



Worksheet 6. Reading: *Youth Is Our Hope*

Read this excerpt from a speech at a graduation ceremony. Answer the questions that follow, according to the passage.

Youth is Our Hope

"Our answer is the world's **hope**; it is to **rely** on **youth**. ...This world demands the qualities of youth: not a time of life but a **state of mind** ... a quality of imagination, a **predominance** of **courage** over **timidity**, of the **appetite** for adventure over the life of **ease**. As I have said, in Latin America and Asia and in Europe and in my own country, the United States, it is the young people who must take the lead." *

Choose the correct completion.

1. When a person has *hope*, that person believes that a good result is (possible / impossible).
2. Your *state of mind* is (how you think / how your health is).
3. *Rely* means (lie down / depend).
4. *Youth* refers to (old / young) people.
5. A *predominance* means that something is (smaller and weaker / larger and stronger) than another thing.
6. If you have *courage*, you are (not afraid / afraid).
7. If you are timid, if you show *timidity*, you are (not afraid / afraid).
8. If you have an *appetite* for something, you (want / hate) it very much.
9. People who like (*adventure* / *ease*) like exciting, new things.
10. *Ease* is the opposite of (difficulty / west).
11. The speaker of these words (respects / disrespects) young people.



*These words are from a graduation speech by Robert F. Kennedy at the University of Capetown, South Africa on June 6, 1966.