READING COMPREHENSION: THE FORTUNE TELLER

(*WILL* FOR PREDICTIONS AND PROMISES;

asking for / giving suggestions and advice with *should, imperatives, have to;*

introducing basic job - seeking related vocabulary and phrases)

Melanie is consulting a fortune teller. Read the dialogue and then answer the questions

Fortune teller: What would you like to know, my dear?

Melanie: Well, yesterday I received a job offer, should I accept it?

Fortune teller: Hmm, let me see… I can see you're not working at the moment

Melanie: Exactly, I'm looking for a job

Fortune teller: I can see that you're a very creative girl

Melanie: Well, yes I am, I like writing and painting.. but this position is in an export company… it doesn't sound very creative..

Fortune teller: And in fact I can see it's not the right job for you. You should not accept it.

Melanie: But I need to work! I'm 29 years old and I'm still living with my parents!

Fortune teller: I know, but you have to be patient. Next month **you will receive** a better offer

Melanie: Really?

Fortune teller: Yes, I can see it very clearly. **You'll receive** a phone call from an important advertising agency. **They will contact** you for a job interview. They have your cv and find it very interesting.

Melanie: And how **will** this interview **go**? **Will I get** the job?

Fortune teller : Yes**, you will**

Melanie: Wow! Actually, I'd like to be a copywriter.. When exactly **will they call**?

Fortune teller: Well, all I can say is **they will call** very soon, probably next month. This interview **will be** the biggest chance of your life. Keep your mobile phone on!

Melanie: And, **will I be** happy?

Fortune teller: Hmm, let's see…Well, **that will depend**.. **You will meet** a very charming young man in that agency

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Melanie: Wow! Really? Who?

Fortune teller: A client. **He will find** you very attractive, **he'll pay** you compliments and **ask** you **out**, but be careful, because I can see he isn't single. Wait…Now I can see him at home, with his wife and.. one.. no, two children.

Melanie: Oh…Can you tell me something more about him? What's his name?

Fortune teller: No, dear, I'm afraid you're asking too much, I don't know his name, but I can see he's got a wonderful house, oh look, there's even a swimming pool!

Melanie: Really? So he's attractive and rich…What about his wife, can you see her?

Fortune teller: Yes, she's pretty and slim, with beautiful long hair

Melanie: Let me have a look…but… where is she? I can't see anything!

Fortune teller: Of course you can't, my crystal ball is not a tv screen! Now, listen to me very carefully: if you want to have a good career and be happy, work hard and stay away from married men, or **you will not be** lucky**! You will lose** your job, do you understand?

Melanie: All right, all right. **I won't listen** to that man, **I won't go** to dinner with him, **I'll be absolutely** professional. I promise. Thank you, madam, here are your ten pounds

Fortune teller: Sorry, dear, **that will be** *twenty* pounds

Melanie: What?! 20 pounds? Five minutes ago you said (that) the price was 5 pounds!

Fortune teller: Of course, dear, that was *before* looking into my crystal ball, when you were just an unemployed girl to me, but now I know that, if you follow my suggestions, **you will** soon **be** successful and rich, so *now* the price for you is twenty pounds!

A)TRUE *OR* FALSE?

1. Melanie decides to see a fortune teller because	**2. Why should Melanie keep her cell phone on?**
A) She desperately wants to work in an export company and she's worried about a job interview	A) Because she will soon receive a very interesting job offer
B) She isn't working now and needs advice about a new job offer	B) Because the fortune teller wants to call her next month and give her more details
C) She's single and she would like to find a charming boyfriend	C) Because if she doesn't answer the phone, she won't meet a fascinating man

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3. Melanie would like to find a job as a copywriter because…	4. If she wants to be happy and successful, Melanie has to
A) …she wants to meet interesting men on the job	A) Accept the first job offer and leave her parents' home
B) …she'd like a good salary and copywriters get a lot of money	B) Give a lot of money to the fortune teller and go to dinner with charming people
C) …she'd like to express herself in a creative profession	C) Wait for a better job opportunity and stay away from married clients

FOCUS ON GRAMMAR: WILL

Positive	**SUBJECT**	**WILL**		**VERB**	**....**
	YOU'	LL		RECEIVE	a job offer
	THEY	WILL		CALL	you very soon
	HE	WILL		FIND	you attractive
	I	WILL		BE	absolutely professional
Negative	**SUBJECT**	**WILL NOT/ WON'T**		**VERB**	**....**
	YOU	WILL NOT		BE	lucky
	I	WON'T		LISTEN	to that man
Question	**(QUESTION WORD)**	**WILL**	**SUBJECT**	**VERB**	**....**
	WHEN	WILL	THEY	CALL?	
		WILL	I	BE	happy?
		WILL	I	GET	the job?
	HOW	WILL	THIS INTERVIEW	GO?	

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B) Answer the following questions about the dialogue :

1 Is Melanie consulting a psychologist?

2 When did she receive the job offer?

3 Was it a job offer from a bank?

4 Should she accept it? Why?

5 When will she receive another job offer?

6 Will they contact her via e-mail?

7 Should she accept this second offer?

8 Who will she meet at the advertising agency?

9 Does the fortune teller know his name?

10 Can she see his house?

11 Can she see his wife? Is she ugly?

12 What will happen if Melanie doesn't stay away from married clients?

13 Will Melanie go to dinner with the charming man?

14 Will she be successful as a copywriter?

15 Five minutes ago, the fortune telling cost 5 pounds, but now it costs 20. Why?

C) JOBS AND JOB INTERVIEWS. Fill the gaps with the missing words, help yourself with the box on next page if necessary

He's having a job _____ at the moment, they're asking _____ a lot of _____. They're asking _____his education (= studies), skills (= competences and _____) and work experience. The interview is going _____

MISSING WORDS: well - abilities - about - questions - interview - him

My sister was _____ for a job interview _____ week. It _____ one hour. It _____ very well _____ she didn't accept the _____ because the _____ was awful

MISSING WORDS: called - last - lasted - salary - but - went - offer

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Peter's not _____ at _____ moment, he's looking _____ a _____. He regularly checks the internet for job _____ and _____ CVs

MISSING WORDS: the - working - sends - job - for - opportunities

I applied _____ a job last week. I was very _____ in that position, so I sent my ____ and cover letter . They contacted ___ on Monday and I _____ a job interview ___ Friday. Unfortunately it _____ badly and I didn't _____ the job

MISSING WORDS: for - get - had - interested - went - cv - me - on

JOBS AND JOB INTERVIEWS - USEFUL EXPRESSIONS:

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TO RECEIVE, TO ACCEPT, TO REFUSE	A JOB OFFER
TO WRITE / TO READ TO SEND / TO RECEIVE	A CV, A COVER LETTER
TO NEED, TO LOOK FOR / TO BE LOOKING FOR TO APPLY FOR TO GET, TO FIND, TO LOSE, TO ACCEPT, TO REFUSE	A JOB
TO HAVE, TO CALL SOMEONE, TO BE CALLED FOR	A JOB INTERVIEW
THE JOB INTERVIEW	WENT WELL / WENT BADLY

JOBS AND JOB INTERVIEWS - USEFUL VOCABULARY

JOB, JOB OFFER, JOB INTERVIEW, JOB OPPORTUNITY, POSITION, SALARY, EDUCATION, SKILLS, COMPETENCE, EXPERIENCE, WORK EXPERIENCE, CAREER, CV, COVER LETTER, PROFESSIONAL, UNEMPLOYED

do you know the word **"RESUME"** ? It's a synonym of ____

D) REWRITE THE FOLLOWING WORDS BESIDE THEIR EQUIVALENTS IN THE BOX

POSITION UNEMPLOYED RESUME SKILLS EDUCATION SALARY

ABILITIES		**CV**	
STUDIES		**JOBLESS**	
JOB		**STUDIES**	

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