

# The Statue of Liberty



## WARM-UP

### Think about the topic.

The Statue of Liberty in New York is one of the most famous symbols of America. However, not many people know the story of how it got there.

When you think of America, what other symbols do you think of?

- symbol** something that represents an idea or feeling
- design** to plan how something will be made and how it will look
- engineer** a person who is trained to make complex designs 
- reduce** to make something smaller
- base** the bottom part; a foundation 



## NOTE-TAKING

Listen to the news, and complete the notes. 

### A Big Gift

#### ✓ Statue of Liberty:

- ( 1 \_\_\_\_\_ ) from France
- The torch—a symbol of ( 2 \_\_\_\_\_ )

#### ✓ Construction:

- French sculptor—to make skin out of thin copper ( 3 \_\_\_\_\_ )
- Gustave Eiffel designed the frame
- Statue reduced to 350 pieces and shipped to America
- Americans built the ( 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ) on an island
- Forty-six meters high

#### ✓ Today:

- Many visitors can climb ( 5 \_\_\_\_\_ ) up to her crown

freedom  
base  
stairs  
gift  
sheets

## COMPREHENSION

Answer these questions.

- Why did France give the statue to the United States?
  - To remember the war between France and America
  - To remember the friendship between France and America
  - To remember Gustave Eiffel
- What needed to be built in the United States?
  - A base
  - An ice cream cone
  - A torch
- How did the statue get to the United States?
  - It was put together in France and sent on a ship.
  - It was reduced to forty-six pieces.
  - It came in many parts in many boxes.

## FOCUS ON SOUNDS

Listen to the sentences twice, and fill in the blanks. 

1. An engineer \_\_\_\_\_ the metal \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It was reduced to 350 pieces and \_\_\_\_\_ to America.
3. The statue \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean to welcome ships.



### Long a sound (as in the words take, way, and lake)

The long a sound is made in the back of your throat. Gently touch the tip of your tongue to the back of your bottom teeth. Slightly drop your chin to open your mouth. Hum to vibrate your vocal chords. The back of your tongue will touch the roof of your mouth.



## SUMMARY

Complete the summary.

symbol / shipped / designed / friendship / liberty

The Statue of Liberty is one of the most famous sights in America. The statue was a gift from France to remember the 1 \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries. France had helped America win its war for freedom against Britain. The word 2 \_\_\_\_\_ means freedom. The statue was built using thin copper sheets over a metal frame. Gustave Eiffel 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the frame. The statue was reduced to 350 pieces and 4 \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States. She was put back together on an island in New York Harbor. She is a 5 \_\_\_\_\_ of freedom for many people around the world.

## BROAD View




### DIALOG A Symbol of Strength

Choose the best answer. 

1. What does the boy want?
  - a. He wants the girl's brother to be on his soccer team.
  - b. He wants the girl to help find a name for his team.
  - c. He wants the girl to make a uniform for his team.
2. Why doesn't the boy like the name "the Tigers" for his team?
  - a. He doesn't think that tigers are strong or powerful.
  - b. Another team already has that name.
  - c. He doesn't want to use any animal names.
3. According to the boy, what does lightning represent?
  - a. Danger and power
  - b. Speed and intelligence
  - c. Power and speed

## EXPANDED READING

Read the passage below, and talk about the following questions. 

The current record holder for the biggest statue is the Spring Temple Buddha in China. It was finished in 2002 and measures 128 meters high. Many of the largest statues are inspired by important religious leaders. Figures of Buddha and Jesus are very common. However, there are many different themes. In Mongolia, there is a forty meter statue of a man riding a horse. He is Genghis Khan, an important leader in Mongolian history. In Singapore, there is a thirty-seven meter statue of an imaginary creature. It is called the "merlion," which has the body of a fish and the head of a lion. It is the mascot of Singapore.



1. What materials are statues usually made of?
2. Do you have any animal statues or mascots in your country?

# The Iditarod Race



## WARM-UP

### Think about the topic.


Every winter, there is a famous contest called the Iditarod in Alaska. It's a dogsled race, and it is one of the most difficult sporting events in the world.

What winter sports do you enjoy doing?

- athlete** someone who is good at sports 
- compete** to try to get something that others are also trying to get
- musher** the person who drives sled dogs 
- supplies** things needed to live, such as food, toiletries, and equipment
- deliver** to bring an item to a certain place



## NOTE-TAKING

Listen to the news, and complete the notes. 

### Go Huskies!

- ✓ **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race:**
  - In Alaska, every winter
  - Teams of dogs pull a sled with food, a ( 1 \_\_\_\_\_ ), and other supplies
  - Race over 1,800 km long
- ✓ **Alaska dogsled history:**
  - Winter ice and snow kept planes and ( 2 \_\_\_\_\_ ) from bringing supplies
  - Only dogsleds could deliver food, mail, and ( 3 \_\_\_\_\_ )
- ✓ **Racing details:**
  - Very cold temperatures, -30 °C
  - Special ( 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ) protect the dogs' feet
  - Teams race for six hours, then ( 5 \_\_\_\_\_ ) for six hours
  - Dogs need a lot of food to keep running

medicine  
boots  
tent  
rest  
ships

## COMPREHENSION

Answer these questions.

- Up to how many dogs are usually on a team?
  - Twelve
  - Twenty-four
  - One hundred
- The Iditarod race is held to remember a special event in 1925. What was that event?
  - A musher from Nome ate over twenty hamburgers.
  - The first athletes arrived in Nome.
  - Dogsled teams delivered medicine to sick children.
- How do the dogs stay warm?
  - They wear special jackets.
  - Their thick fur keeps them warm.
  - They sleep inside the tent with the musher.

## FOCUS ON SOUNDS

Listen to the sentences twice, and fill in the blanks. 

- \_\_\_\_\_ from all over the world come to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The amazing \_\_\_\_\_ that will cross the finish line are dogs!
- The sled \_\_\_\_\_ food, a tent, and other supplies.



### Long e sound (as in *bleak, feet, and sea*)

The long e sound is made in the back of your throat. The position of the tongue is almost the same as that for the long a sound. However, the mouth does not open as wide, so the tongue fills more of the mouth. The middle to the back of the tongue will touch the roof of the mouth. To make the long e sound, pull back the corners of your mouth toward your ears, and hum. You will feel the muscles around the corners of your mouth tighten.



## SUMMARY

Complete the summary.

delivered / supplies / fur / longest / remember / protect

The Iditarod is a dogsled race in Alaska. It is the 1 \_\_\_\_\_ dogsled race in the world. It is over 1,800 kilometers long and lasts for many days. The race is held to 2 \_\_\_\_\_ a special event in Alaskan history. In 1925, during a bad winter, dogsled teams 3 \_\_\_\_\_ medicine to sick children. During the Iditarod, dogs wear special boots to 4 \_\_\_\_\_ their feet. Their thick 5 \_\_\_\_\_ keeps them warm at night. The sled carries a tent, food, and other 6 \_\_\_\_\_. Teams race for six hours and then rest for six more.

## BROAD View



### DIALOG Animal Show

Choose the best answer. 

- What place is the woman talking about?
  - A festival
  - A zoo
  - A circus
- Why does the woman enjoy watching kids ride pigs?
  - She thinks the pigs are having fun.
  - She thinks that the activity looks very cute.
  - She thinks that pigs are safer than horses.
- How does the man feel about animals?
  - People should not use animals in any way.
  - People should not use animals just for fun.
  - Pigs are only good for riding, not eating.

### EXPANDED READING

Read the passage below, and talk about the following questions.



**A**nimal racing is common throughout the world. Camel racing is quite popular in India, Egypt, and the Middle East. In the past, young children were used as the riders. However, some countries have made that illegal. In Qatar, there are no human riders at all. People control the camels using a special robot on the camels' backs. In South Africa, ostrich racing has been part of the culture for centuries. But riding an ostrich is not as easy as it looks. The big birds don't like to run in a straight line. Even though people enjoy animal sports, many feel that using animals for entertainment is cruel.



- Can you think of other animals that are used for racing?
- Do you think using animals for entertainment is cruel?