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**La leçon se déroule en anglais. Elle est suivie d'un entretien en français.**

**SUBJECT:**

"Activities and accomplishments contain the same verbs, namely 'process' verbs, which I have defined elsewhere (Mittwoch (1980)) as verbs that can be modified, literally and nonelliptically, by the adverbs *quickly* and *slowly*. The distinction between them depends on the presence or absence of an object NP (or directional phrase, in the case of verbs of motion) and its features if present. A process verb without an object or with an object NP that lacks a quantifier, i.e. that consists of a 'bare' plural or mass noun, enters into an activity; a process verb with a quantified object NP enters into an accomplishment."

Anita MITTWOCH, "On the Difference between Eating and Eating Something: Activities Versus Accomplishments", *Linguistic Inquiry*, vol. 13, n° 1, p. 114.

Discuss.

Candidates will use relevant excerpts from the following corpus to address the above topic.

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### Excerpt 1

"Still, between putting together a new album, starring in *The Fisherman's Wife*, and speaking to Congress about water pollution, it's amazing that you found the time to write a book. Look at this thing! It's huge. Like, three hundred pages, easily! You wrote all this?"

R. S. Benedict, "All of Me", *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, Vol. 136, Iss. 3-4, 2019, COCA

### Excerpt 2

On the bus home, he ate an ice cream and looked out the window, and thought of his woman at the arcade and of what she might be doing at just that moment, and his heart hurt. He lived alone in the tallest house in the neighborhood. The downstairs neighbors were a young couple with a big, fat baby and a pet sow. The husband made a living collecting bribes for a local councilman.

Ottessa Moshfegh, "Disgust", *The Paris Review*, Iss. 202, 2015, COCA

### Excerpt 3

I had got a job in the college cafeteria. I pushed a cart around collecting dirty dishes and wiping the tables clean.

Alice Munro, "Wenlock Edge", *The New Yorker*, 2005, COCA

### Excerpt 4

Have you ever tried to cook one of those jack-o'-lanterns? You could bake it for hours and you'd never get the smooth, dense puree you need for recipes or soups. That's simply not what they're bred for.

C. W. Cameron, "Positively Pumpkin", *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, 2011, COCA

### Excerpt 5

The millimeter to centimeter dimensions of the kamacite crystals in the meteorites indicate the crystals grew while the metal was slowly cooling – on the order of one degree per million years.

David A. Kring, "Blast from the Past", *Astronomy*, Vol. 34, Iss. 8, 2006, COCA

### Excerpt 6

Germanene can, therefore, be an insulator, a semiconductor or a metallic conductor, depending on the heat treatment with which it is processed. It remains stable after being cooled to room temperature.

"First Transport Measurements Reveal Intriguing Properties of Germanene", *Phys.Org*, 2019, COCA

### Excerpt 7

One day, for fun, she constructed a hut out of stones and branches. She threw branches on top, forming a sort of ceiling. She stepped back and liked what she saw. Then she crawled in. It was pleasing, surprisingly so, inside. She could see bits of sky between the branches. And it was warm, out of the wind. She read a book for a long time before finally returning to town the way she came, by bicycle.

Elizabeth Urschel, "The Hut", *The Literary Review*, Vol. 62, Iss. 1, 2019, COCA

### Excerpt 8

Olga sat down, removed her violin from the case, and tuned it quietly. "Hello, I am Olga," she said to Arielle. "It is nice to meet you."

Arielle did not respond, her jaw clenched tightly. She raised her violin, and as we practiced the overture from the *Nutcracker Suite*, she ground her bow violently into the strings, and several strands of hair on the bow broke, waving angrily off the end.

Karin Lin-Greenberg, "Lost or Damaged", *Boulevard*, Iss. 98-99, 2018, COCA

### Excerpt 9

She said she read voraciously. As teenagers, she and her sister, Katie, would buy a book and read it together on a bed, which meant that each had to learn to speed-read or the other would turn the page too quickly. She smiled and mentioned that her longtime lover, Hugh Grant, was "a very slow reader. I bully him like mad, which must be infuriating, because he went to Oxford and I never went to college. He's been reading *The Odyssey*. He's been reading it for a very long time," she added.

George Plimpton, "Between the Lions", *Esquire*, Vol. 128, Iss. 1, 1997, COCA

### Excerpt 10

Adding sewer lines to existing subdivisions can require tearing up streets and driveways, relocating utilities, disrupting yards, cutting trees and other costs not paid by developers of new homes.

D. L. Bennett, "Aging Septic Tanks a Pungent Problem", *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, 1998, COCA

### Excerpt 11

She'd polished the old pine table to a dull sheen, and the available light streaming in from the dining room window glinted off the worn boards.

Mary Kay Andrews, *Ladies' Night*, 2013, COCA

### Excerpt 12

Eventually she cleared a spot about the size of a coffin lid. Marble gleamed faintly in the shadows, the stone catching the sunlight from my doorway. I watched sidelong as Danae polished the exposed stone for a while.

Jay Lake, *Endurance*, 2011, COCA

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### Excerpt 13

The Empire was a warm haven where Frankie could watch his favourite films or close his eyes and sleep without fear.

Domini Highsmith, *Frankie*, 1990, BNC

### Excerpt 14

The engineers watched films of their tests and saw that ice was building up on the lines carrying super-cooled liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

Burton Dicht, "The most hazardous and dangerous and greatest adventure on which man has ever embarked", *Mechanical Engineering*, Vol. 131, Iss. 7, 2009, COCA

### Excerpt 15

Gibford said his instructors have talked about the need for officers to be guardians in the community and not some occupying force. He likened it to the soldiers he saw in Afghanistan who helped build schools and deliver care packages to kids.

Craig Schneider & Christian Boone, "Police in Public Eye: Guardians or Warriors?", *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, 2015, COCA

### Excerpt 16

The sail slowly emerged from the water. I got it about a foot high, when another gust of wind hit, sending me and the sail back into the ice-cold water.

Kate Dyer-Seeley, *Silenced in the Surf*, 2017, COCA

### Excerpt 17

Two barges carrying a total of about 3,800 pounds (1,700 kilograms) of fertilizer broke loose Thursday and floated down the swollen Arkansas River in Oklahoma, spreading alarm downstream as they hit a dam and sank.

"Tornado Hits Missouri Capital as Deadly Storms Sweep State", *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, 2019, COCA

### Excerpt 18

"I used to have respect for a guy that played 100 games in the NHL, but he hit a defenseless player four or five times," Vellucci said. "I just watched the video. He hit him four or five times when he was on the ice. There's a code in hockey, and he should know it and everybody knows it."

"After feisty finish, Wolves and Checkers set for Game 3 of Calder Cup", *Chicago Sun-Times*, 2019, COCA

### Excerpt 19

In the hour he had been gone, she'd vacuumed the well-worn carpet on the porch, swept the kitchen, heated up water on the tiny gas stove to wash the few dishes they had used last night.

Shannon Bowring, "Onawa", *The Maine Review*, Vol. 3, Iss. 2, 2019, COCA

### Excerpt 20

Hampton made some futile attempts to bring order to the jumble of furniture, toys and mementos on the wet floor. She pushed the couch to the wall, slipped the window unit into its slot.

"Hurricane Recovery: A Status Report", *Houston Chronicle*, 2008, COCA

### Excerpt 21

"I trained to run a marathon with him. He had already run three and I had never even done a 5K, so training was a huge challenge. But there was nothing like pushing our bodies to the limit side by side."

Beth Sobol, "50 Fun Ways to Get Closer", *Cosmopolitan*, Vol. 240, Iss. 1, 2006, COCA

### Excerpt 22

A new National Endowment for the Arts survey tracks how much we dance, read poetry, go to museums and make art.

*PBS NewsHour*, 2013, COCA

### Excerpt 23

'You watch too many old films,' said Constance. 'I like war films,' said Camille. 'English ones with jolly brave chaps. American ones aren't any fun.' 'War is horrible,' said Scarlet.

Alice T. Ellis, *Pillars of Gold*, 1993, BNC

### Excerpt 24

History turns the page, and just as the Seventies really begin in 1969, so the Eighties really start in 1979. [...] We watch the films of the 1970s almost non-stop on TV. And they're especially evocative, not just because they're detailed period pieces (just look at those sideburns) but because they so often recall the circumstances in which we first watched them.

Charles Jennings, *Now We Are Thirty-Something*, 1991, BNC