

For each question, choose the correct answer..

Joe Brown: being a writer

I wrote my first stories when I was about 12, but I really didn't know how good they were. My friends weren't interested, but my teacher sent some of them to a national magazine for children. The magazine didn't want them, but then my mum heard about a competition while she was listening to the radio. So I sent in one of my stories and it won first prize! Then I thought, 'I can do this.' During my years at school, I continued writing when I had time. Then when I left school, I went to university. I didn't study writing – I studied French and Spanish. After university, I worked in a bookshop and in a library, but I wanted to write again. I decided to move to France.

At first, I worked as a waiter. I worked every day except Sunday. I wrote my novel on Sundays and in the evenings!

I love writing and I'm never bored. You spend a lot of time alone, but this isn't a problem for me. I've finished my second novel now and I've got ideas for another, but I wanted a break first so I've come home to England for a while.

My parents live in London, I have a brother in Liverpool and my sister lives in a village in the countryside. I'm staying with my parents, but this weekend, we're all going to go to my sister's house to have a family party.

- 1 How did Joe know that he was a good writer?
 - A He won a competition.
 - B His friends liked his stories.
 - C He wrote for a magazine.
- 2 What did he do when he left school?
 - A He wrote more stories.
 - B He studied languages.

- c He travelled to France and Spain.
- 3 When he was a waiter, Joe worked
 - A most evenings.
 - B six days a week.
 - c every day.
- 4 What is Joe doing now?
 - A He's writing his next novel.
 - B He's having some time off.
 - c He's travelling around England.
- 5 Joe is going to meet his family in
 - A a village.
 - B Liverpool.
 - c London.