

## ENGLISH TEST

### READING COMPREHENSION

#### Guglielmo Marconi – father of the modern radio

It is impossible for us to imagine life without telephones, radios, televisions and computers. We use these forms of communication every day, but for our great-grandparents life was very different.

One of the greatest inventors who changed the way we communicate was Guglielmo Marconi. He was born in Bologna, Italy, on 25 April 1874, the second son of Giuseppe Marconi, an Italian country gentleman, and Annie Jameson, who was from Ireland. He had a private education in Bologna, Florence and Leghorn.

In 1896 he went to England with his first invention, a system of wireless telegraphy, and in 1899 he introduced wireless communication between France and England across the English Channel. Then in 1900 he sent signals across the Atlantic between Poldhu, Cornwall, and St John's Newfoundland – a distance of 2,100 miles.

In 1905 he married his first wife, Beatrice O'Brien, daughter of the 14th Baron Inchiquin. They had one son and two daughters. In 1927 he remarried and had one more daughter.

Throughout his life he continued to invent and improve ways of communicating around the world and he received many international awards and prizes for his work. He died in Rome on 20 July, 1937 at the age of sixty-three.

Mark the statements *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 Marconi was Italian.
- 2 He had an older brother.
- 3 His mother was English.
- 4 He was educated only in Bologna.
- 5 He went to England when he was 22.
- 6 His first experiment was across the Atlantic.
- 7 He was married twice.
- 8 He had five children.
- 9 He had many inventions.
- 10 He received prizes from all over the world.

## FUTURE: WILL OR WON'T?

Complete the sentences. Use *will/won't* and the verbs.

- 1 Do you think it *will rain*..... (rain) tomorrow?
- 2 I think I ..... (go) to university when I finish school next year.
- 3 ..... the environment ..... (change) in the future?
- 4 Can you help me with this problem? It ..... (not take) long.
- 5 We think we ..... (go) to Paris this summer on holiday.
- 6 It's very hot in here. I think I ..... (open) a window.
- 7 Do you think the ice at the poles ..... (continue) to melt?
- 8 My sister ..... (go) out late at night on her own. She doesn't like the dark.
- 9 'I'm really sorry, mum. I ..... (do) it again.'

## POSSIBILITY

Complete the sentences. Use *might / might (not)* and the verbs.

- 1 Don't use that knife! You *might cut*..... (cut) yourself.
- 2 Do you think you ..... (study) French next year?
- 3 Marie says she ..... (come) to the party on Saturday. She's not feeling well.
- 4 A: Where are your parents?  
B: I don't know. I think they ..... (be) at the supermarket.
- 5 If we run quickly, we ..... (catch) the 10.15 train.

## FIRST CONDITIONAL

Complete the first conditional sentences. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 If you go to the exhibition early,  
*you won't have to queue* (not have to / queue).
- 2 If we go to Spain in the summer,  
..... (go to the beach / every day)
- 3 If Pietro passes his exams,  
..... (go to university)
- 4 If I buy a dog, .....  
(take it for a walk / every day)
- 5 If my sister buys a car,  
..... (drive everywhere)
- 6 If we go to New York in August,  
..... (not have a holiday / in the autumn)
- 7 If you leave now, .....  
(not miss the train)

## PRESENT PASSIVE VOICE

Complete the sentences

- 1- The homework ..... everyday. (correct)
- 2- Houses ..... by builders. (build)
- 3- The grass ..... by Julie on Sunday. (cut)
- 4- A story ..... to the children every night. (read)
- 5- New records ..... every day. (break)