

ANSWERS: Week 3

English (Grade 10&11)

Passage:

1. (a) Wilkie / a colleague / friend had a camera (which he would like) to sell.
(b) to buy Wilkie's / his colleague's / friend's camera / the camera (to take photographs of a sunset)
(c) alluringly
2. (a) TAKEN ABACK: surprised / shocked / disconcerted / astonished / caught unawares / startled / amazed / astounded / dumbfounded / nonplussed.
STRANGENESS: oddness / unexpectedness / oddity / peculiarity / bizarreness / weirdness / unusualness
(b) not to buy a camera // not spend / waste (a lot of) money on a camera
3. (a) embarrassment / awkwardness / shame
(b) (i) he tells him the camera / it is an excellent one
(ii) he tells the 'boys' / his friends about the (low) offer
(iii) he tells him the camera originally cost \$200 / was expensive AND it is / was in perfect condition
(c) Against his better judgement
4. (a) INCOMPREHENSIBLE: impossible to understand / difficult to understand // unintelligible
BAFFLING: confusing / puzzling / mystifying / perplexing / bewildering
(b) he cut out (a) photograph(s) / picture(s) / image(s) and put / plastered them on the (sitting room) wall // he cut out (a) photograph(s) / picture(s) / image(s) and decorated his (sitting-room) wall (with them) instead of using the book to learn how to take photographs / instead of using the book to learn about photography // instead of using the photographs as models / examples (for his own photographs) // the book was meant to teach / instruct / inspire / help people / him to take photographs / to learn about photography
5. (i) she says that nobody is perfect (at photography) right away
(ii) she says it was the spoiled photographs / the fault of the people who developed them.

6. (i) A group of curious neighbors had gathered to watch them.

(ii) Mr Lutchman was losing his temper and was shouting at them.

7. (a) his confidence went away slowly // he gradually became less confident

(b) Mr Lutchman under the bed / Lutchman's head was under a blanket

8. (i) casually (L2)

off-handedly / in passing / nonchalantly / without making a fuss / without making a big deal / by the way

(ii) delicately (L17)

carefully / attentively / gently / cautiously / sensitively / lightly

(iii) tackle (L23)

attempt / take on / try out / try his hand / undertake / go for / embark on / try his luck at / venture // have a go / a shot / a crack / a stab at / face / deal with / work at / work on / address / handle

(iv) mounting (L25)

increasing / growing / escalating / progressive / building (up) / heightening / rising

(v) confining (L33)

restricting / limiting / constraining / keeping (to) / restraining / sticking to / dealing with one thing

(vi) curious (L34)

nosy / inquisitive / wondering / intrigued / wanting to know / wanting to find out

(vii) disconsolately (L41)

unhappily / in a depressed way / miserable / dejectedly / sadly / discontentedly / despondently / gloomily / despairingly / disheartened / dispirited / downcast / melancholically / ruefully / with a heavy heart / wretchedly / forlornly / morosely / dismally / glumly / fed up / hopelessly

(viii) mass (L46)

heap / bundle / lump / bulk / hunk / mound