

Reading

1 Read the text about a school play and decide if the statements 1–5 are true (T) or false (F).

Our school always puts on an end-of-year play and this year it was the story of King Arthur. I have never acted in any of these plays because I'm a shy person – I have always only followed the text and my job has been to remind the actors when they forget their lines. It usually means that I know everybody's part by the end of rehearsals.

But the day before the play, disaster struck! The boy who was playing Merlin had fallen ill the night before. The teacher said, 'Can you play Merlin? You're the only person who knows the lines.' I was absolutely terrified, but the teacher persuaded me to try the costume on. Then I realised that no one would recognise me because Merlin wears a long hat and a beard. So, I spent the whole day practising with the teacher until I felt a bit more confident.

The following day I was very nervous but when the play started, I began to relax a bit. I even began to enjoy it. At the end of the play, I took off Merlin's hat and beard to bow to the audience. Everybody was surprised and clapped when they realised it was me. I felt so proud. Now, I'm less shy and next year I'll definitely be in the play again.

- 1 Before the summer holidays, the school always perform a play. ____
- 2 The writer has never been a part of the play. ____
- 3 The writer was one of those who knew the whole text. ____
- 4 The beard and hat helped the writer feel more confident. ____
- 5 Everybody liked the writer's performance. ____

2 Read the text about a shopping experience and for each question 1–5 circle the correct answer A–C.

My friend Mary asked me to help her find a trouser suit and some matching items for her business trip. So, the following Saturday we went to my favourite clothes shop. Mary chose two plain silk scarves as she doesn't like patterns. Then she took a leather jacket and a few pairs of trousers to the fitting room and tried them on.

Unfortunately, none of them looked good on her. To make matters worse, while Mary was taking off the last pair of trousers, the zip broke and she got stuck in the unwanted outfit. The shop assistant was trying to repair the zip for over twenty minutes, but she wasn't successful. Then another shop assistant came and, finally, thanks to their shared efforts, they managed to free Mary from the trousers. She was so embarrassed that she quickly paid for the trousers in cash and left the shop in a hurry, not even taking the receipt. That was certainly a shopping experience to remember.

- 1 Mary went shopping for ...
A a suit.
B a trouser suit.
C a pair of trousers.
- 2 Into the fitting room, Mary took ...
A a jacket and a pair of trousers.
B a jacket and a few pairs of trousers.
C a jacket, some trousers and scarves.
- 3 While trying the clothes on, Mary ...
A got stuck in a pair of trousers.
B asked for another pair of trousers.
C felt she looked good wearing the trousers.
- 4 After more than twenty minutes, ...
A a zip broke.
B Mary asked for help.
C Mary could take the trousers off.

- 5 In the end, Mary ...
- A forgot to take the receipt.
 - B felt embarrassed and bought nothing.
 - C didn't have enough cash to buy the trousers.

Listening

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Listen to an interview about pickpockets and decide if the statements 1–5 are true (T) or false (F).

- 6 The rate of pickpocketing in the area is rising. ____
- 7 Pickpockets make most money from stealing jewellery. ____
- 8 Local pickpockets don't know each other. ____
- 9 The police have already arrested five pickpockets ____
- 10 The policeman advises not to keep cash in a bag. ____
- 11 The pickpocket was reported to have been wearing an earring. ____

4 Listen to three short conversations and for each question 1–3 circle the correct answer A–C.

Recording 1

- 12 The woman wants to buy ...
- A a classic CD.
 - B a film on DVD.
 - C a game on DVD.

Recording 2

- 13 The woman likes the shirt, because it ...
- A has got long sleeves.
 - B doesn't have a collar.
 - C goes well with another item.

Recording 3

- 14 The conversation takes place at the ...

A hairdresser's.

B electrical store.

C hardware shop.

