Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Harper wrote a paper about a famous building. Read her paper and look for any changes she should make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

The Leaning Tower of Abu Dhabi

(1) Some towers are famous for their height. (2) For example, the tower at 233 S. Wacker Driv. in Chicago was once the tallest building in the world. (3) It still draws visitors for that reason. (4) However, the Capital Gate building in Abu Dhabi is famous for its lean. (5) It is designed to bend like a dancer. (6) At only 160 mtrs tall, its amazing curve leans 18 degrees. (7) This makes the Capital Gate's lean the steepest in the world.

(8) "It looks like it should just fall over, but it won't," says engineer Nia Reem. (9) "I'd love to see a leaning building here in the Us, too, maybe even in Chicago."

1 Read sentence 2.

For example, the tower at 233 S. Wacker Driv. in Chicago was once the tallest building in the world.

What is the correct way to write the underlined part of the sentence?

- (A) D.
- (B) Dr.
- (C) Dri.
- (D) No change is needed.

2 Read sentence 6.

At only 160 mtrs tall, its amazing curve leans 18 degrees.

What is the correct way to write the underlined part of the sentence?

- (A) m
- (B) ms
- (C) mts
- (D) No change is needed.

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- 3 Read sentence 9.

"I'd love to see a leaning building here in the Us, too, maybe even in Chicago."

What is the correct way to write the underlined part of the sentence?

- Ⓐ u.s.
- Ⓑ U.S.
- Ⓒ U. States
- Ⓓ No change is needed.

Answer Key: Module 7, Week 2 Assessment

Item Number	Correct Answer	Module, Week, Program Skill	Depth of Knowledge
READING			
1	B	M7W2: Comprehension: Theme	2
2	A	M7W2: Comprehension: Characters	1
3	C	M7W2: Generative Vocabulary: Prefixes <i>mis-</i> , <i>pre-</i> , <i>dis-</i>	2
4	D	M7W2: Vocabulary Strategy: Analogies	2
5	A	M7W2: Comprehension: Characters	2
6	D	M7W2: Comprehension: Figurative Language	2
7	See rubric on p. R1.	M7W2: Comprehension: Theme	3
	Sample two-point response: The author supports this theme by showing that the greedy young man and woman do not benefit from the theft of the mill. They ruin presumably fresh water by turning it salty. When the young man and woman ask the mill for salt to see if it works, they find they cannot stop it. They end up throwing the mill into the sea.		
WRITING			
1	B	M7W2: Grammar: Abbreviations	1
2	A	M7W2: Grammar: Abbreviations	1
3	B	M7W2: Grammar: Abbreviations	1

Constructed-Response Rubric

Points	Description
2	2 points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response provides a complete and correct explanation of, or answer to, the question.• Response includes clear and specific explanations, interpretations, and opinions of the text based on effective comprehension, inference, analysis, evaluation, and/or comparison.• Response is supported with details from the text.
1	1 point <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response provides a partially complete and correct explanation of, or answer to, the question.• Response attempts to include explanations, interpretations, and opinions of the text, but they may be unclear or unsubstantiated, and they show limitation in comprehension, inference, analysis, evaluation, and/or comparison.• Response is supported with limited details (in quantity or quality) from the text.
0	0 points <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Response is incorrect, irrelevant, or not provided.