

1) READING COMPREHENSION: Read and mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).

Simon's trip to Japan

A few years ago I worked in Japan for three weeks. During the first week, I didn't go out much because I had a terrible cold. In the second week, I was feeling a bit better, and when some workmates invited me out I accepted. We went to a restaurant in the evening.

My cold was not quite finished and my nose was still running a little. I took out a tissue, turned away from the table and blew my nose. I noticed a person at the next table was looking at me strangely. When I turned to my friends again, they looked away. Something was wrong, but the moment passed and the conversation started again. A bit later I asked one of my colleagues if there was something wrong. He said that in Japan,

people don't blow their noses in public – especially at the table.

The next time I needed to blow my nose, I decided to leave the table and go to the toilet. When I returned from the toilet, I noticed there were some little bowls of tea with lemon next to everybody's place on the table. I started drinking it before it got cold. Then I noticed some of my friends were covering their mouths, trying not to laugh. 'What's wrong?' I asked. 'Simon, that's not for drinking,' he explained, 'it's for washing your fingers.' I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. But in the end I started laughing, and little by little everybody started laughing. Finally, we were all crying with laughter.

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- 1) When Simon went to the restaurant, he was not completely recovered. ____
- 2) A person next to Simon told him not to blow his nose in public. ____
- 3) Before Simon went to the toilet, someone had put a bowl next to his plate. ____
- 4) Simon thought there was something to drink in the bowl. ____
- 5) Simon's friends were angry with him. ____

2) TENSES: Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense.

A. She _____ (TO BE) Carol and she _____ (TO BE) 24 years old. She _____ (TO BE) from Canada. However, she _____ (TO LIVE) in Los Angeles.
 Now, Carol _____ (TO LIVE) in Boston because she _____ (TO BE) on a tour for 5 months with her band because she _____ (TO BE) a singer.
 In the past, Carol _____ (TO LIVE) in San Francisco with friends. , she _____ (TO DECIDE) to make music on own because she always _____ (TO LOVE) music.
 Yesterday, she _____ (TO GO) to the cinema, is very big, with her friends. She _____ (TO BE) very happy to spend time with her friends.

B. This is Johana. She is my daughter. She _____ (TO STUDY) at primary school *but now* she _____ (TO TRAVEL) to the coast with her grandparents. Every year, she _____ (TO VISIT) Mar del Plata and she _____ (TO SWIM) in the sea. Besides, Johana _____ (TO HAVE) good marks at school. Therefore I am very happy.
Last year, Johana _____ (TO PLAY) with friends in the park when suddenly it _____ (TO START) to rain. Therefore, she _____ (TO GO) back home.

3) PARAPHRASING:

a. Tomorrow I will buy a new car. The car is red. (WHICH)

_____.

b. When I was a child, my dad used to listen to rock music. His favorite band is U2. (WHOSE)

_____.

c. Sally is an intelligent girl. She doesn't study 4 languages like I do. (HOWEVER)

_____.

d. Tom is very tall. I'm not tall. (THAN)

_____.

e. Sarah has a new job. It is far from her home (ALTHOUGH)

_____.

4) TRANSLATIONS:

A. Rocío, quien es una linda chica, ama bailar. Sin embargo, a ella no le gusta cantar.

B) Mi hermana, quien está durmiendo, trabaja como doctora en un hospital el cual es importante.

C) Tom estaba pintando su casa, la cual es muy grande, mientras Lucy estaba estudiando.

D) Messi, quien es el mejor jugador de fútbol, tiene 3 hijos cuyos nombres no recuerdo.

5) NARRATIVE:

Write about your favourite place in the world.

USE:

BESIDES - HOWEVER - THEREFORE

WHICH - WHERE - MORE ... THAN

6) LISTENING COMPREHENSION:

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MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. Lucy's surname is More / Moor / Moore . _____
2. She's in class 1C / 1B / 4B . _____
3. Lucy is 13 / 14 / 15 . _____
4. The librarian asks for Lucy's address / photo / passport . _____