

**e-future PYP Readers**

**LEVEL 6-12**

# The Letter



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**A Match the words to the correct definitions.**

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|-------------------|---|---|---|
| 1. blush          | • | • | a. to try hard to do something difficult                              |
| 2. struggle       | • | • | b. to become red in the face because you're embarrassed               |
| 3. pace           | • | • | c. difficult to deal with and slightly frightening                    |
| 4. brag           | • | • | d. the speed at which something or someone moves or does something    |
| 5. formidable     | • | • | e. to keep trying despite difficulties                                |
| 6. persevere      | • | • | f. success in doing something good                                    |
| 7. accomplishment | • | • | g. to talk with too much pride about what you've done or what you own |

**B Write the synonym for the given word. Change the form if needed.**

reflect      victorious      commissary      placidly      perspiration

- He wanted to reach the top first, \_\_\_\_\_ .  
winning
- After reading the letter, he paused and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
thought
- As the hike became steeper, \_\_\_\_\_ beaded on their skin.  
sweat
- It is so much easier to live \_\_\_\_\_ and complacently  
calmly
- You can go to breakfast at the \_\_\_\_\_ and hang out.  
cafeteria

**C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.**

after      as if      if      that      even though      even if

1. He wanted to be so far out in front \_\_\_\_\_ no one would be able to catch him.
2. "Can we walk \_\_\_\_\_ we want?" asked Maria.
3. "We'll explain the second event \_\_\_\_\_ you've done the first," said Rob.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ they were stronger now, they remembered how difficult the climb was.
5. "The last day," Maria said \_\_\_\_\_ it were a new thought.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I have to walk most of the way, I'm going to do it!

**D Match the phrases to their meanings. Then fill in the blanks with the phrases in the correct form.**

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| 1. Resting and relaxing would be a nice <b>change of pace</b> .    | • | • <b>a.</b> to start doing what needs to be done; to start working            |
| 2. He <b>poured his whole heart into</b> the letter.               | • | • <b>b.</b> to lie to yourself; to believe something only because you want to |
| 3. They <b>were just kidding themselves</b> that it wasn't a race. | • | • <b>c.</b> something different from what you're used to                      |
| 4. Time to <b>get down to business</b> .                           | • | • <b>d.</b> to share your deepest emotions                                    |
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5. I'm glad you like the poem. I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  6. Moving from a farm to the big city was quite a \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
  7. At club meetings, we usually chat for a few minutes before we \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. If you think that crazy plan will work, you \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Circle T for true or F for false.** (pp. 2-7)

1. It was the group's last day at Venture Quest. T / F
2. Marsden said he'd like an easy challenge. T / F
3. Helen Keller said, "Life is a daring adventure or it's nothing." T / F
4. There was only one activity planned for the day. T / F
5. Rob told the students to eat breakfast before going up the mountain. T / F
6. The challenge was a race to see who could reach the top first. T / F

**B Circle the right answer and write it in the blank.** (pp. 7-9)

1. The students \_\_\_\_\_ hiked up the mountain before.  
had / hadn't
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of the students accepted the challenge.  
Most / All
3. On the way up, the students discuss how important it is to  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
persevere / rest
4. When Jin Kyeong found Marsden, he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
happy and energetic / tired and thirsty
5. The first person to reach the top was probably \_\_\_\_\_.  
Marsden / Jin-Kyeong

### **C Match and complete the sentences.**

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|---------------------|---|---|
| 1. David            | • | • a. helped Marsden during the hike.        |
| 2. The students     | • | • b. was to climb Sun Mountain.             |
| 3. The instructors  | • | • c. brought up a quote to discuss.         |
| 4. The challenge    | • | • d. included an apology.                   |
| 5. Jin Kyeong       | • | • e. were allowed to choose their own pace. |
| 6. Marsden's letter | • | • f. said there would be two activities.    |

### **D Complete the summary with the correct words.**

water    difficult    activity    easy    ashamed    slower    race

On the morning of their last day at Venture Quest, the students wonder what their last challenge will be. Marsden says he hopes it's something 1. \_\_\_\_\_, which annoys Jin Kyeong. The instructors tell them they can either have breakfast or do the first 2. \_\_\_\_\_. They're supposed to go up the mountain at any speed they want. Though Alex says it's not a 3. \_\_\_\_\_, Marsden thinks it is. The kids fill their water bottles and go. Marsden runs, but the others go at a(n) 4. \_\_\_\_\_ pace and talk. After a while, the hike becomes more 5. \_\_\_\_\_. Jin Kyeong gets ahead of the group and finds Marsden sitting on the ground. He says he can't go on. She brings 6. \_\_\_\_\_ for him and the others, and he continues to the top. Months later, Marsden receives the letter he wrote to himself on the last day. It makes him feel 7. \_\_\_\_\_. He writes a long letter to the group saying he's sorry.