A young cheesemaker

16-year-old Pat Tulloch has an unusual hobby. She makes cheese on the family farm in Australia. She began by making yoghurt with her mother when she was little. Then she started watching her father's workers make cheese. When she was ten, she made some herself for the first time. 'It wasn't great,' she says, 'but the workers told me what I was doing wrong and that helped me to slowly get better.'

Pat always needs good milk for her cheese, but she doesn't have to buy it. Her mother and father keep 100 cows on their farm. Pat can just ask them when she needs more. Last year, Pat's neighbour gave her a young cow to keep and look after, but it doesn't produce milk to make cheese yet.

Pat and her family make several types of cheese. Recently they won a prize for one of them. 'It's been great for helping customers find out about us,' says Pat. 'Last month we started selling cheese in New Zealand. People there read about our prize in a food magazine. Soon we're going to do some advertisements, too.'

Pat's next idea is to post some online recipes for cooking with cheese. 'One of my favourites is cheese with eggs for breakfast. It's great! Our cheese is also lovely with pasta – I hope a restaurant might buy some one day.' But right now Pat is still at school. 'Making cheese is fun and winning a prize for it is great, but doing well in my studies matters more for now.'

14 Pat learned to make good cheese

- **A** by listening to the advice she got.
- **B** by seeing how her mother did it.
- **C** by practising at home on her own.

15 Where does Pat get the milk for her cheese?

- **A** from her neighbour's farm
- **B** her father helps her to buy it
- **C** her parents give it to her

16 Pat says winning the prize means

- **A** more people know about her family's cheese.
- **B** she can be the star of the family's new advertisements.
- **C** she was invited to visit another country.

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17 What's the most important thing for Pat at the moment?

A writing a new cookbook

B being successful at school

C selling cheese to a restaurant

18 In this article, Pat is explaining

A why her family started making cheese.

B how to win a competition for making cheese.

C how she has become part of a cheese-making business.

A path across Canada

Thirteen-year-old Kara Finch writes about The Great Trail – a footpath that goes across Canada.

The Great Trail goes from one side of Canada to the other. At 24,000 km, it is the longest trail in the world. The Great Trail project began in 1992 and took 25 years to complete. It opened in 2017, exactly 150 years after Canada became one country.

The Great Trail is actually lots of paths joined together. You can cycle, walk or horse-ride on most of it, but there are parts where the only way you can travel is by boat. And there are others where the trail is part of the highway, which doesn't sound very safe to me.

My father and I spent a day walking along part of the Great Trail that was surprisingly busy. We were told you don't usually see bears when there are lots of people, but we did. It was moving through the trees, quite close to us, and I felt a little afraid. 'I don't think it's hungry!' laughed my dad.

At lunchtime, we talked to an old man on the trail. Dad asked him if he thought the path was going to help Canadians learn more about their countryside. 'Not really,' he said. 'We've always loved to be outdoors. But it will bring us tourists from around the world, which is important.'

In the future, the path will probably change, and new parts may open. We saw nothing to tell us we were on the Great Trail, which is a shame. I know there's information on the website, but it's good to know when you're walking on a special path. They need to add some signs, I think.

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14 What is Kara doing in the first paragraph?

A telling tourists how long it takes to walk the Great Trail

B explaining the history of the Great Trail

C giving walkers advice about walking in Canada

15 What does Kara think is dangerous?

A Some parts of the path are on roads.

B You need a boat for parts of the path.

C Bikes and horses share the same path.

16 What does Kara say about the bear she saw?

A It looked hungry.

B It was on the path.

C It walked near her.

17 What did the old man say about the trail?

A People from other countries will come to see it.

B People will go into the countryside more because of it.

C People from Canada will use it to see other parts of their country.

18 What does Kara say should happen next?

A There should be a website about the trail.

B Some parts of the trail should close.

C There should be more signs along the trail.

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