

PART 2: SUPPLEMENTARY READING SKILL PRACTICE**READING SKILL: Find definitions from structural clues****1. SKILL INSTRUCTIONS****Sample passage:**

One of the leading schools of psychological thought in the twentieth century was behaviorism—the belief that the role of the psychologist is to study behavior, which is observable, rather than Line conscious or unconscious thought, which is not. Probably the best-known proponent of *behaviorism* is B.F. Skinner, who was famous for his research on how rewards and punishments influence behavior. He came to believe that *positive reinforcements* such as praise, food, or money were more effective in promoting good behavior than *negative reinforcement*, or punishment.

The questions:

1. In "behaviorism", a psychologist is concerned with

- (A) conscious thought patterns
- (B) unconscious thought patterns
- (C) observable actions**
- (D) unobservable actions

2. What is "positive reinforcement"?

- (A) A gift
- (B) A reward**
- (C) A bribe
- (D) A penalty

3. What is "negative reinforcement"?

- (A) A promotion
- (B) A reward
- (C) A surprise
- (D) A punishment**

- Notes:

To answer the first question, you should look at the part of the passage following the word behaviorism. The dash punctuation (—) indicates that a definition or further information about behaviorism is going to follow. In the information following the dash you should see that the behaviorist is interested in behavior, which is observable, so **the best answer to this question is answer (C).**

To answer the second question, you should look at the part of the passage following the expression positive reinforcements. The expression such as indicates that examples of positive reinforcement are going to follow. Your job is to look at the examples of positive reinforcement and draw a conclusion about what positive reinforcement might be. Since praise, food, or money might be given in return for a job well done, then positive reinforcement must be a reward. **The best answer to this question is therefore answer (B).**

To answer the third question, you should look at the part of the passage following the expression negative reinforcement. The word or following negative reinforcement tells you that the idea is going to be restated in different words. You can see in the passage that another word for negative reinforcement is punishment, so **answer (D) is the best answer to this question.**

Thông tin

2. SKILL TIPS

The following chart outlines the key information that you should remember about structural clues to help you understand unknown vocabulary words:

STRUCTURAL CLUES	
HOW TO IDENTIFY THE QUESTION	What is . . . ? What is the meaning of . . . ? What is true about...?
TYPES OF CLUES	Punctuation: comma, parentheses, dashes Restatement: or, that is, in other words. i.e. Examples: such as, for example, e.g.
WHERE TO FIND THE ANSWER	Information to help you determine what something means will generally be found after the punctuation clue, the restatement clue, or the example clue.
HOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION	1. Find the word in the passage. 2. Locate any structural clues. 3. Read the part of the passage after the structural clue carefully. 4. Eliminate any definitely wrong answers and choose the best answer from the remaining choices.

Câu hỏi 1

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PASSAGE ONE (Questions 1-4)

The teddy bear is a child's toy, a nice, soft stuffed animal suitable for cuddling. It is, however, a toy with an interesting history behind it.

Theodore Roosevelt, or Teddy as he was commonly called, was president of the United States from 1901 to 1909. He was an unusually active man with varied *pastimes*, one of which was hunting. One day the president was invited to take part in a bear hunt; and inasmuch as Teddy was president, his hosts wanted to ensure that he caught a bear. A bear was captured, clunked over the head to knock it out, and tied to a tree; however, Teddy, who really wanted to actually hunt, refused to shoot the bear and in fact demanded that the bear be *extricated* from the ropes; that is, he demanded that the bear be set free.

The incident attracted a lot of attention among journalists. First a *cartoon*—drawn by Clifford K. Berryman to make fun of this situation—appeared in the Washington Post, and the cartoon was widely distributed and reprinted throughout the country. Then toy manufacturers began producing a toy bear which they called a "teddy bear." The teddy bear became the most widely recognized symbol of Roosevelt's presidency.

1. According to line 1 of the passage, what is a "teddy bear"?

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. A ferocious animal
- b. The president of the United States
- c. A famous hunter
- d. A plaything ✓

Câu hỏi 2

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2. "pastimes" could best be replaced by

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. things that occurred in the past
- b. previous jobs
- c. hunting trips
- d. leisure activities ✓

Câu hỏi 3

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3. The word "extricated" is closest in meaning to which of the following?

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. Released ✓
- b. Tied up
- c. Hunted
- d. Shot

Câu hỏi 4

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4. A "cartoon" could best be described as

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. a newspaper
- b. a type of teddy bear
- c. a drawing with a message ✓
- d. a newspaper article

Câu hỏi 5

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A supernova occurs when all of the hydrogens in the core of a huge star is transformed into iron and explodes. All stars die after their nuclear fuel has been exhausted. Stars with little mass die gradually, but those with relatively large mass die in a sudden explosion, a supernova. The sudden flash of light can then be followed by several weeks of extremely bright light, perhaps as much light as twenty million stars.

Supernovae are not very common: they occur about once every hundred years in any galaxy, and in 1987 a supernova that could be seen by the naked eye occurred in the Magellan Cloud, a galaxy close to the Milky Way. Scientists periodically detect supernovae in other galaxies; however, no supernovae have occurred in the Milky Way (the galaxy that includes the Earth) since 1604. One very impressive supernova occurred in the Milky Way on July 4, 1054. There was a great explosion followed by three months of lighted skies, and historical chronicles of the time were full of accounts and unusual explanations for the misunderstood phenomenon—many people believed that it meant that the world was coming to an end.

5. A "supernova" is which of the following?

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. The iron component of a star
- b. The core of a star
- c. The hydrogen in a star
- d. The explosion of a star ✓

Câu hỏi **6**

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6. According to the passage, which of the following best describes the "Magellan Cloud"?

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. A galaxy inside the Milky Way
- b. A cloud composed of hydrogen
- c. A galaxy near the Earth's galaxy ✓
- d. A cloud in the sky above the Earth

Câu hỏi **7**

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7. The "Milky Way" is

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. part of the Earth
- b. a galaxy close to the Earth
- c. the galaxy that is home to the Earth ✓
- d. a creamy-colored cloud in the sky

Câu hỏi **8**

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8. Which of the following is closest in meaning to "phenomenon"?

Chọn một câu trả lời đúng:

- a. Everyday occurrence
- b. Misunderstood event
- c. Common belief
- d. Unusual occurrence ✓

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