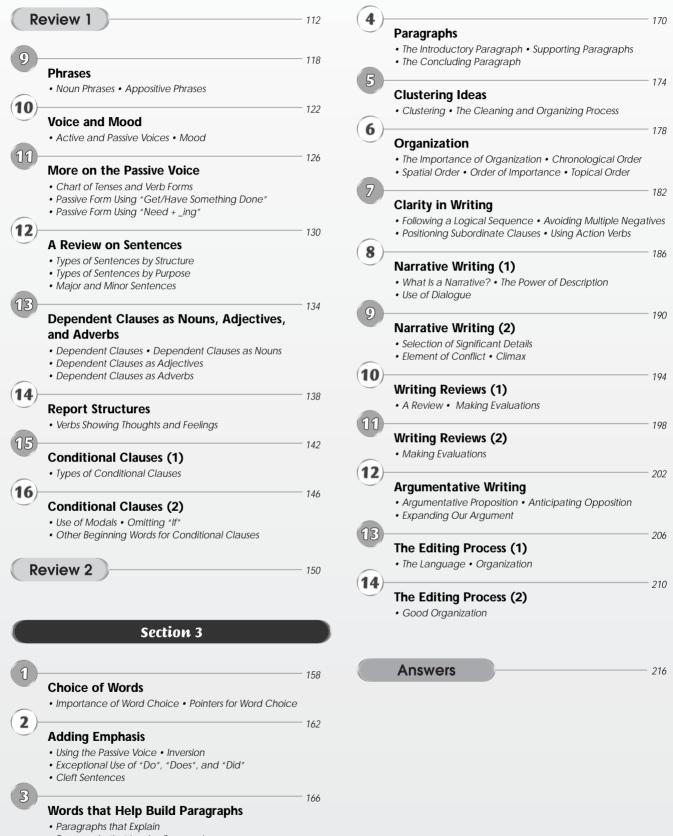
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- Paragraphs that Involve Sequencing
- Paragraphs that Compare and Contrast

The Story of **"Room to Read**

John Wood was a busy business executive who spent most of his time working hard for Microsoft as Regional Director for the

Asia-Pacific region. In 1998, John decided he needed a vacation, and chose the mountains of Nepal for some hiking and solitude. Along the way, he met a man whose job was to inspect the schools in the area. His job title was "Education Resource Officer", and he invited John to visit a school. John was saddened to discover that the school had few educational resources. In fact, the few books the school had – including old travel guides and a romance novel left behind by foreign travellers – were kept locked away like treasured items! When John left the village, the school principal had a simple request: "Perhaps, Sir, someday you will come back with books." John said he would.

When he got to a computer café, John e-mailed friends around the world, asking them to send old children's books to his parents' home in Colorado, U.S.A. John thought maybe he would get around 200 books. A few weeks later, John received an urgent e-mail from Colorado – there were at least 3000 books filling up the family garage and they were quickly running out of room! John was thrilled, but he also knew he had a few problems that needed to be solved. For one thing, he needed to get those books to the school in Nepal! John kept his promise. A year later, he and his father Woody returned to the school with a yak, loaded down with huge sacks of books.

John had a more personal problem he needed to solve. For a while, he had felt there was something missing. He was a successful businessman, but he felt a compelling urge to do

something different. His experience in Nepal made him realize that he had to quit his job and make helping the world's poor children his life's mission. So this is what he did. Some people didn't think he was making the

right decision and tried to get him to change his mind. But he remembered something his dad, Woody, told him when he was in junior high school. Woody had asked his son if he'd be joining the school football team. John began to cry because he didn't want to play – yet he didn't want to disappoint his dad either. Then Woody said, "Don't do anything to please us. Do what you think is the right thing to do and get used to answering only to yourself."

He set up a charity called Room to Read in 2000. Today, Room to Read has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of children by building schools and libraries, and funding girls' scholarships in Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Sri Lanka, and Laos. They will soon be starting programs in South Africa and Latin America. John wants to help 10 million children. His story so far tells us that he – and all the people who have shared his dream – will succeed.

A. In your own words, write the main idea of each paragraph of *The Story of "Room to Read".*

Paragraph One	
Paragraph Two	
Paragraph Three	
Paragraph Four	
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Would you have quit your job as what John Wood had done if you were a businessman as successful as he? Why or why not?

B. Complete the crossword puzzle with derivatives of the clue words.

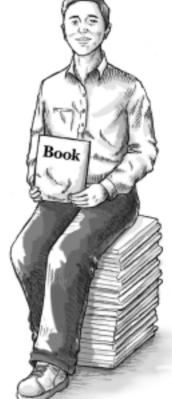
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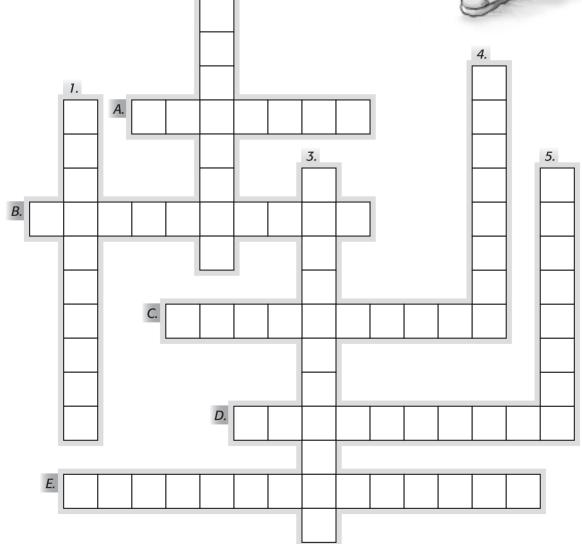
Across

- A. educational
- B. mission
- C. simple
- D. charity
- E. disappoint

Down

- 1. invite
- 2. solve
- 3. problems
- 4. solitude
- 5. guides





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C. Imagine you are John Wood. Write an e-mail to your friends about your plan of helping underprivileged children around the world.

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