Reading for Today 5: Topics, 5th Edition

Glossary

Chapter 1

acknowledge (v.) to recognizealarming (adj.) disturbing

associated

with

(phrase) linked with

body of

research

(phrase) number of studies on the same subject

cause (v.) make happen
caveat (n.) a caution
claim (v.) state

coddled(adj.) spoiledconclusion(n.) deductioncontrast(v.) differ

conventional

wisdom

(n.) a generally accepted belief

correlation (n.) interconnection

counterpart (n.) a person that is like another

denunciations (n.) criticisms

diminish (v.) lower

disparaging (adj.) very negative

empirical

findings

(n.) results based on experiment

engagement (n.) commitment
evidence (n.) data; facts
high strung (adj.) nervous

hover (v.) watch over closely

impressive (adj.) remarkable

incidents (n.) events

indignation (n.) displeasure

indulgence (n.) allow someone to do whatever he wants

intervening (v.) interferinginvolved (adj.) engaged with

judgement (n.) opinion, evaluation

latter (n.) the second in a series of two

nuisance (n.) annoying

peers (n.) equals
perceive (v.) to view
pervasive (adj.) extensive
plausible (adj.) reasonable

prove (v.) confirm as correctreport (v.) give an account of

scorn (v.) ridicule

support (v.) back up with information

torment (v.) bother track down (v.) locate

trivial (adj.) unimportant

young-adult (adj.) children between 13 and 19 years old

Chapter 2

acquaint (v.) familiarizeadvocate (v.) supportamazed (v.) astonished

anecdotally (adj.) based on reports from others

asset (n.) a benefit

baby boomers (n.) people born during the baby boom in the U.S. between 1946 and 1965.

capped (v.) to be filled
cognitive (adj.) intellectual
credit (v.) attribute
cultivate (v.) support

demographic (n.) specific group of people in a population

developing

community (v.) establishing friendly relationships among people

development(n.) advancementengaging(adj.) agreeable

eyes light up (phrase) become very happy

impact (n.) influence

improvement (n.) an enhancement

instilled (v.) inspired

intergenerational (adj.) including people of all ages

involvement (n.) participating in

it's not rocket

science

(phrase) something is easy to understand or do

meaningful (adj.) significant

mission (n.) goal normalcy (n.) routine

out of sight, out

of mind

(phrase) people don't think about something unless they actually see it

project (n.) a task or assignment

raucous (adj.) loud; wild

residents (n.) people who live somewhere

retire (v.) to give up work

revitalize (v.) to give new energy to someone

satisfied (v.) to make happy

social networks (n.) social web sites such as Instagram and Facebook

stress (v.) emphasize strive (v.) attempt

surroundings (n.) everything around a place or area

trek (n.) a long journey

trend (n.) movement or direction

Chapter 3

addictive (adj.) causing a dependence

apprehension (n.) anxiety

astonishing (adj.) surprising

device (n.) an instrument or appliance

ebook (n.) a book in digital form

effective (adj.) having the result that one wants

embrace (v.) adopt

engaging (adj.) appealingenhance (v.) improvefunction (n.) purpose

gimmick (n.) a trick or device used to sell something

goal (n.) aim

handheld

device (n.) a computing device small enough to hold in the hand

harness (v.) utilize

inappropriate (adj.) not suitable for the situation

inventive (adj.) able to make things or solve problems in a smart, clever way

launches (v.) startups

meltdown (n.) an emotional upset

mere (adj.) only

mixed feelings

(phrase) having two opposite feelings at the same time

nervous (adj.) anxious
outcome (n.) results
pacifying (adj.) calming
potential (adj.) capacity

predecessor (n.) something that came before something else

principal (adj.) primarypromote (v.) encouragereservations (n.) doubts

second

nature (adj.) born knowing how to do or use something

stretch (v.) expand

struck (adj.) impressed

tablet (n.) a small general-purpose computer contained in a touchscreen panel

vivid (adj.) realistic

Chapter 4

cause (n.) the source, origin child-centered (adj.) focused on a child

contemporaries (n.) peers

disaffected (adj.) dissatisfied and separate

disengagement (n.) withdrawal

documentary(n.) a film based on factsdrive(v.) to push to do something

enrich (adj.) enhanced

environmental (n.) surrounding things or conditions

exceptionality (adj.) uniqueness

expertise (n.) skill **flower** (v.) grow

frustrated (adj.) irritated

genius (n.) great intelligence or ability

inborn (adj.) genetic

intellect (n.) the abiity to think logically or remember knowledge

natural (adj.) born with a particular ability

not long after (phrase) a short time later

obsession (n.) and idea or habit that controlls the mind optimistic (adj.) the belief that the future will be good

parent (n.) the mother or father of someone

prestigious (adj.) highly respected

sentiment (n.) feeling slighted (adj.) ignored

stimulation (n.) encouragement

trademark (n.) a unique characteristic

Chapter 5

abide by (v.) go along with

(v.) to approve of, support accept

access (n.) permission to see

anguish (n.) grief (n.) debts arrears boisterous (adj.) noisy

born

(phrase) born before the due date prematurely

clan (n.) a group of related people

considered (v.) regarded cured (v.) healed

deformity (n.) malformation

delighted (adj.) thrilled denied

(v.) said it was impossible devastated (v.) become distressed

doubts (n.) misgivings, reservations

(v.) became known emerged

extrovert (n.) someone who is sociable

in doubt (phrase) unclear

incubator (n.) a type of medical equipment used to provide special care for sick or premature

babies

maintenance (n.) money paid to support a child

miraculously (adv.) amazingly nurturing (v.) caring for

occurrence (n.) an event, incident

reclaim (v.) recover ritual (n.) ceremony

spitting image

(phrase) looking exactly the same

startling (adj.) astonishing swapped (v.) switched

the truth

dawned (phrase) to realize the true story

transferred (v.) relocated true (adj.) biological

warning bells

sounded (phrase) someone realized something was wrong

while (conj.) although

Chapter 6

a ripe old age (phrase) living a long time

advanced (adj.) proposedarea (n.) environmentautonomy (n.) independence

coronary (adj.) related to the heart

demands (n.) claims others make on you

destruction(n.) devastationdetermine(v.) influenceenhance(v.) improveextension(n.) an increasefactor(n.) elementfallacy(n.) untruth

fixed (adj.) unchangeable

generate (v.) produce

having a say (phrase) having an opinion

hostility (n.) angerhypothesis (n.) theory

ingredients (n.) components instituted (v.) established

integrate (v.) to put different groups together

key (adj.) significant landmark (adj.) important

life

expectancy (n.) how long something is expected to live

link (n.) connection moderately (adj.) reasonably

mortality

rate (n.) death rate

profound (adj.) deep

reduce (v.) to make smaller in size

reversed (v.) changed back

separate (v.) to move something apart or away

sound (adj.) strong

ties (n.) relationships

Chapter 7

alarmed (adj.) unnervedcallous (adj.) unfeelingchallenge (n.) a difficult taskcompassion (n.) sympathy

controversial (adj.) something people argue about

convinced (v.) persuaded

diagnosed (v.) recognized through examination

essential (adj.) necessary

ethics (n.) issues of right and wrong excerpt (n.) a part of a longer reading

fatal (adj.) deadly

focus (n.) an object of attention

fractured (adj.) broken

generation (n.) a group of people approximately the same age

in any event (phrase) anywayintoxicating (adj.) thrillinginured (v.) accustomed

legalize (v.) to make lawful

lethal(adj.) deadlymaintained(v.) sustain

misuse (n.) use in a wrong way

morphine (n.) a powerful drug used to relieve severe pain

prominent (adj.) well-known and respected

reassured (n.) comforted

remark (v.) to make a comment about something

request (v.) to ask for something

retrospect (n.) looking back at a past situation

rounds (n.) doctors' regular hospital visits to their patients

seminar (n.) a university course

stoicism (n.) an attitude of not complaining even though one is in a bad situation

sustained (v.) suffered

Chapter 8

administer (v.) supervise

ban (v.) forbid, prohibitbenefit (v.) to profit from

black market (n.) an illegal business

clandestine (adj.) secret
compensation (n.) payment

desperate

straits (n.) a very difficult situation

desperation (n.) a very strong need

donors (n.) people whose organs are transplanted

exploitative (adj.) unfair

flat (adj.) unchanged foresee (v.) to predict

fraction (n.) a small portion

ill-gotten (adj.) obtained improperly or illicitly

lasting(adj.) continuingperformed(v.) completedpostmortem(adj.) after deathpotentially(adv.) possibly

poverty-

(adj.) poor

stricken

procurement (n.) acquisition

racket (n.) a business that takes advantage of people

recipients (n.) the people who need and get organs

regret (n.) things you wish you hadn't done

spare (adj.) extra

substantial (adj.) significanttempted (v.) motivated

trade (v.) to make a business transaction

trafficking (v.) illegally trading

underground (adj.) secretive

Chapter 9

affiliated (adj.) connected

ailments (n.) illnesses

amid (adj.) in the middle of

caters (v.) to satisfy someone's needs

chronic (adj.) continuous

cost (n.) the price of something

count (v.) to be of importance, to signify

culinary (adj.) related to cooking

go-to (n.) a person you can rely on

gourmet (adj.) expert on food or cooking

homemade (adj.) made at home from fresh ingredients

hypertension (n.) high blood pressure

increase (v.) to add to launched (v.) began

literature (n.) published medical research

luscious (adj.) delicious

obese (adj.) heavier than is healthy

offer (v.) to give, put forwardoverweight (adj.) heavier than normal

polls (n.) surveys

preponderance (n.) a greater amount, most of

prevention-

based

(adj.) keeping people healthy rather than treating them when they become ill

prospective

(adj.) future

reimbursable

(adj.) able to be refunded money

sea change

(n.) a transformation

serve

(n.) a move to a different way of thinking

supplement

(v.) enhance

would-be

(n.) potential

Chapter 10

adopt

(v.) to enact

altered

(v.) changed

attune

(v.) responsive to

budget

(n.) an account of your use

car pooling

(v.) having one or more passengers in your car when you go to work

clutter

(n.) a large collection of disorganized items

consume

(v.) use up

core

(n.) center

demand

(n.) requirement

depleted

(v.) reduced

devastating

(adj.) disastrous

donate

(v.) give to help others

drawing

(v.) using

imprint

(n.) effect

measures

(n.) actions

minimalist

(adj.) simple

offsetting

(n.) compensating for something negative

opt out

(v.) to choose not to do something

ozone layer

(n.) a part of the upper atmosphere that helps block dangerous radiation from the

sun

reliance

(n.) dependence

repurpose

(v.) find a new use for something instead of throwing it out

resistance

(n.) protection from

thrift store

(n.) a store that sells used products

unplug

(v.) disconnect

waste

(v.) use unnecessarily

Chapter 11

clone (n.) an exact copy of an animal

concrete (adj.) actual

consensus (n.) an agreement among a group of people

conservationist (n.) a person whose job is to protect plants, animals, and natural resources

cutting-edge (adj.) newest; innovative

derive (v.) to take from

diversity (n.) variety

divide (v.) to separate, break updrove down (v.) caused to reduce rapidly

endangered (adj.) may become extinct

ethicist (n.) someone who studies what is morally right and wrong

formidable (adj.) difficult to overcome

futile (adj.) useless

geneticist (n.) a scientist who studies the variation of inherited characteristics

hovered (v.) balancedhurdle (n.) a difficultyimplanted (v.) insertedinjected (v.) forced into

notion (n.) idea

nuclei (n.) parts of cellsofficially (adv.) formally

preserve (v.) store

radio collar (n.) a collar that allows scientists to know where an animal is

reality (n.) actuality release (v.) free

resolved (adj.) cleared up
reverse (v.) to turn back
surrogate (n.) a benefit
true (adj.) actual

vanished (v.) to go missing or extinct viable (adj.) capable of succeeding

vulnerable (adj.) unprotected

wildlife (n.) a scientist who studies plants and wild animals as well as their behavior and

biologist environments

Chapter 12

alien (adj.) from another planet

artificial (n.) a computer or other machine to perform actions that appear to require intelligent

intelligence thought

backdrop (n.) background

confidence (n.) strong belief in one's abilities

cosmos (n.) the universe dictates (v.) to require different (adj.) unlike

dominant (adj.) most common

(n.) any planet outside our solar system exoplanet

extreme (adj.) harsh

far-fetched (adj.) hard to believe

habitable (adj.) livable

hallmark (n.) a distinguishing characteristic

harbor (v.) conceal

inexplicable (adj.) cannot be explained

intelligent (adj.) able to learn, understand, and use information

launch (v.) send into space

microbes (n.) living organisms that are too small to be seen without a microscope

midst (n.) middle non-biological (adj.) not living

otherworldly (adj.) from another planet

oxygen-

(adj.) lacking oxygen starved

plausible (adj.) probable

present (adj.) at this time, now

(adj.) energetic proactive progress (n.) headway promise (n.) possibility scouring (v.) searching standpoint (n.) perspective stepping

stone

(n.) something that helps make progress

strive

(v.) attempt

symposium

(n.) conference

theologist

(n.) a person who studies religious beliefs

three-horse

race

(n.) three hypotheses

withstand

(v.) tolerate