READING COMPREHENSION

PART 1: Read the text and answer the following questions:

1. How big is the polar bear?

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2. Where is it from?

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3. What does the polar bear eat?

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4. Why does the mother polar bear make a house?

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5. When does the mother hunt?

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FACT FILE: POLAR BEARS

The polar bear is a member of the bear family. It is very big- 800 kg and up to three metres long. It is from the Arctic. It's very cold, but the polar bear swims in cold waters. It is a very good swimmer! It has got strong front legs and white fur.
Its favourite food is seals but it doesn't like penguins. The mother polar bear makes a house in the snow because she has to protect its babies. While the babies sleep the mother hunts, especially at night! The polar bear is not dangerous but it can be aggressive if other animals attack its babies.

PART 2: First, read the text.

My name is Mario. I am from a village in Argentina. Gabriel is my friend.
We are very good friends, but we are very different! Gabriel is twelve years old. He is tall and he's got short fair hair and blue eyes. He can play basketball and he can speak Italian and English. Gabriel's mother is Italian. She is beautiful! She's got long blond hair and big brown eyes. Gabriel is very sporty and intelligent, but he can't ride a bike. "Bicycles are silly!' says Gabriel. " I've got long legs!' Gabriel is very funny. He has got three sisters, two brothers, two dogs and a cat. He has got a very large family.

I am eleven years old. I am short and I've got short dark hair and brown eyes. I can swim and play football, but I can't play basketball. I can't speak Italian but I can speak some English. I have got one brother. He is called Pedro. We are twins but a bit different. While my brother is naughty and noisy, I'm kind and sweet. We haven't got a dog or a cat, but we've got a pet spider.

Our village is quite small. It hasn't got a sports centre or a cinema, but we can play football in the fields and we can swim in the river. It's fun!

A) Read the text and complete the chart about Mario and Gabriel.

	Gabriel	Mario
Age		
Physical description		
Adjectives		
Can		
Can't		
Has got		
Hasn't got		

B) Read the following sentences and write T if it is TRUE or F if it is FALSE.

1) Mario's friend is called Gabriel. _____
2) Gabriel and his mother have fair hair. _____
3) Gabriel doesn't like bikes. _____
4) Gabriel's mother isn't pretty. _____
5) Pedro is Mario's brother. _____
6) Mario and Gabriel live in a big village in Argentina. _____

PART 3: First, read the texts.

Holiday A: **Necker Island**

Necker Island is in the Caribbean. It's a very small island – only 26 people can stay there. There aren't any shops or cars. People can walk everywhere. There are some great beaches and swimming is very good. The food is very good too – the fish and fruit are the most popular.

A lot of people like Necker Island because it's hot and sunny but some people don't like it because it is very expensive. It costs about $ 20,000 for two people to stay there for one week!

Holiday B: **Loch Lomond**

Loch Lomond is a very large lake in Scotland. 'Loch" is the Scottish word for lake. It is a very popular place. There are a lot of beautiful mountains near the loch and there are some small hotels and a small shopping centre on the south side of the loch. It's very quiet and there isn't any nightlife. A popular food is "haggis and neeps" – a dish of meat and vegetables. A lot of people love Loch Lomond because it is very beautiful, but some people don't like it because the weather is often bad. It's often cold and rainy, in winter and summer!

A) Read the text and complete the chart.

	Necker Island	Loch Lomond
It's in....		
There is/are...		
There isn't/aren't any...		
A popular food is...		
Many people love it because....		
Many people don't like it because...		

B) Read the text again. Where do you go? Holiday A or holiday B?

1. "I love travelling to small villages with mountains!" _____
2. "I like quiet holidays. I love walking and sunbathing." _____
3. "My favourite sort of holiday is slow and quiet with a lot of sun." _____
4. "I don't like places full of people!" _____
5. "I love going shopping and seeing new places when I'm on holiday!" _____
6. "I like quiet holiday. I don't enjoy going out at night!" _____