CLASS ACTIVITY 1

Read or listen about Randall and mark the correct option. Share ideas with the class.



My name's Randall Davis, and I'm originally from the state of Indiana in the United States. When I was 19 years old, I moved to Venezuela in South America, and later returned to the United States, where I attended Brigham Young University in the 1980s. I majored in Spanish education and TESOL, or teaching English as a second language. After graduating from college, my wife and I moved to Japan where we lived for eight years. Now, I work back in the States in Utah.



However, my greatest interests are my family. Years ago, I wanted to **make something of myself** in my profession . . . you know . . . **get ahead** in life. However, I **realized** that the most important things in life lived within the walls of my own home, and today, I try to put them first. My kids wouldn't remember me for the work I did outside of the home; they would only **recall** the moments we spent together.



Therefore, I enjoy spending time with my family. I have four children, and we go hiking and camping together, usually in Utah. On our hikes, we often talk about life, and I tell stories or share personal experiences. When I do this, I can **focus on** the kids without the **distractions** of video games or the Internet. Telling stories sounds easy, but when you have to think of a new story on a hot, 12-kilometer hike through the desert, you have to come up with ideas **off the top of your head**.



Now, this doesn't mean we don't have problems; all families **face** challenges in their lives, and our family is no **exception**. However, we try to talk openly about our problems, and we try to solve our problems together. Building a strong family takes time, but it is worth the effort.

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1 Where did Randall grow up?

A. in Utah
B. in Venezuela
C. in Indiana

2 What was his undergraduate major?

A. Japanese
B. English
C. Spanish

3 How many children does he have?

A. two
B. four
C. three

4 Randall _____ when he goes on hikes with his children.

A. points out the wildlife
B. teaches them survival skills
C. tells them stories

5 Randall suggests that parents _____.

A. help children solve problems
B. enroll their children early into schools
C. be consistent in their discipline

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