

How important are museums to you?

We asked three young people this question and this is what they told us.

Chris

A lot of my friends think museums are boring but I love them. I prefer ones where they move things round regularly, and bring in new things to keep it interesting. I also like to have things to listen to as well as look at. I suppose I like museums because I'm really interested in history and art. We study these subjects at college, but I've actually found out a lot more about them from museums than from my textbooks.

Emily

I'm lucky because I live in New York, so there are lots of great museums for me to visit. One thing I've learnt is that you should never try to see a whole museum the first time you go. Just go to one or two rooms, and then return as often as you can to see the rest. For me, it's important that the people who work in the museum are pleasant, and happy to talk to me about the things in the exhibition. That makes a big difference.

Daniel

I don't go to museums much, except during my holidays in new cities. Then I make sure I spend at least a day going to the most famous ones. If it's a big museum and I don't have much time, I sometimes walk into a room and choose just five things to look at. I also take a tour if there is one, as I learn so much more from listening to the person showing us round than I do if I'm by myself.

1 Who always visits museums when they travel?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

2 Who says it is important to visit the same museum several times?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

3 Who likes museums where the exhibitions often change?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

4 Who says that museums should have friendly staff?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

5 Who says that they sometimes only look at a few things in a room?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

6 Who learns more in a museum than in a classroom?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

7 Who prefers going around a museum with a guide to going alone?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

For each question, choose the correct answer..

Callie Rice – ice dancer

Growing up, I was in an ice-skating club, and my friends and I did lots of competitions. When I was 18, I entered a big one in Italy, and I came first. The prize was a job as an ice dancer in a big show. That's how my career started.

One of the things I love about the shows is the beautiful clothes. The only trouble is that sometimes they're heavy and I get very hot. Also, I have to change lots of times in one show. The people who make the clothes are very clever – it's amazing how quickly they work!

Before the show starts, we get dressed, put our skates on, and wish each other good luck. Then, while I'm waiting to go on, I like to sit quietly by myself and think about what I'm going to do. The other skaters chat together or listen to music.

In the shows, we have to dance, sing, and also speak. For me, ice dancing is fine, but I'm not an actor. I'm always a bit scared I won't remember the words. I'm not bothered about falling – it doesn't usually happen. And I really enjoy joining in with all the songs.

People always ask me if I'm tired when each show finishes, but I love skating, so I never feel that way. I love listening to the people who came to watch – so excited as they leave, talking about what they've seen. That's when I'm really happy I chose ice dancing as a career.

1 How did Callie's career as an ice dancer begin?

- A** She won a competition.
- B** She saw an advert for a job.
- C** A friend invited her to join an ice show.

2 What does Callie say about the clothes she wears?

- A** Some are prettier than others.
- B** It's hard to skate in them.
- C** Making them takes a long time.

3 What does Callie do just before each show?

- A** She talks to the other skaters.
- B** She checks her skates are okay.
- C** She takes a moment to be alone.

4 What does Callie worry about?

- A** having an accident on the ice
- B** forgetting what she has to say
- C** dancing and singing at the same time

5 How does Callie usually feel after a show?

- A** ready for a rest
- B** glad that she's finished
- C** pleased about making people happy

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Ice cream

Fifty years ago, people only ate ice cream in the hot summer months – but now (1)..... is eaten at any time of the year. Who made the first ice cream is a question (2)..... we can't answer, but we think an Italian adventurer called Marco Polo saw people (3)..... ice cream in China 700 years ago. He brought the idea back to Italy. It soon became very popular.

Ice cream then became very popular in France, (4)..... only very rich people had enough money to buy it. Before we had fridges, people used large pieces of ice from lakes to (5)..... ice cream cold. The first ice cream factory opened in America in 1851. Americans eat more ice cream than (6)..... other nationality – 23 litres per person per year!

- 1 A they B it C she
- 2 A that B who C when
- 3 A doing B making C liking
- 4 A but B so C or
- 5 A keep B kept C keeping
- 6 A all B any C each

Choose the correct answer.

- 1 It's ... most useful channel.
 - a) a
 - b) the
 - c) -
- 2 It's her ... most important achievement.
 - a) -
 - b) the
 - c) a
- 3 It's his ... strongest point.
 - a) the
 - b) a
 - c) -

4 It's ... best channel.

- a) a
- b) the
- c) -

5 It's ... most expensive car.

- a) a
- b) the
- c) -

6 I think you are ... happiest person in the world.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) -

7 It's their ... most popular song.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) -

8 It's ... biggest threat for us.

- a) a
- b) the
- c) -

9 It's our ... greatest result.

- a) -
- b) the
- c) a

10 It's ... worst scenario.

- a) a
- b) -
- c) the

11 I ... in India.

- a) grew out
- b) grew up
- c) grew around

12 I will ... the meeting (postpone).

- a) put off
- b) put away
- c) put out

13 They ... the meeting (cancelled).

- a) called up
- b) called out
- c) called off

14 I will ... working on this project.

- a) carry away
- b) carry on
- c) carry

15 She was ... by her uncle.

- a) brought up
- b) brought off
- c) brought away

16 Her car ... (stopped working).

- a) broke off
- b) broke on
- c) broke down

17 I ... tennis (started doing).

- a) took up
- b) took off
- c) took away

18 I want to ... learning English with you (continue).

- a) go away
- b) go on
- c) go up

19 He ... smoking (stopped).

- a) gave off
- b) gave in
- c) gave up

20 Where do you ...? (Where were you born?)

- a) come apart
- b) come of
- c) come from

21 I will ... my classmates (reach their level).

- a) catch with
- b) catch on
- c) catch up with

22 I can't ... them (reach their level).

- a) keep along
- b) keep up with
- c) keep on with

23 I will ... (return).

- a) be over
- b) be on
- c) be back

24 I think we can ... (have less progress).

- a) fall behind
- b) fall off
- c) fall down

25 I ... very early (get out of bed after sleeping).

- a) get off
- b) get up
- c) get over

26 ... the gaps (complete).

- a) Fill in
- b) Fill on
- c) Fill over

27 I ... later (opened my eyes after sleeping).

- a) woke on
- b) woke up
- c) woke over

28 ... (enter).

- a) Come in!
- b) Come off!
- c) Come within!

29 She ... her grandmother (takes care of).

- a) looks with
- b) looks at
- c) looks after

30 The lesson ... (finished).

- a) is done
- b) is off
- c) is over