

Task 1

1. Read the article about a children's magazine. Six sentences are missing from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap.

Be Happy! for kids

Magazines are a part of most people's lives. (1) As adults, we often choose magazines to suit our own interests: cookery, gardening, cards, health and so on. And what would we do without magazines to look at in waiting rooms or read on trains? Reading is important, and if we don't have time to read novels, then magazines can be a good alternative. There is one age group, however, that has not had a great variety of magazines to choose from. (2) Jenny and David Myers believe that many children's magazines have things wrong with them. (3) They also say that there aren't any magazines that are suitable for both boys and girls. Most of them are either about monsters and cars (boys) or princesses and clothes (girls). So, Jenny and David decided to start their own children's magazine, Be Happy!, which has now become extremely successful. Be Happy! is produced by the Myers from their own home in New York. There are craft projects, recipes and stories, as well as lots of interesting information about different things. (4) The magazines are fun and educational, and both parents and children love them. Be Happy! has become so popular that there are plans to produce the magazine every week instead of every month. (5) Jenny is practical and works in a bank, but David works as a designer. Until now the magazine has been a hobby for both of them but now Be Happy! is starting to take over their lives completely! (6) And it only started as a hobby!

- A** The two writers are quite different but they work very well together.
- B** Although children can buy comics, there aren't many magazines designed especially for them.
- C** For example, last month's magazine had a special feature about children's art from around the world.
- D** Jenny and David both have to decide if they should leave their jobs and work on the magazine full-time.

- E** When we are teenagers, we read them to look at pictures of celebrities and get advice on fashion and relationships, as well as to get the free offers!
- F** They think that there aren't enough educational features and that the content is more about popular children's TV programmes and celebrities.

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2. Read the article again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

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| 1 Special interest magazines are popular with older people. | T/F |
| 2 There are a lot of magazines especially for children. | T/F |
| 3 Be Happy! has not had much success. | T/F |
| 4 Be Happy! is a new magazine published by a well-known publisher. | T/F |
| 5 At the moment, children can get Be Happy! every four weeks. | T/F |
| 6 Jenny and David both work full-time on Be Happy! | T/F |

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Task 2

- 1. Read the article about a sea rescue. Seven sentences are missing from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap.**

Long distance rescue

Most people have heard of the *Titanic*. It was the largest passenger ship in the world and was launched in 1912, but on its very first voyage it hit an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean. Most of the 1,517 people on the ship died in the freezing water. (1)

..... It is a very strange tale, but luckily it had a better ending than the story of the original *Titanic*.

Alex Evans works on a lifeboat in Wales and he spends a lot of his time rescuing people from the sea. They are usually swimmers or fishermen who are stuck on rocks when the sea comes in. These rescues are usually simple and don't require aeroplanes or international search-and-rescue operations. (2)

On Monday Alex was shopping with his mother when his mobile phone rang. He was surprised to get a signal and answered it. He was even more surprised to hear the voice of his friend Mark Corbett, who was on a motorboat in the Caribbean over 4,000 miles away. (3) He told Alex that the boat was sinking and they needed help! At first, Alex thought that it was a joke. (4) Then he heard the panic in Mark's voice and realised that it was a real emergency. Mark said that there was a lot of water in the boat and they had lost power. (5) He was using the satellite phone and the only number he could remember was Alex's!

Alex stayed calm and wrote down the information about where the boat was. (6) They sent out planes and three hours later they found Mark's boat and rescued them. (7) Maybe boat owners should avoid calling their boats *Titanic* in the future!

- A Then he contacted an international rescue centre.
- B Mark was with some other men, taking a boat to Grenada.
- C Luckily everyone was OK because of the actions of a good friend 4,000 miles away!
- D They couldn't use the long-range radio.
- E However this week he was part of a sea rescue that was a little different!
- F Imagine someone phoning you and saying that they are on the *Titanic* and it's sinking!
- G Now another boat with the same name, *The Titanic*, has been in the news because it got into trouble at sea.

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2. Read the article again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The article is about the original *Titanic*. T/F
- 2 Alex Evans doesn't rescue people very often. T/F
- 3 Alex didn't expect to get a phone call from Mark. T/F
- 4 Mark's boat was in trouble in the Caribbean. T/F
- 5 The writer thinks it's a good idea to call your boat *Titanic*. T/F

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- 4 Mark's boat was in trouble in the Caribbean. T/F
- 5 The writer thinks it's a good idea to call your boat *Titanic*. T/F

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Read the article about a cycle trip. The headings have been removed from the article. Choose from the headings A–E the one which fits each gap.

An amazing adventure

(1)
Eighteen year old Jerome Williams has become one of the youngest people to cycle around the world. After eight months and 19,000 miles, Jerome returned home yesterday.

(2)
Jerome started his journey late last year. In that time he has cycled more than 100 miles every day. He's ridden across deserts, over mountains and through rainforests and he's crossed four continents.

(3)
'I've done lots of cycling in my life but it's always been in the UK. I wanted to see more of the world. For me, the most interesting place was South America. There was lots to see and the people were really friendly.'

(4)
'One day my bicycle broke on a mountain road and I wasn't sure how to fix it. Suddenly some people appeared and took me back to their village. They let me stay in their house and a mechanic repaired my bike. They were really kind.'

(5)
'Before I went, I only wanted to see the well-known places, but the people were the most amazing thing about the trip. All over the world, they were pleased to see me and help me. It's given me a lot of confidence and now I want to do it again!'

- A Seeing the world
B Cycling every day
C The best thing
- D Coming home
E Problems on the road

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1. Read the article again. Are these statements True (T), False (F) or is the information Not mentioned (NM)?

1 Jerome is the youngest person who has cycled around the world.	T	F	NM
2 His journey started near the end of last year.	T	F	NM
3 Jerome has never gone to another country before.	T	F	NM
4 He thinks the people in South America are the friendliest in the world.	T	F	NM
5 Jerome didn't know how to repair his bike.	T	F	NM
6 The local people didn't want him to stay in their house.	T	F	NM
7 Jerome was more interested in the places than the people before he left.	T	F	NM
8 Jerome cycled 100 miles every day.	T	F	NM
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