

Read and Answer

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Direction : Read the text carefully then answer the questions

Reading comprehension



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Lisa is the youngest member of the group, was only 14 years old when she auditioned to become a trainee with South Korea's YG Entertainment.

Blackpink are one such girl group who have become popular internationally. With members Lisa from Thailand, Korea-born but New Zealand-raised Jennie, Rosé, who was also born and raised in New Zealand, and Jisoo from South Korea.

She was only 14 years old when she auditioned to become a trainee with South Korea's YG Entertainment, and made her debut as a member of Blackpink when the group launched in 2016. She trained for more than 5 years before she joined Blackpink as the group's lead rapper.

Her early life

21 years old Lisa, the youngest member of the group, was born in Bangkok, Thailand. Originally named Pranpriya Manoban, she first changed her name to Lalisa ("one who is praised"), before settling on her stage name of Lisa.

Her role in Blackpink

Hardworking and committed, Lisa trained for more than 5 years before she joined Blackpink as the group's lead rapper and main dancer. She learned to speak Korean,
15 English and Japanese on top of her native Thai.

Apart from her love of Korean food, Lisa is also seen as an unofficial ambassador for Thai culture by her fellow members. "We've visited many Thai restaurants together. It's not just because of Lisa, I really like Thai food. I think we've eaten at almost all the good Thai restaurants [in Korea]," Jennie said in an interview with YG Life.

20 Her image

In Thailand, Lisa is referred to as a "Thai princess" by Blackpink fans. Her fellow group members say Lisa makes the best "cutesy" (facial expressions). And while she may be known for her signature blonde hairstyle, Lisa says she is proudest of her naturally full lips.

25 Her solo work

While Blackpink have already been on the scene for a few years, Lisa has yet to launch any solo musical projects. She has featured on the cover of Nylon, Japan magazine in June, and filmed a special preview video for the issue, in which she spoke in fluent Japanese.

30 "I'd like a man much older than me, who can take care of me," she said about her ideal man in an interview with YG Life.

"I love wearing baggy jackets and tops. I love those kinds of jerseys with lines on them as well. I love sneakers too, especially white sneakers, and I like knitted hats too," she said of her fashion choices in an interview with Japan's MINI magazine this year.

35 Lisa attended North London Collegiate School Jeju, one of South Korea's most expensive schools, with a yearly tuition and accommodation fee of over 60 million won (US\$50,000). Some of her childhood years were spent in Canada, and she debated whether she wanted to go to America or the UK for college. She was spotted toting luxury bags from the likes of Louis Vuitton and Gucci at a young age, and loved to travel
40 internationally with her parents.

Understanding Vocabulary

| Column A | Column B |
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| 1.____ Youngest | A. a short performance that an actor, musician, dancer, etc. gives in order to show they are suitable for a particular play, film, show. |
| 2.____ Raised | B. relating to or describing someone's country or place of birth or someone who was born in a particular country or place. |
| 3.____ Audition | C. most junior, tiny one. |
| 4.____ Launch | D. a meeting in which someone asks you questions to see if you are suitable for a job or course. |
| 5.____ Native | E. to take care of a person, or an animal or plant, until they are completely grown. |
| 6.____ Interview | F. an event to celebrate or introduce something new. |
| 7.____ Signature | G. used to refer to the special thing for which a person or place is particularly known. |
| 8.____ Fluent | H. a type of light, comfortable shoe that is suitable for playing sports. |
| 9.____ Sneakers | I. When a person is fluent, they can speak a language easily, well, and quickly. |
| 10.____ Childhood | J. the time when someone is a child. |