

## Exercise 1 Answer Key

We identified 129 facts in the passage. The exact number may vary depending on how you break up certain phrases. See footnotes for details.

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The smell<sup>1</sup> feels illicit<sup>2</sup> even though it's not<sup>3</sup>: a pleasant blend of pine, cedar, and skunk.<sup>4</sup> It hangs in the air<sup>5</sup> of a refurbished brick warehouse<sup>6</sup> in downtown Spokane<sup>7</sup>, permeating each<sup>8</sup> drafty room.<sup>9</sup> One of the only residents<sup>10</sup> on this early January evening<sup>11</sup> is ODO Oil,<sup>12</sup> a company that processes cannabis oil,<sup>13</sup> but there are big dreams of a sprawling cannabis business district<sup>14</sup> with recreational shops<sup>15</sup> and kitchens baking pot-infused treats.<sup>16</sup> Upstairs,<sup>17</sup> 60<sup>18</sup> rundown<sup>19</sup> hotel rooms<sup>20</sup> may eventually be converted to pot-friendly condos.<sup>21</sup> For now, the main floor<sup>22</sup> is

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<sup>1</sup> "Smell": Confirm with sources present that there was a smell.

<sup>2</sup> "feels illicit": Confirm that cannabis, and by extension the smell that indicates its presence, is illegal in most cases in the U.S., where this story takes place.

<sup>3</sup> "even though it's not": Confirm cannabis is legal in Washington State.

<sup>4</sup> "a pleasant blend of pine, cedar, and skunk": While this is subjective, a fact-checker could still ask sources present whether the description is apt.

<sup>5</sup> "It hangs in the air": Confirm with sources present that the building smelled consistently like cannabis.

<sup>6</sup> "refurbished brick warehouse": Confirm description of building.

<sup>7</sup> "in downtown Spokane": Confirm the building's location.

<sup>8</sup> "permeating each": Confirm with sources present that the smell occurred throughout the building.

<sup>9</sup> "drafty room": Confirm with sources present that the rooms felt drafty.

<sup>10</sup> "One of the only residents": Confirm the number of business residents in the building, and that ODO Oil is one of them.

<sup>11</sup> "on this early January evening": Confirm date and time with sources present.

<sup>12</sup> "ODO Oil": Confirm name and spelling.

<sup>13</sup> "a company that processes cannabis oil": Confirm company's products.

<sup>14</sup> "but there are big dreams of a sprawling cannabis business district": Confirm plans of business district with developers/owners.

<sup>15</sup> "recreational shops": Confirm as part of proposed business district.

<sup>16</sup> "kitchens baking pot-infused treats": Confirm as part of the proposed business district.

<sup>17</sup> "Upstairs": Confirm the hotel rooms are located upstairs.

<sup>18</sup> "60": Confirm number of hotel rooms.

<sup>19</sup> "rundown": While this is subjective, confirm that it is fair to describe the rooms' appearance this way.

<sup>20</sup> "hotel rooms": Confirm the rooms are, indeed, hotel rooms.

<sup>21</sup> "may eventually be converted to pot-friendly condos": Confirm as part of the business district plan.

<sup>22</sup> "main floor": Confirm sources were on the building's main floor in the described scene.

mostly empty,<sup>23</sup> save for a few<sup>24</sup> televisions<sup>25</sup> in the storefront windows<sup>26</sup> broadcasting a CNN rerun about cannabis<sup>27</sup> onto the snowy,<sup>28</sup> empty streets<sup>29</sup> outside.<sup>30</sup>

I'm visiting ODO<sup>31</sup> with Alan Schreiber,<sup>32</sup> a scientist<sup>33</sup> who plans to do business here.<sup>34</sup> The company's lab director,<sup>35</sup> Steve Lee,<sup>36</sup> is telling us<sup>37</sup> about the history of the building,<sup>38</sup> but Schreiber promptly interrupts.<sup>39</sup> "I want to see my product. I just want to talk about what's going on," he says.<sup>40</sup>

"Absolutely," Lee says.<sup>41</sup> He guides us<sup>42</sup> downstairs<sup>43</sup> to the main processing room.<sup>44</sup> It's loud<sup>45</sup> and hot<sup>46</sup> and filled<sup>47</sup> with \$1-million-worth<sup>48</sup> of extraction machines,<sup>49</sup> which wrest<sup>50</sup> the oil<sup>51</sup> from<sup>52</sup> dried,<sup>53</sup> ground<sup>54</sup> cannabis plants.<sup>55</sup> The extraction<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> "mostly empty": Confirm with sources present that this is an apt description.

<sup>24</sup> "few": Confirm the number of televisions.

<sup>25</sup> "televisions": Confirm the presence of televisions.

<sup>26</sup> "in the storefront windows": Confirm the location of televisions.

<sup>27</sup> "broadcasting a CNN rerun about cannabis": Confirm the topic and date of the programming aired during the tour.

<sup>28</sup> "snowy": Confirm there was snow on the ground.

<sup>29</sup> "empty streets": Confirm no one was visible on the streets from inside.

<sup>30</sup> "broadcasting ... outside": Confirm television screens were visible from the street.

<sup>31</sup> "I'm visiting ODO with Alan Schreiber": Confirm Schreiber's presence at the Spokane cannabis center and that the author accompanied him.

<sup>32</sup> "Alan Schreiber": Confirm name and spelling.

<sup>33</sup> "a scientist": Confirm job description.

<sup>34</sup> "who plans to do business here": Confirm that Schreiber is planning to do business at the Spokane cannabis center.

<sup>35</sup> "The company's lab director": Confirm title.

<sup>36</sup> "Steve Lee": Confirm name and spelling.

<sup>37</sup> "is telling us": Confirm that Lee told the group this story.

<sup>38</sup> "about the history of the building": Confirm content of Lee's story.

<sup>39</sup> "but Schreiber promptly interrupts": Confirm Schreiber interrupted.

<sup>40</sup> "'I want to see my product. I just want to talk about what's going on,' he says": Confirm quote and attribution.

<sup>41</sup> "'Absolutely,' Lee says": Confirm quote and attribution.

<sup>42</sup> "He guides us": Confirm Lee led the group to a new spot in the building.

<sup>43</sup> "downstairs": Confirm ODO's processing room is downstairs in the building.

<sup>44</sup> "to the main processing room": Confirm the room description.

<sup>45</sup> "It's loud": Confirm noise level.

<sup>46</sup> "hot": Confirm temperature.

<sup>47</sup> "filled": Confirm the equipment indeed fills the room.

<sup>48</sup> "\$1-million-worth": Confirm cost of equipment.

<sup>49</sup> "extraction machines": Confirm machine type and function.

<sup>50</sup> "wrest": Confirm description of what machine does.

<sup>51</sup> "the oil": Confirm material that the machine extracts.

<sup>52</sup> "from": Confirm direction of extraction.

concentrates<sup>57</sup> the compounds<sup>58</sup> that give pot its oomph<sup>59</sup> — dozens<sup>60</sup> of chemicals<sup>61</sup> called cannabinoids,<sup>62</sup> which include<sup>63</sup> tetrahydrocannabinol,<sup>64</sup> or THC,<sup>65</sup> the main<sup>66</sup> psychoactive<sup>67</sup> ingredient.<sup>68</sup> A guy<sup>69</sup> in Tyvek<sup>70</sup> coveralls<sup>71</sup> and protective<sup>72</sup> gloves<sup>73</sup> pulls<sup>74</sup> a lever<sup>75</sup> to spritz<sup>76</sup> a first-run<sup>77</sup> of raw oil<sup>78</sup> into a clear<sup>79</sup> plastic<sup>80</sup> cup.<sup>81</sup> If we're being charitable, the oil looks like melting caramel gelato;<sup>82</sup> if not, it'd easily be mistaken for the contents of a baby's diaper.<sup>83</sup>

We make our way<sup>84</sup> to a secondary processing room,<sup>85</sup> quieter<sup>86</sup> and cooler,<sup>87</sup> where the oil<sup>88</sup> is filtered<sup>89</sup> and spun<sup>90</sup> until<sup>91</sup> it has the deep<sup>92</sup> viscous<sup>93</sup> clarity<sup>94</sup> of

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53 “dried”: Confirm description of material.

54 “ground”: Confirm description of material.

55 “cannabis plants”: Confirm the material the machines are extracting from.

56 “extraction”: Confirm action.

57 “concentrates”: Confirm action.

58 “compounds”: Confirm the extracted materials can be called “compounds.”

59 “give pot its oomph”: Confirm these particular compounds are the active ingredients in cannabis and that “oomph” is an appropriate way to describe them.

60 “dozens”: Confirm number of compounds.

61 “chemicals”: Confirm synonym for “compounds” in this context.

62 “called cannabinoids”: Confirm name and spelling.

63 “include”: Confirm the following specific compounds/chemicals are examples of the previously-stated “dozens.”

64 “tetrahydrocannabinol”: Confirm name and spelling.

65 “THC”: Confirm nickname and spelling.

66 “main”: Confirm there are no other psychoactive compounds that could be considered more prominent.

67 “psychoactive”: Confirm THC is psychoactive.

68 “ingredient”: Confirm as synonym for compound/chemical.

69 “guy”: Confirm gender.

70 “Tyvek”: Confirm attire material.

71 “coveralls”: Confirm attire style.

72 “protective”: Confirm gloves were indeed intended for protection.

73 “gloves”: Confirm the person wore gloves.

74 “pulls”: Confirm direction of action.

75 “lever”: Confirm description of item the person pulled.

76 “spritz”: Confirm that the material came out in a spritz/spray and not in some other fashion (for example, a trickle or gush).

77 “first-run”: Confirm this was the first processing stage.

78 “raw oil”: Confirm the oil should be called “raw” at this processing stage.

79 “clear”: Confirm color.

80 “plastic”: Confirm material.

81 “cup”: Confirm container type.

82 “the oil looks like melting caramel gelato”: Confirm description of raw oil.

83 “easily be mistaken for the contents of a baby's diaper”: Confirm description.

84 “We make our way”: Confirm the same group moved through the building.

85 “to a secondary processing room”: Confirm this was the next stop on the tour.

buckwheat honey.<sup>95</sup> Lee holds<sup>96</sup> up<sup>97</sup> a Mason jar<sup>98</sup> of the stuff,<sup>99</sup> estimated at \$18,000 wholesale.<sup>100</sup> He explains<sup>101</sup> that in order to land on store shelves<sup>102</sup> as inhalable cartridges,<sup>103</sup> or as an ingredient in cookies,<sup>104</sup> candy<sup>105</sup> or other edible goods,<sup>106</sup> the oil must go through<sup>107</sup> state-mandated<sup>108</sup> safety<sup>109</sup> and quality tests<sup>110</sup> from a third-party lab<sup>111</sup> to assure that it's free of contaminants<sup>112</sup> such as

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<sup>86</sup> “quieter”: Confirm noise level in relation to previous room.

<sup>87</sup> “cooler”: Confirm temperature in relation to previous room.

<sup>88</sup> “oil”: Confirm material processed in second room.

<sup>89</sup> “filtered”: Confirm this action takes place in the secondary processing room.

<sup>90</sup> “spun”: Confirm this action takes place in the room, after the filtration.

<sup>91</sup> “until”: Confirm the duration of the filtering and spinning.

<sup>92</sup> “deep”: Confirm the depth/darkness of the oil's color.

<sup>93</sup> “viscous”: Confirm the oil's consistency.

<sup>94</sup> “clarity”: Confirm how transparent/opaque the oil appears.

<sup>95</sup> “buckwheat honey”: Confirm the filtered/spun oil resembles buckwheat honey in color, consistency and clarity.

<sup>96</sup> “Lee holds”: Confirm Lee was the one who held the oil.

<sup>97</sup> “up”: Confirm the direction/placement at which he held the oil.

<sup>98</sup> “Mason jar”: Confirm the container type.

<sup>99</sup> “the stuff”: Confirm the Mason jar indeed contained the filtered/spun oil.

<sup>100</sup> “estimated at \$18,000 wholesale”: Confirm value of oil in Mason jar.

<sup>101</sup> “He explains”: Confirm it was Lee who gave the following context.

<sup>102</sup> “in order to land on store shelves”: Confirm Lee was talking about the oil as a commercial product.

<sup>103</sup> “inhalable cartridges”: Confirm example of a commercial product that could include the cannabis oil from ODO.

<sup>104</sup> “ingredient in cookies”: Confirm example of a commercial product that could include the cannabis oil from ODO.

<sup>105</sup> “candy”: Confirm example of a commercial product that could include the cannabis oil from ODO.

<sup>106</sup> “or other edible goods”: Confirm example of a commercial product that could include the cannabis oil from ODO.

<sup>107</sup> “the oil must go through”: Confirm it is the oil, and not the whole product, that must go through the testing.

<sup>108</sup> “state-mandated”: Confirm the testing is required by state law specifically.

<sup>109</sup> “safety”: Confirm the category of state-mandated testing.

<sup>110</sup> “quality tests”: Confirm the category of state-mandated testing.

<sup>111</sup> “from a third-party lab”: Confirm who/what does the state-mandated testing.

<sup>112</sup> “assure that it's free of contaminants”: Confirm the purpose of the testing.

bacteria,<sup>113</sup> mold<sup>114</sup> and remaining solvents.<sup>115</sup> The labs<sup>116</sup> also determine the potency.<sup>117</sup>

Schreiber,<sup>118</sup> a former<sup>119</sup> academic<sup>120</sup> entomologist<sup>121</sup> and pesticide toxicologist<sup>122</sup> who is now essentially a hired gun in agricultural pest control,<sup>123</sup> then turns to me.<sup>124</sup> “I’m going to make a statement, and he’s going to agree with it or not agree with it, or maybe counter it,” he says, nodding<sup>125</sup> at Lee.<sup>126</sup> “He doesn’t have to test that for pesticide residues.”<sup>127</sup>

Lee agrees.<sup>128</sup> “Currently in Washington State there is no mandate that we have to test for pesticides,” he says.<sup>129</sup>

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<sup>113</sup> “bacteria”: Confirm example of targeted contaminant in the testing.

<sup>114</sup> “mold”: Confirm example of targeted contaminant in the testing.

<sup>115</sup> “remaining solvents”: Confirm example of targeted contaminant in the testing.

<sup>116</sup> “The labs”: Confirm the same third-party labs do the additional testing.

<sup>117</sup> “also determine the potency”: Confirm description of additional testing.

<sup>118</sup> “Schreiber”: Confirm Schreiber is the person speaking.

<sup>119</sup> “former”: Confirm Schreiber’s academic appointment status.

<sup>120</sup> “academic”: Confirm Schreiber was indeed ever an academic .

<sup>121</sup> “entomologist”: Confirm job description.

<sup>122</sup> “pesticide toxicologist”: Confirm job description.

<sup>123</sup> “now essentially a hired gun in agricultural pest control”: Confirm job description.

<sup>124</sup> “then turns to me”: Confirm who Schreiber was speaking to.

<sup>125</sup> “nodding””: Confirm gesture Schreiber made.

<sup>126</sup> “at Lee”: Confirm who Schreiber was indicating.

<sup>127</sup> “I’m going to make a statement, and he’s going to agree with it or not agree with it, or maybe counter it...He doesn’t have to test that for pesticide residues”: Confirm quotes and attribution.

<sup>128</sup> “Lee agrees”: Confirm that Lee agreed with Schreiber’s statement.

<sup>129</sup> “Currently in Washington State there is no mandate that we have to test for pesticides,” he says”: Confirm quote and attribution.