

PART 2: SUPPLEMENTARY READING SKILL PRACTICE**READING SKILL: DETERMINE MEANINGS FROM WORD ROOTS****1. SKILL INSTRUCTIONS****Sample passage:**

Ring Lardner himself was born into a wealthy, educated, and cultured family. For the bulk of his career, he worked as a reporter for newspapers in South Bend, Boston, St. Louis, and Chicago. However, it is for his short stories of lower-middle-class Americans that Ring Lardner is perhaps best known. In these stories, Lardner vividly creates the language and the ambience of this lower class, often using the misspelled words, grammatical errors, and incorrect diction that typified the language of the lower middle class.

The questions:

1. The word "vividly" is closest in meaning to

(A) in a cultured way

(B) in a correct way

(C) in a lifelike way

(D) in a brief way

2. The word "misspelled" is closest in meaning to

(A) highly improper

(B) vulgar

(C) incorrectly written

D) slang

3. The word "diction" is closest in meaning to

(A) writing

(B) sentence structure

(C) form

(D) speech

Notes:

- In the first question, the word vividly contains the word part viv, which means life, so **the best answer is answer (C)**. In the second question, the word misspelled contains the word part mis, which means error or incorrect, so **the best answer is answer (C)**. In the third question, the word diction contains the word part dic, which means speak, so **the best answer is answer (D)**.
- The following chart contains a few word parts that you will need to know to complete the exercises in this part of the text. A more complete list of word parts and exercises to practice them can be found in Appendix I at the back of the text.

Thông tin

2. SKILL TIPS:

A SHORT LIST OF WORD PARTS					
PART	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PART	MEANING	EXAMPLE
CONTRA	(against)	contrast	DIC	(say)	dictate
MAL	(bad)	malcontent	DOMIN	(master)	dominant
MIS	(error)	mistake	JUD	(judge)	judgment
SUB	(under)	subway	MOR	(death)	mortal
DEC	(ten)	decade	SPEC	(see)	spectator
MULTI	(many)	multiple	TERR	(earth)	territory
SOL	(one)	solo	VER	(turn)	divert
TRI	(three)	triple	VIV	(live)	revive

Câu hỏi 1

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3. READING SKILL PRACTICE

PASSAGE ONE (Questions 1-5)

Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo was a Portuguese-born explorer who is credited with the exploration of the coast of what is today the state of California. Sketchy military records from the period show that early in his career he served with the Spanish army from 1520 to 1524 in Spain's quest for subjugation of the people in what are today Cuba, Mexico, and Guatemala. Little is known of his activities over the next **decades**, but apparently he succeeded in rising up through the ranks of the military; in 1541, he was ordered by Antonio de Mendoza, the Spanish ruler of Mexico, to explore the western coast of North America. Cabrillo set out in June of 1542 in command of two ships, the San Salvador and the Victoria; he reached San Diego Bay on September 28, 1542, and claimed the **terrain** for Spain. The peninsula where he landed is today named Cabrillo Point in his honor, the area has been established as a national monument and park, and local residents each year hold a celebration and reenactment of Cabrillo's landing.

From San Diego, Cabrillo continued northward for further exploration of the **spectacular** California coastline. By November 1542, he had reached as far north as San Francisco Bay, although he missed the entrance of the bay due to a huge storm. Soon after, with the approach of winter, he **veered** south and headed back to Mexico. He made it as far south as the Channel Islands off the coast of what is today Santa Barbara. Cabrillo, who died on San Miguel Island in the Channel Islands, never made it back to Mexico.

1. The word "subjugation" is closest in meaning to

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. religion
- b. flag
- c. control ✓
- d. agreement

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2. The word "decades" is closest in meaning to

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. months
- b. centuries
- c. long epoch
- d. ten-year periods ✓



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3. The word "terrain" is closest in meaning to

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. land ✓
- b. population
- c. minerals
- d. prosperity

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4. The word "spectacular" is closest in meaning to which of the following?

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. Ruggedly handsome
- b. Visually exciting ✓
- c. Completely uneven
- d. Unendingly boring

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5. The word "veered" is closest in meaning to

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. arrived
- b. ran
- c. turned ✓
- d. cooled

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Checks and balances are an important concept in the formation of the U.S. system of government as presented in the Constitution of the United States. Under this conception of government, each branch of government has built-in checks and limitations placed on it by one or more different branches of government in order to ensure that any one branch is not able to usurp total dominance over the government. Under the Constitution, the United States has a tripartite government, with power divided equally among the branches: the presidency, the legislature, and the judiciary. Each branch is given some authority over the other two branches to balance the power among the three branches. An example of these checks and balances is seen in the steps needed to pass a law. Congress can pass a law with a simple majority, but the president can veto such a law. Congress can then counteract the veto with a two-thirds majority. However, even if Congress passes a law with a simple majority or overrides a presidential veto, the Supreme Court can still declare the law unconstitutional if it finds that the law is contradictory to the guidelines presented in the Constitution.

6. The expression "dominance over" is closest in meaning to

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. understanding of
- b. dispute over
- c. authority over ✓
- d. rejection of

Câu hỏi 7

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7. The word "tripartite" suggests that something is

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. divided into three ✓
- b. totally democratic
- c. powerfully constructed
- d. evenly matched

