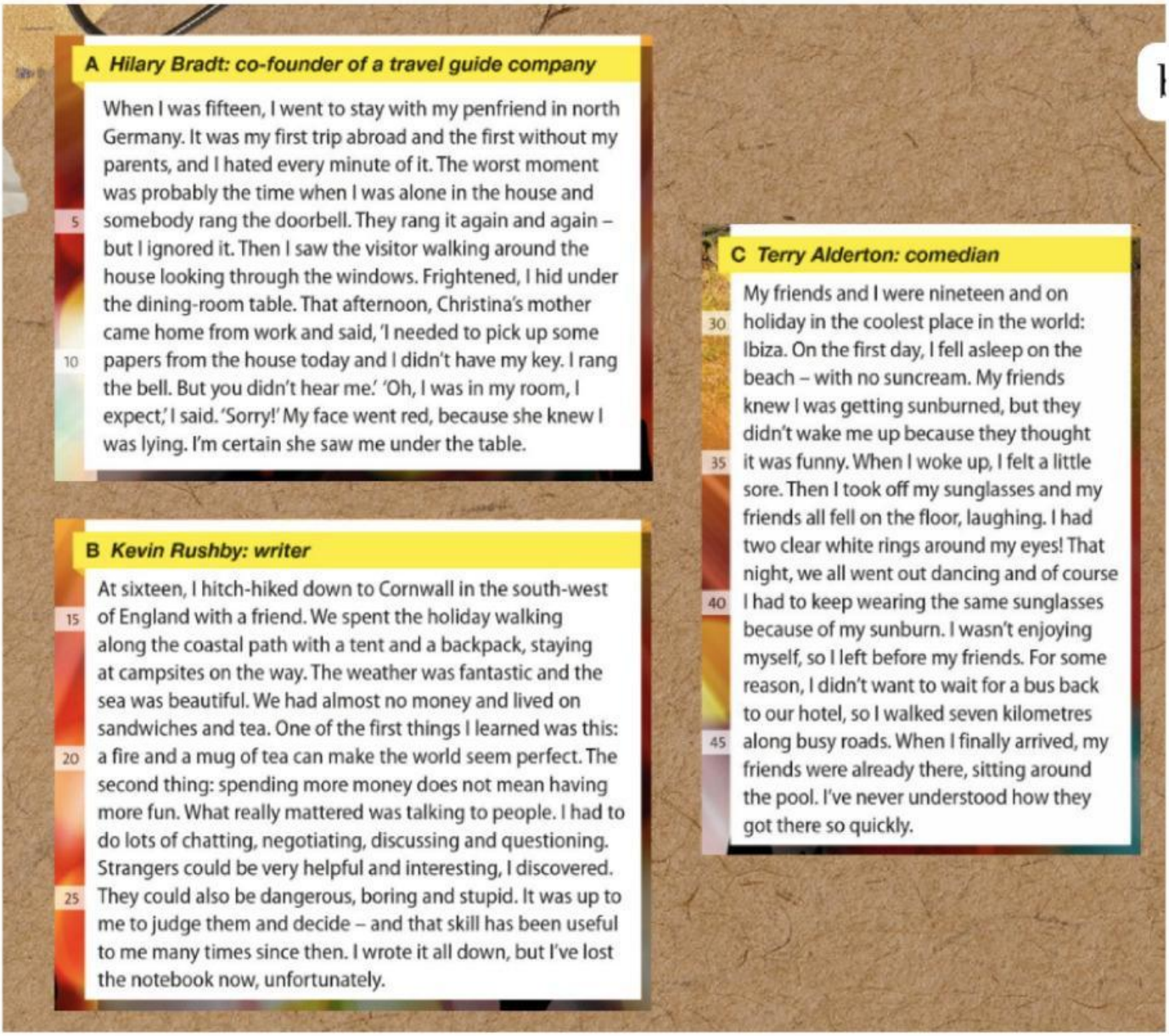
Reading Worksheet - B1 Level



A *Hilary Bradt: co-founder of a travel guide company*

When I was fifteen, I went to stay with my penfriend in north Germany. It was my first trip abroad and the first without my parents, and I hated every minute of it. The worst moment was probably the time when I was alone in the house and somebody rang the doorbell. They rang it again and again – but I ignored it. Then I saw the visitor walking around the house looking through the windows. Frightened, I hid under the dining-room table. That afternoon, Christina's mother came home from work and said, 'I needed to pick up some papers from the house today and I didn't have my key. I rang the bell. But you didn't hear me.' 'Oh, I was in my room, I expect,' I said. 'Sorry!' My face went red, because she knew I was lying. I'm certain she saw me under the table.

B *Kevin Rushby: writer*

At sixteen, I hitch-hiked down to Cornwall in the south-west of England with a friend. We spent the holiday walking along the coastal path with a tent and a backpack, staying at campsites on the way. The weather was fantastic and the sea was beautiful. We had almost no money and lived on sandwiches and tea. One of the first things I learned was this: a fire and a mug of tea can make the world seem perfect. The second thing: spending more money does not mean having more fun. What really mattered was talking to people. I had to do lots of chatting, negotiating, discussing and questioning. Strangers could be very helpful and interesting, I discovered. They could also be dangerous, boring and stupid. It was up to me to judge them and decide – and that skill has been useful to me many times since then. I wrote it all down, but I've lost the notebook now, unfortunately.

C *Terry Alderton: comedian*

My friends and I were nineteen and on holiday in the coolest place in the world: Ibiza. On the first day, I fell asleep on the beach – with no suncream. My friends knew I was getting sunburned, but they didn't wake me up because they thought it was funny. When I woke up, I felt a little sore. Then I took off my sunglasses and my friends all fell on the floor, laughing. I had two clear white rings around my eyes! That night, we all went out dancing and of course I had to keep wearing the same sunglasses because of my sunburn. I wasn't enjoying myself, so I left before my friends. For some reason, I didn't want to wait for a bus back to our hotel, so I walked seven kilometres along busy roads. When I finally arrived, my friends were already there, sitting around the pool. I've never understood how they got there so quickly.

1. Multiple Choice (Vybor odnogo pravilnogo varianta)

Choose the correct answer.

1. Where did Hilary hide when she saw a stranger outside?

a) In the bedroom b) Under the dining-room table c) In the kitchen d) In the bathroom

2. What lesson did Kevin learn during his trip?

a) Traveling is always dangerous b) Expensive hotels are better c) Talking to people is more important than money d) Tea can't help in stressful moments

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3. Why didn't Terry's friends wake him up on the beach?

a) They were asleep too b) They thought his sunburn was funny c) They forgot about him d) He asked not to be disturbed

4. What happened to Kevin's notebook?

a) He gave it to a friend b) He left it in a caf c) He lost it d) He still uses it

5. What did Hilary say to Christina's mother?

a) "I was asleep." b) "I didn't hear the doorbell." c) "I was in my room." d) "I was outside."

6. Where was Hilary's penfriend when the doorbell rang?

a) In the garden b) Out of the house c) In the same room d) In her bedroom

7. What did Christina's mother need from the house?

a) Her passport b) Some food c) Some papers d) A phone charger

8. How did Kevin and his friend travel?

a) By car b) On bikes c) By hitch-hiking d) By bus

9. What did Kevin eat during the trip?

a) Sandwiches and tea b) Fast food c) Pasta and fruit d) Cereal

10. What did Terry do after feeling uncomfortable at the party?

a) Called a taxi b) Stayed all night c) Walked back alone d) Went to a friend's room

2. True or False (Istinno ili lozhno)

Write True or False.

1. Hilary stayed with her penfriend's family in South Germany.

2. Kevin and his friend had lots of money and stayed in hotels.

3. Kevin learned how helpful strangers could be.

4. Terry had suncream on during the first day at the beach.

5. Terry returned to the hotel by walking 7 kilometers.

6. Hilary enjoyed her first trip abroad.

7. Kevin stayed in hotels with his friend.

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8. Terry was happy about his sunglasses mark.

9. Kevin talked a lot with strangers during his trip.

10. Hilary apologized to Christina's mother.

3. Sentence Completion (Zavershi predlozheniya)

Complete the sentences with 1-3 words from the text.

1. Hilary hid under the _____ when she felt scared.

2. Kevin wrote about his trip in a _____.

3. Terry had two white _____ around his eyes.

4. Kevin and his friend travelled with a tent and a _____.

5. Hilary's face turned red because she was _____.

6. Terry's friends laughed when he took off his _____.

7. Kevin and his friend walked along the _____ path.

8. Hilary's penfriend lived in _____ Germany.

9. Kevin discovered that strangers could be both helpful and _____.

10. Terry didn't want to wait for the _____ back to the hotel.

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