

77.1 Put in the where necessary. Leave the space empty if the sentence is already complete.

- 1 Who is ..... Doctor Johnson? (*the sentence is complete without the*)
- 2 I was ill, so I went to see ..... doctor.
- 3 The most powerful person in ..... United States is ..... president.
- 4 ..... President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963.
- 5 Do you know ..... Wilsons? They're a very nice couple.
- 6 Do you know ..... Professor Brown's phone number?

77.2 Some of these sentences are correct, but some need the (sometimes more than once). Correct the sentences where necessary.

- 1 Everest was first climbed in 1953.
- 2 Milan is in north of Italy.
- 3 Africa is much larger than Europe.
- 4 Last year I visited Mexico and United States.
- 5 South of England is warmer than north.
- 6 Portugal is in western Europe.
- 7 France and Britain are separated by Channel.
- 8 Jim has travelled a lot in Middle East.
- 9 Chicago is on Lake Michigan.
- 10 Next year we're going skiing in Swiss Alps.
- 11 UK consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 12 Seychelles are a group of islands in Indian Ocean.
- 13 Africa's highest mountain is Kilimanjaro (5895 metres).
- 14 River Volga flows into Caspian Sea.

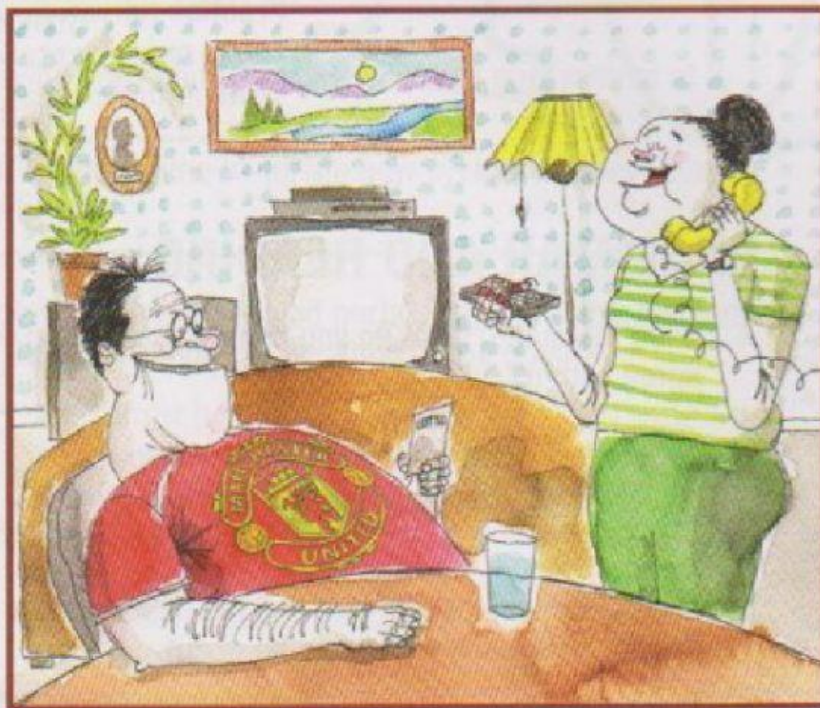
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in the north of Italy

77.3 Here are some geography questions. Choose the right answer from one of the boxes and write the if necessary. You do not need all the names in the boxes. Use an atlas if necessary.

| <i>continents</i> | <i>countries</i> | <i>oceans and seas</i> | <i>mountains</i> | <i>rivers and canals</i> |        |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Africa            | Canada           | <del>Atlantic</del>    | Alps             | Amazon                   | Rhine  |
| Asia              | Denmark          | Indian Ocean           | Andes            | Danube                   | Thames |
| Australia         | Indonesia        | Pacific                | Himalayas        | Nile                     | Volga  |
| Europe            | Sweden           | Black Sea              | Rockies          | Suez Canal               |        |
| North America     | Thailand         | Mediterranean          | Urals            | Panama Canal             |        |
| South America     | United States    | Red Sea                |                  |                          |        |

- 1 What do you have to cross to travel from Europe to America? the Atlantic
- 2 Where is Argentina? .....
- 3 Which is the longest river in Africa? .....
- 4 Of which country is Stockholm the capital? .....
- 5 Of which country is Washington the capital? .....
- 6 What is the name of the mountain range in the west of North America? .....
- 7 What is the name of the sea between Africa and Europe? .....
- 8 Which is the smallest continent in the world? .....
- 9 What is the name of the ocean between North America and Asia? .....
- 10 What is the name of the ocean between Africa and Australia? .....
- 11 Which river flows through London? .....
- 12 Which river flows through Vienna, Budapest and Belgrade? .....
- 13 Of which country is Bangkok the capital? .....
- 14 What joins the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans? .....
- 15 Which is the longest river in South America? .....



## Meet Mr and Mrs Average

by TIM WOODWARD

They own <sup>1</sup> £106,000 house, drive <sup>2</sup> small hatchback and holiday in <sup>3</sup> Spain. He supports Manchester United, is 1.79 m tall and weighs 80 kg. She is 1.6 m tall and weighs 66 kg.

During her life she will spend fifteen months on the phone and watch more than 40,000 hours of <sup>4</sup> television. Meet Mr and Mrs Average – proud parents of <sup>5</sup> 1.8 children and living in <sup>6</sup> medium-sized town in <sup>7</sup> south of England.

The Averages have a 50 percent chance of getting divorced. <sup>8</sup> couple are more interested in looking after <sup>9</sup> garden than DIY. Both work, earning about £800 between them <sup>10</sup> week. Their house is filled with most modern luxuries, including <sup>11</sup> television and <sup>12</sup> CD player.

The Averages have about seventy-five friends and will each walk 13,673 miles in their lives.

But they are quite unhealthy, liking nothing better than sitting down in front of the television with <sup>13</sup> takeaway meal and watching their favourite soap operas – <sup>14</sup> best, in their opinion, are *Coronation Street* and *Eastenders*.

They occasionally go to the cinema but they are not interested in theatre, ballet or opera. Both used to smoke, but have now given up. They believe in God, but do not go to <sup>15</sup> church, and are convinced they could one day win the lottery.

Mr Average will die at seventy-four, probably of heart disease, but his wife will make it to seventy-nine.

## The Sinclair C5



1 Launched in United Kingdom in 1985, the Sinclair C5 was a battery-assisted tricycle  
2 created by British inventor, Sir Clive Sinclair. The C5 was steered by the handlebar  
3 beneath a driver's knees and powered by a small electric motor making it unnecessary  
4 for the driver to pedal. C5's top speed of twenty-four km/h was the fastest allowed  
5 in the UK without driving licence. The retail price was £399, plus £29 for delivery,  
6 which was expensive for the time. Both media and the public ridiculed the C5 during  
7 1980s and it was a commercial disaster, selling only around 12,000 units. In fact, the  
8 design was an impractical one: from the beginning, there were the serious concerns  
9 about the C5's safety in traffic because it was so low to ground. In addition to this, the  
10 driver was exposed to the wind and the rain and the cold weather tended to shorten  
11 battery life. The lack of gears and seat-to-pedal adjustment and the fact that a motor  
12 overheated on the long hills, were also serious problems. The motor turned out to be  
13 essentially useless for climbing hills, with even the gentle slopes requiring the driver to  
14 pedal. Sinclair spent the millions of pounds on developing the C5 and its failure  
15 bankrupted a company and cost him his reputation. It will long be remembered in the  
16 UK as the spectacular and comic failure, but was Sir Clive's idea just ahead of its time?