

## TEXT COMPREHENSION

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each NUMBER, choose the correct answer (LETTER). There are three extra sentences you do not need to use.

### The English Language

English is a West Germanic language and it was first spoken in Anglo-Saxon England in the early Middle Ages. (1) \_\_\_\_ Anglophone countries include the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and a number of Caribbean nations.

There are about 375 million native English speakers, i. e., people who use English as their first language. It is the third largest language by number of native speakers after Mandarin and Spanish.

(2) \_\_\_\_

English has become the lingua franca of the 21st century and is often used in work and travel. (3) \_\_\_\_ This makes English the second most spoken language, and the most international language in the world.

English has changed and developed over time. The most obvious changes are the many words and sentence structure taken from Latin and French. (4) \_\_\_\_ However, it does not behave like Romance languages.

Nearly 60% of the vocabulary in modern English comes from Latin, so it shares a common root with many other European languages. (5) \_\_\_\_ It is often mistaken for being a Romance language.

- A English is sometimes called the most Latin of the Germanic languages.
- B Many people like studying English.
- C About 220 million more people use it as their second language.
- D There are at least a billion people who are learning it.
- E English grammar has also become very different from other Germanic languages.
- F People learn English as a second language for many different reasons.
- G It is spoken in many countries around the world.
- H Some people think that English is a Romance language.

Read the article and choose the best words to fill the gaps. Write the letter correspondent to the gap number. For example: "which she had accidentally 1 a into his donation cup."

1 a lost	b dropped	c fallen
2 a relieved	b infuriated	c shocked
3 a expensive	b serious	c genuine
4 a often	b occasionally	c rarely
5 a realized	b noticed	c expected
6 a apparently	b unluckily	c fortunately
7 a appreciation	b happiness	c luck
8 a according to	b related to	c belonging to
9 a losing	b finding	c returning
10 a obviously	b actually	c eventually

## The return of the ring



A homeless man in Kansas City, Missouri is anticipating a windfall of more than \$100,000 for his kindness after he returned a diamond engagement ring to its rightful owner, which she had accidentally <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ into his donation cup.

Billy Ray Harris, who is homeless and often sleeps under a bridge, was <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to find a diamond ring in his collection cup while begging last Friday. 'The ring was so big I knew that if it was real then it must be <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_,' he said. Rather than sell it, Harris had a hunch that the owner would return for it and so he stored it in a safe place.

The ring belonged to Sarah Darling, who was devastated the next day when she realized she had lost it. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ takes the ring off, but that day she had put it in her purse for safe keeping after she had developed a slight rash on her finger. She <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that she must have given Harris the ring by mistake along with some coins when she took out her purse to give him some money.

She went back to look for Harris on the Saturday, but couldn't find him. She tried again the next day and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ he was in the same spot. 'I said to him "I don't know if you remember me, but I think I gave you something that's very precious to me," and he said, "Was it a ring? Yeah, I have it, I kept it for you".'

To show their <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, Darling and her husband set up an online fundraising page for Harris on giveforward.com. So far, more than 3,800 donations have been made, totalling over \$100,000. The money will be given to Harris at the end of a 90-day campaign. Darling's husband, Bill Krejci, met Harris to tell him about the flood of donations and to get to know him better. 'We talked about a lot of things <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my family's ring and about the many donations. We talked about how one day in the future the ring may be passed down to my daughter.'

Harris told Krejci that he has found a place to stay where he is 'safe and sound'. He has spoken about the attention he has received since <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the ring. 'I like it, but I don't think I deserve it. What I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ feel like is, "What has the world come to when a person returns something that doesn't belong to him and all this happens?"' he said.

**Read the dialogue below and then decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F)**

**Maggie:** Hi Tom, have you finished your homework?

**Tom:** Oh, hi Maggie. No, I haven't.

**Maggie:** The deadline is tomorrow you know so you have to submit it tomorrow.

**Tom:** I can't make it. I haven't even started it yet. Can we hand it in next week?

**Maggie:** I don't know. You'll have to ask Mrs. Robinson about that. I think you must finish it by tomorrow. She probably won't accept projects after tomorrow.

**Tom:** I've had so many other things to do. I couldn't even start it. I don't know what to do.

**Maggie:** Don't worry. I'll help you. It's not very difficult. I finished it in one day.

**Tom:** Really? Great!

**Maggie:** First, you should read the article that Mrs Robinson gave us. It's about the Mohican Civilization.

Then, you have to design a poster for a play about them – the Mohicans – for the theatre.

**Tom:** Yeah, I know but it looks a bit difficult...

**Maggie:** Not at all. You don't have to make the poster from scratch and it doesn't have to be a work of art. There are lots of templates on the internet. You can just use one of those designs to make your own poster.

**Tom:** Well, I think I can do it. What title shall I use? Can you help me?

**Maggie:** Yeah, I can give you some suggestions but you mustn't use the same title as anyone else in our class. You have to create your own title.

**Tom:** Okay, I can come up with something, I guess.

**Maggie:** Alright?

**Tom:** Yeah, I've got to go now and make a start on it. I'll follow the project guidelines as you said. Thanks, Maggie.

**Maggie:** No problem. Good luck!

1. Maggie has completed her project.
2. Tom has submitted his project.
3. Tom must ask Mrs. Robinson if he can hand in the project after the deadline.
4. The poster must look great when it's finished.
5. Tom must design the entire poster by himself.
6. Maggie can't help Tom with the poster in any way

PRESENT SIMPLE, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, PAST SIMPLE, PAST CONTINUOUS OR PRESENT PERFECT?

**Choose the right verb tense to complete the sentences. Use the verbs given:**

1. We ..... (invite) them to the party but they didn't come.
2. It ..... (rain) when we .....(go) out.
3. It's a nice day today. The sun .....(shine).
4. I got up early and .....(have) a shower.
5. The phone .....(ring) while Mary .....(cook) dinner.
6. Tom isn't at home at the moment. He .....(travel) abroad.
7. I saw Bob and Sam at the party, but I .....(not/speak) to them.
8. Robert had a book in his hand but he .....(not/read) it.
9. The floor is clean now. I .....(just/wash) it.
10. How often .....(you/go) on holiday?

**Match the questions with the correct answers:**

- a) Where did you cut yourself?
- b) How was the party?
- c) Did she need help with her homework?
- d) Do you know about the story of Cleopatra?
- e) What did you do to your face?
- f) Did you really make this map by yourself?

- No, she did it by herself.
- Yes, she killed herself with snake venom.
- I cut myself at school.
- Of course I did.
- I painted myself.
- It was great! We enjoyed ourselves.