



MY EVIDENCE : READING ACTIVITY

The Old Colonel

I think I **have had** a very interesting life. I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired when I was 69. I **have been** to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I **'ve been** to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I **have also been** once to Russia but I didn't like it at all: much too cold for me!

They say that love is the greatest thing and I agree. I **'ve been married** four times but never for more than five years. I don't think women really understand me!

I **'ve never been** on television, but I **'ve been** on the radio once. It was a programme about life in the military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually, I **'ve met** a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and also famous cinema and television personalities. I **'ve never met** the American President though which is a pity.

Because I **'ve traveled** a lot, I **'ve seen** a lot of wonderful things and **have also eaten** and drunk some strange foods and drinks. I ate cats and rats in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.



I. Read and choose the correct answer

1. How old was the colonel when he retired?

a. He was fifty one.

b. He was seventy three.

c. He was sixty nine.

2. How many times has the colonel been to South Africa?

a. He has been there more than five.

b. He has been there more than two.

c. He has been there less than two.

3. Did he like Russia? Why?

a. No, I didn't. It's not cold.

b. No, he hasn't. It's cold.

c. No, he didn't. It's cold.

4. What does he think about his ex wives? He thinks that

a. They really love him.

b. They really don't understand him.

c. They really hate him.

5. Did he work on the radio?

a. No, he didn't. But he has been there as a guest.

b. Yes, he did. He was the interviewer.

c. No, he hasn't. But he has worked on TV.



II. CHOOSE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB . USE PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

6. They **didn't study** / **haven't studied** for the exam yet.

7. A: **Has he ever been** / **Did he ever be** to Italy?

B: Yes, he **have visited** / **visited** it in 2018

8. Who **did you see** / **have you seen** last night?

9. He **already did** / **has already done** the shopping .

10. When I **have gotten** / **got** home yesterday ,

I **was** / **have been** very tired and

I **have gone** / **went** straight to bed .