

Part 1 COMPREHENSION

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Read the following passage and answer the questions.

I was born in New York City and grew ⁽¹⁾[(a) into (b) on (c) up] in an apartment building there. My family, with Irish roots, lived on the top floor. People of German, Italian, and Puerto Rican backgrounds lived on different floors. When I climbed the stairs to our apartment, I often ran ⁽²⁾[(a) over (b) through (c) into] people on the other floors. They said “Hi!” to me and sometimes offered me tea and sweets. I liked my neighbors and had nice chats with them. I gradually got interested ⁽³⁾[(a) in (b) on (c) at] foreign cultures.

⁽⁴⁾[(a) Every (b) Each (c) All] apartment had an emergency exit. When I felt sad, I went through it and sat on the emergency stairs for a while. For me, the exit was like the hatch of a submarine. Outside, I often felt like I was in ⁽⁵⁾[(a) another (b) other (c) different] world, a world of imagination.

1 Choose the best word for blanks (1) to (5) and complete the passage.

(1) () (2) () (3) () (4) () (5) ()

2 Choose the phrase that best completes each sentence.

1. In the 1st paragraph, “My family, with Irish roots, lived on the top floor.” is most likely to mean ...

- (a) My family lived on the top floor with people from Ireland.
- (b) My family had a tree from Ireland and lived on the top floor.
- (c) My family sometimes had a guest from Ireland and lived on the top floor.
- (d) My family is from Ireland and lived on the top floor.

2. In the 2nd paragraph, “the hatch of a submarine” most likely means ...

- (a) a door to protect the people inside from an enemy attack.
- (b) a door to go from a confined space into an unknown world.
- (c) a window through which you can see another world.
- (d) a window which reflects the world of the imagination.

3. It seems that the author ...

- (a) enjoyed his neighbors and learned a lot from them.
- (b) liked his neighbors, but didn't like the sweets.
- (c) didn't get along with his neighbors and often felt sad.
- (d) wanted to leave his apartment using the hatch of a submarine.

Part 1 OUTPUT

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1 Choose the word that best matches the meaning. **VOCABULARY**

1. books, poems, and plays that are considered to be art _____
2. a serious or dangerous situation that needs immediate action _____
3. someone who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular field _____
4. the ability to form ideas or pictures in your mind _____
5. a talk with someone in a friendly way _____

【 chat / emergency / gradually / imagination / literature / specialist / submarine 】

2 Choose the best phrase for each blank. Change the form of the verbs if necessary. **IDIOM**

1. I _____ your brother at the station yesterday.
2. I had pizza last night, but I _____ eating it again.
3. He was born in a rich family, went through a lot, and _____ being a criminal.
4. My father was born and _____ in Sendai.
5. They sat silent _____. Then, a man spoke to them in a gentle voice.

【 end up / grow up / run into / for a while / feel like 】

3 Fill in the blanks and complete the sentences. **GRAMMAR**

1. 最近(lately), 日が短くなってきました。

The days _____.

2. 秋はすぐそこまで来ている(around the corner)のです。

Autumn _____.

3. もうすぐ長袖(a long-sleeve shirt)が必要です。

We'll _____.

EXPRESS YOURSELF!

1. Change the form of the verbs and complete the message on Twitter.

I ⁽¹⁾[visit] Hakone with my family now. It ⁽²⁾[be] one of the most famous hot spring resorts in Japan. I ⁽³⁾[be] there three times before. Today, I ⁽⁴⁾[visit] Ohwakudani and ⁽⁵⁾[have] a black boiled egg. It tasted good!

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____

2. Write about a town or country you've visited before. When did you visit? How did you feel?
