

Reading Test

I Complete the dialogues with the sentences and phrases in the box.

0 A: Should I wear this shirt to the party?

B: No, it isn't smart enough.

1 A: Guess what happened! I won £500 in a competition!

B:

2 A: What about wearing this skirt and this jacket to the wedding?

B:

3 A: I had a terrible week. First, I lost my phone. Then my tablet stopped working.

B:

4 A: What should I wear to my job interview tomorrow?

B:

5 A: Mary loves shopping, but she doesn't want to come to town with us today.

B:

- a) Good idea. They're very smart!
- b) How strange!
- c) Those trousers and that blue shirt.
- d) Lucky you!
- e) Poor you!
- f) No, it isn't smart enough.

II Read the text and tick the statements below "True" (T) or "False" (F)

Marcus Welby is a famous journalist. He writes for many important newspapers and magazines. But how did he become a journalist?

Marcus was a hard-working student at school and he passed all his exams. 'Why don't you become a dentist?' said his dad. 'It's a challenging and well-paid job' But Marcus didn't want to spend all day looking at people's teeth! 'You like designing. What about becoming an architect?' said his mum. But Marcus didn't think it was the job for him.

When Marcus left school, he looked for a job. He couldn't find anything interesting. 'You mustn't stop looking,' said his mother. Then one day Marcus's luck changed. He was reading the local newspaper when he saw an advertisement. It was for a job at the newspaper.

'That's it! I'm going to be a journalist!' he thought.

Marcus went for an interview. The newspaper's owner, Mr Bennett liked Marcus and gave him the job. In the beginning, Marcus had to do a lot of boring jobs. He made the tea, tidied the desks, cleaned the office, but he didn't write any articles.

Then one day Mr Bennett said: 'Today you must go to 17 Chester Road and interview Mrs Robinson. She won first prize at a flower show. Then you have to write an article about the show. The article mustn't be more than 150 words.'

This was Marcus's first article – it was boring and it wasn't very good. 'I couldn't write well when I was young,' says Marcus. 'I had to write hundreds of articles before I became good.'

1. Marcus Welby is a dentist. ☐ T ☐ F

2. Marcus's parents wanted him to become a doctor. ☐ T ☐ F

3. Marcus found an interesting job right after he left school. ☐ T ☐ F

4. Marcus's first job at the newspaper was writing articles. ☐ T ☐ F

5. Marcus had to do a lot of boring tasks before he could start writing. ☐ T ☐ F

6. Marcus's first article was about a flower show. ☐ T ☐ F

7. Marcus's first article was very good. ☐ T ☐ F

8. Marcus says he became a good writer after writing a few articles. ☐ T ☐ F

III. Read the text again and choose the correct answer (a, b, c or d)

1. What was Marcus's father's suggestion for Marcus's future career?
 - a) To become a journalist.
 - b) To become a dentist.
 - c) To become an architect.
 - d) To continue studying.
2. Why didn't Marcus want to be a dentist?
 - a) He didn't like teeth.
 - b) He didn't want to work in a hospital.
 - c) He didn't think it was a challenging job.
 - d) He didn't want to spend all day looking at people's teeth.
3. What did Marcus see in the local newspaper that changed his life?
 - a) A job advertisement for a journalist.
 - b) An article about a flower show.
 - c) A story about a famous journalist.
 - d) A notice about a writing competition.
4. What was Marcus's first task at the newspaper?
 - a) Writing an article.
 - b) Interviewing a famous person.
 - c) Doing boring office jobs.
 - d) Editing other people's articles.
5. What was the topic of Marcus's first article?
 - a) A flower show.
 - b) A local business.
 - c) A famous person.
 - d) A new invention.
6. How did Marcus feel about his first article?
 - a) He was very proud of it.
 - b) He thought it was perfect.
 - c) He thought it was boring and not very good.
 - d) He didn't care about it.
7. What did Marcus learn about becoming a good journalist?
 - a) It's easy to become a successful journalist.
 - b) It's important to have a natural talent for writing.
 - c) It takes a lot of practice and hard work.
 - d) It's necessary to have a degree in journalism.
8. What is the main idea of the text?
 - a) Marcus was born to be a journalist.
 - b) It's important to follow your parents' advice.
 - c) Success takes time and effort.
 - d) Newspapers are a great place to work.

IV. Read the statements below and complete them with one, two or three words in each gap.

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| 0 | Today Marcus is a famous <u>journalist</u> . |
| 1 | You can read his articles in _____. |
| 2 | His father thought he should be _____. |
| 3 | Marcus saw an advertisement for a job in the _____. |
| 4 | Marcus got the job because Mr Bennet _____ him. |
| 5 | Marcus's first article wasn't _____. |