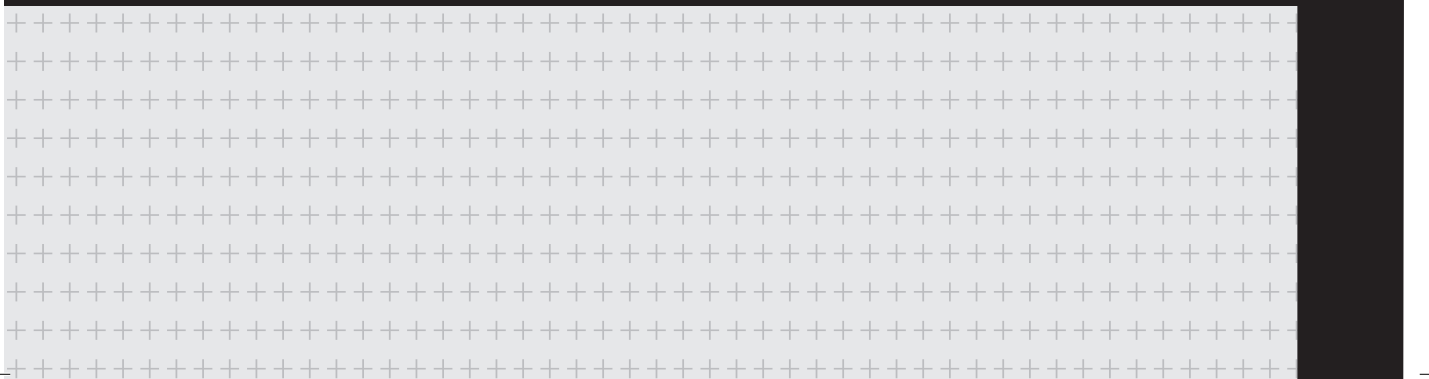




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## (Present) It is (It's)

- We often use 'it is' to talk about the present and the subject is 'it'.
- 'It's' is the shortened form of 'it is'.

### Example

It is raining outside today.

It is a boring day.

It is going to be a long day.

It's my bicycle.

It's small, but strong.

### + Write the shortened form.

1. It is a country where food is delicious. → ..... a country where food is delicious.
2. It is so hot today. → ..... so hot today.
3. It is too late to cancel it. → ..... too late to cancel it.
4. It is true that he is honest. → ..... true that he is honest.
5. It is spring weather today, isn't it? → ..... spring weather today, isn't it?
6. It is as good as it looks. → ..... as good as it looks.
7. It is white as snow. → ..... white as snow.

### + Make sentences with these words.

1. (it's / I / okay / hope) .....
2. (to / a good day / It's / go outside) .....
3. (likely / It's / to rain) .....
4. (expensive but / It's / and tasty / rare) .....
5. (very / It's / heavy) .....
6. (only / It's / 11 a.m.) .....
7. (for you / to believe it / It's / natural) .....
8. (I / guess that / a flower / it is) .....

### Exercise

Choose three sentences from the answer and say them in 3 seconds to your teacher without your book.

## Unit [01] The Journey through the Mississippi

# UNIT 01

The Mississippi River is the second-longest river in the United States, holding one-fifth of the country's water. It takes three months for the water to travel from the river's source to the sea.

Initially, the river passes through many locks and dams to prevent boats from hitting the river bottom. Boats are commonly used on this part of the river because ★it is the safest way. They carry crops like wheat and corn downstream, reaching destinations worldwide. A large, muddy river joins from the west, mixing with the clear waters of the Mississippi, making it wide and brown. **Another** river adds to it from the west, making it even deeper and wider.

Despite frequent floods, the Mississippi enriches the soil. **Moreover, in the lower part of the river, there is a dock where big cities and boats gather.** **It is** important for delivering iron, steel, and wood. Some of these goods move back up the river, while others head farther south.

Some of the water may eventually return to the lake as rain, flowing into the upper part of the river and continuing its journey to the sea in a cycle that repeats again and again.

## Vocabulary

▪ <b>reach</b> [v]	to arrive at a place, especially after spending a long time or a lot of effort traveling We finally <b>reached</b> Mexico after a long trip.
▪ <b>through</b> [prep]	from one end or side of something to the other Walking <b>through</b> the tunnel, we saw the light at last.
▪ <b>frequent</b> [adj]	happening often or repeated often The little bird made <b>frequent</b> visits to the backyard, enjoying the tasty seeds left out by the children.
▪ <b>clear</b> [adj]	to become or make something pure or easy to see through I want to drink <b>clear</b> water, not dirty water.
▪ <b>join</b> [v]	to connect or fasten things together How do these two pieces <b>join</b> ?
▪ <b>deep</b> [adj]	going or being a long way down from the top or surface, or being of a particular distance from the top to the bottom He was swimming in the <b>deep</b> water.
▪ <b>enrich</b> [v]	to provide with more of any valuable or desirable thing or quality Reading books can <b>enrich</b> your vocabulary and knowledge about different topics.
▪ <b>deliver</b> [v]	to take goods, letters, or packages to people's houses or places of work He was <b>delivering</b> some gifts to me.
▪ <b>return</b> [v]	to come or go back to a previous place When are you going to <b>return</b> to your hometown?
▪ <b>journey</b> [n]	the act of traveling from one place to another, especially in a vehicle I went on a <b>journey</b> with my mom and dad.

## Reading Comprehension

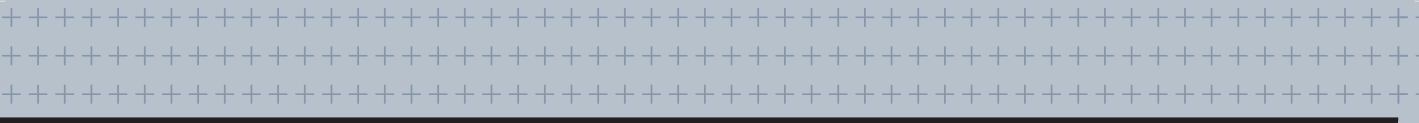
[1~3] Choose the right word for the blank below.

The river flows through locks and dams. A boat is often used to 1. \_\_\_\_\_ down the river and it is the safest way. The Mississippi grows 2. \_\_\_\_\_ and brown. The 3. \_\_\_\_\_ part of the river has a dock where boats gather.

1. a. travel  
b. trap  
c. triple  
d. thrive
  
2. a. narrow  
b. wipe  
c. low  
d. wide
  
3. a. higher  
b. lower  
c. dam  
d. hike
  
4. What is the passage mainly about?  
a. Learn about the Mississippi river.  
b. Be careful in the river.  
c. We need a boat for the river.  
d. The Mississippi river is deep.

[5~7] Write T if statements are true or F if statements are false according to the passage.

5. A boat is the safest way to travel down the river. .....
  
6. Muddy rivers are all over the world. .....
  
7. The Mississippi floods often and ruins houses. .....
  
8. The sentence 'Moreover, in the lower part of the river, there is a dock where big cities and boats gather.' in the passage is closest in meaning to
  - a. Big boats are all over the world.
  - b. No cities are at the river.
  - c. Big cities and boats are at the lower part of the river.
  - d. Boats are all over the city.
  
9. The word **another** in the passage is closest in meaning to
  - a. sail
  - b. other
  - c. same
  - d. shame
  
10. All of the following are false EXCEPT:
  - a. When the Mississippi floods, it makes good land.
  - b. The river is useless.
  - c. The river never joins other ones.
  - d. The river doesn't flow, it stays.



- 11.** All of the following are true EXCEPT:
- a. The river flows through many dams at first.
  - b. Boats are safe to travel the river with.
  - c. A dirty river from the west cannot be combined with the Mississippi.
  - d. As the river joins with others, it grows deeper and wider.

- 12.** What does ★it in paragraph 2 refer to?
- a. a boat
  - b. an airplane
  - c. a car
  - d. a horse

- 13.** What can be inferred from the passage?
- a. When the river stops, it helps people around.
  - b. When another river joins, it grows deep and even wider.
  - c. The river moves only upwards constantly.
  - d. When it floods, people should go to a higher place.

**14.** According to the passage, what does a boat carry on the river?

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**15.** According to the passage, what is the advantage of floods?

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# CHECK LIST ✓

Date: . . .



## Video Lecture

- Have you watched the video lecture at least 2 times before the class?
- Have you watched the video lecture after the class?



## Vocabulary

- Did you study the vocabulary listed next to the reading passage?
- Did you review what you got wrong on this unit's test?



## Grammar

- Have you understood the points of this unit's Grammar Exercise?
- Have you answered the questions on the Grammar Exercise?
- Please review what you got wrong. Did you understand why you got wrong?



## Reading Comprehension

- Have you read the stories carefully?
- Have you answered all the questions on this unit's reading comprehension?
- Did you figure out all of the exact reasons (or supporting details) for each question's answers?
- Please review what you got wrong. Did you understand why you got wrong?

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