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**300 Million Visitors!**

Objective: Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text.

1. What does “mercis” mean in French?
   A. Goodbyes
   B. Towers
   C. Thank yous *
   D. Structures

2. For what event did workers build the Eiffel Tower?
   A. Olympics
   B. World Fair *
   C. Election
   D. World Cup

Discussion: Would you like to visit the Eiffel Tower someday? Why or why not?

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**Fly Anywhere in Under an Hour!**

Objective: Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details.

1. What have SpaceX’s rockets still not been able to do yet?
   A. Carry cargo
   B. Launch satellites
   C. Become reusable
   D. Replace planes *

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   A. 570 mph
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Discussion: Do you think Musk will be able to follow through with his plan? Why or why not?

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**Vocabulary:**
- monument: special, protected area
- replicas: copies

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Vocabulary:
- International: involving two or more countries
- Congress: meeting
- satellites: objects that fly around another object in space
- cargo: supplies
5 Stories for the Week Ahead

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   A. Habitat Day and Trump Visit
   B. Trump Visit and MLB playoffs *
   C. Teachers’ Day and Nintendo Championships
   D. MLB playoffs and Habitat Day

2. Read the Fact. How many times has there been a Nintendo Championship before this year?
   A. 0 times
   b. 1 time
   C. 2 times *
   D. 3 times

Discussion: Which event do you think is most important? Why?

Vocabulary:
Habitat: place to live
territory: area of land under the control of a certain government

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   A. Burke hit a home run.
   B. Baker hit a home run.*
   C. The Dodgers won the game.
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2. Read the Fact. Which other sport could the high-five have come from?
   A. Soccer
   B. Football
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   D. Swimming

Discussion: What are some other hand gestures you can think of? How are they used?

Vocabulary:
arching: bending
extended: stretched out

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