Reading test

TEXT 1 Read the text about Charlie Chaplin's early life and answer the *true/ false questions*

He was believed to have been born on April 16, 1889. There is some doubt whether April 16 is actually his birthday, and it is possible he was not born in 1889. There is also uncertainty about his birthplace: London or Fontainebleau, France. There is no doubt, however, as to his parentage: he was born to Charles Chaplin, Sr. and Hannah Harriette Hill (aka Lily Harley on stage), both Music Hall entertainers. His parents separated soon after his birth, leaving him in the care of his increasingly unstable mother.

In 1896, Chaplin's mother was unable to find work; Charlie and his older half-brother Sydney Chaplin had to be left in the workhouse at Lambeth, moving after several weeks to Hanwell School for Orphans and Destitute Children. His father died an alcoholic when Charlie was 12, and his mother suffered a mental breakdown, and was eventually admitted temporarily to the Cane Hill Asylum at Coulsdon (near Croydon). She died in 1928 in the United States, two years after coming to the States to live with Chaplin, by then a commercial success.

Charlie first took to the stage when, aged five, he performed in Music Hall in 1894, standing in for his mother. As a child, he was confined to a bed for weeks due to a serious illness, and, at night, his mother would sit at the window and act out what was going on outside. In 1900, aged 11, his brother helped get him the role of a comic cat in the pantomime Cinderella at the London Hippodrome. In 1903 he appeared in 'Jim, A Romance of Cockayne', followed by his first regular job, as the newspaper boy Billy in Sherlock Holmes, a part he played into 1906. This was followed by Casey's 'Court Circus' variety show, and, the following year, he became a clown in Fred Karno's 'Fun Factory' slapstick comedy company.

According to immigration records, he arrived in the United States with the Karno troupe on October 2, 1912. In the Karno Company was Arthur Stanley Jefferson, who would later become known as Stan Laurel. Chaplin and Laurel shared a room in a boarding house. Stan Laurel returned to England but Chaplin remained in the United States. Chaplin's act was seen by film producer Mack Sennett, who hired him for his studio, the Keystone Film Company.

1. Chaplin might have been born some years earlier than is currently believed. _____
2. Chaplin's mother died before her son was successful._____
3. Chaplin first performed on the stage after he arrived in the United States._____
4. His first serious job was delivering newspapers._____
5. His first partner on the stage was the actor, Stan Laurel._____
6. He was discovered while working for a British organisation in the United States._____

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TEXT 2

Read the text below. Match choices (A-H) to (7-11) There are three choices you do not need to use.

7 _____London's premier International Airport, one of the busiest international airports in the world, with flights from London to every major city on each of the six continents is Heathrow Airport. It is considered to be the international gateway into the United Kingdom. It's got five terminals (four passenger ones and a cargo one) and two parallel runways. In 2015, it handled a record 75 million passengers. It's used by more than 90 airlines.

8 _____ London's second airport - Gatwick Airport - is also very busy with a very wide range of global destinations both with scheduled and chartered airlines. It's located in West Sussex. Gatwick appears to be the busiest single-way airport in the world. It is the base for low-cost carriers like Monarch, EasyJet, Norwegian Air Shuttle and Flybe. The airport has two terminals and its own railway station.

9 _____ London City Airport is situated in London's Docklands, and is the closest to Cenral London. This fact limits the size of the airport. It has a single runway, which is very short. As a result, no large aircrafts are permitted to use the airport, which initially prevented all long-haul flights. However, this airport has a business focus on major European cities and mostly suggests weekday flight schedules. It is the only airport serving London which does not operate at night.

10 _____ Luton Airport is the headquarters of the low-cost carrier EasyJet and is a focus airport for other no-frills airlines. It provides a wide range of low-cost and charter flights to a wide range of European destinations and beyond.

11 _____ Stansted Airport is one of the primary operational bases for Europe's largest low-cost carrier, Ryanair. The destinations of the airport are largely in Europe, however, in the past it used to serve destinations further afield, like Kuala Lumpur. It is the home of Harrods Aviation, giving an opportunity for VIP aircraft to land there, such as Air Force One carrying the President of the United States, Barack Obama, in 2009.

Which airport ...

A... has seen a head of state's arrival?

B... allows landing or taking off for more than one plane at the same time?

C... is the busiest airport in the world with five terminals?

D... has set a record of being by almost a hundred airlines?

E... has flights only in daytime?

F... is the main site of low-budget airlines in London?

G... suggests using trains to its passengers?

H... offers flights to Kuala Lumpur?

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Text 3 Read the text below. For questions (1-5) choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1	**What has changed about the website?** **A** Its content and navigation **B** The password and the registration. **C** The number of pages	Welcome to our website! As you may see it's just been freshened and now the navigation is easier and the information is more accessible. A number of pages are still in progress, but keep on visiting the site as they are becoming available. You don't need to register again unless you have troubles with your previous password. Hope you'll enjoy the new layout and we'll be glad to receive your comments.
2	**Which information about the event is missing?** **A** The purpose of the event. **B** The place where it's going to take place. **C** The date of the event	You are invited! To An Open House & Ribbon Cutting for the new law practice of Mary Crawfton, S.J.D. at "**Waddell and Reed"**
3	**What is the author of the text trying to prevent?** **A** A road accident. **B** A trauma caused by speed running C Saving someone's life	Save lives. Stop red-light running. By the simple act of stopping at red, you can make a difference. The life you may save is one that someone loves
4	**What is stated in the text?** **A** A printed issue comes out every Wednesday. B There has been a giveaway arranged by "Weekend". C Julia should bring a credit card with her.	**Congratulations!** To Julia Douglas and her family! The winners of the prize drawing announced for all "Weekend" readers last Wednesday. The prize can be taken on Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 5p.m. Be so kind to bring your ID card with you in order to prove your identity.
5	**What can the cat do?** **A** Simulate being thirsty. **B** Get extra food. **C** Lose its chance.	**Franky!** I've already fed the cat, so don't be cheated by him. He'll never lose a chance to get extra food. P.S. I'm not greedy. That's the vet who doesn't allow

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