

Reading and Grammar Review

Interesting Professions

The Puppeteer

- 1) **Read the following story about Mohammad Shamsul, an Indian Puppeteer:**

THE PUPPETEER

Mohammad Shamsul works as a puppeteer in a prestigious TV show in New Delhi. He lives in a nice flat, wears fashionable clothes and travels all over India. He's been to London and he's visited Buckingham Palace. But his life hasn't been easy.

Mohammad was born in Bihar, one of the poorest areas of India. When he was a child, he lived in a village with no clean water, toilets or electricity. When he was seven, he left school and started work. He's had a lot of jobs: he's made tea and washed dishes, he's worked in a watch repair shop and he's sold plastic water bottles to survive.



One day, Mohammad ran away from his village and went to New Delhi. First he lived on the street, but then workers from the Salaam Balak Trust found him and took him to a charity home. The SBT supports homeless children and takes action to get them an education. It promotes learning of crafts, and Mohammad took the opportunity to learn puppetry. Soon people recognized his talent and when he was eighteen, he got a job on a TV show.

But Mohammad hasn't forgotten his origins and he's helped to educate people in the slums of New Delhi. Although he ran away from home, his parents have forgiven him and are proud of their son. ■

2) **True or False?**

- a) He became a puppeteer in a charity home.
b) He learnt to be a puppeteer from his father.

3) **Choose the correct option:**

- Mohammad has a _____ life now.
a) Good b) Difficult
- When he was a child, he lived in _____ circumstances.
a) Poor b) comfortable
- His first jobs were _____ to earn money
a) Interesting b) Necessary
- He learnt puppetry because it was _____ in the charity home.
a) Possible b) Obligatory
- He _____ interested in poor people now.
a) Is b) is not

4) **Complete the sentences with these words:** CRAFT- END UP- PRESTIGIOUS- RAN AWAY- SLUMS

- Making paper puppets is an important _____ in India
- Mohammad studied with a _____ puppeteer.

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- Mohammad's parents were worried when he _____ from home.
- A lot of children _____ on the streets in India.
- A lot of people live in _____ in New Delhi.

5) Grammar: Complete with Past Simple or Past Continuous

- 1) I _____ (sit) in a cafe when you _____ (call).
- 2) When I _____ (work), _____ (walk) into the room, everyone _____ (work).
- 3) Susie _____ (hear) the noise. _____ (watch) a film when she _____ (hear) the noise.
- 4) Yesterday I _____ (have) a swim, later I _____ (go) to the library, next I _____ (meet) Julie for coffee.
- 5) We _____ (hurt) his ankle. _____ (play) tennis when John _____ (play) tennis.
- 6) What _____ (they/do) at 10pm last night - it was really noisy?
- 7) He _____ (take) a shower when the telephone _____ (ring).
- 1) He _____ (live) in Russia when the Revolution _____ (start).