11, April

Saturday

1. Read the text

Why do cats purr? Humans tend to think that purring is a sign of happiness in a cat, but there are other reasons why our pets produce these particular sounds. Purring is a habit that develops very early in a cat's life. The most usual time for purring is in company. It can be a sign of social pleasure. Moreover, it can mean that the cat is asking to be fed or stroked.

Strangely, vets also report that cats will purr when they are in great pain or even before death. It is not good to show weakness as this could encourage larger animals to eat you. The purr may just mean: «Everything's fine, I'm on top of the world. Nothing to see here, go away please».

2. Read the text and complete the task

This text deals with …

1. Money.
2. Social Concerns.
3. Parents.
4. Part-Time Work.
5. Sport.
6. Helping at Home.

A. What teenagers feel and do is also of interest to governments. The following facts are taken from the official survey. Almost 60 per cent of British teenagers have a part-time job. The most popular jobs are

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working in shops and stores (usually on Saturdays), doing a paper round (mornings, before school), or babysitting.

B. Nearly all teenagers claim they help with the housework. But most admit they only do it because they have to.

C. Two thirds of those who were interviewed take part regularly in one or more sporting activities. Swimming is very popular with both sexes, while more than 45 per cent of boys play football.

D. Money is seen as a problem by most teenagers. Without it they can't buy clothes or gadgets, or go to concerts, cinemas or discos. The majority of girls spend their pocket money on clothes; half the boys spend it on gadgets. Three quarters of all teenagers try to save at least some money.

E. Most teenagers get along with their parents quite well. Although a lot of teenagers believe their parents are too strict, most agree that their parents offer help and support in times of crisis. When there are arguments, however, they are usually about what time they should come home at night, where they are going, and who they are going with.

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3. Read the text and complete the task

The Inuit people

The lives of the Inuit people of North America have changed a lot in 50 years. First, their name: people called them Eskimos, but now they are called Inuits,

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A_____ means "the people". They lived in igloos in the winter but today many of them live in houses in small towns. They hunted seals — they ate the meat and B_____ clothes from the fur. Many of the people still wear seal-skin clothes today because they are very warm. Remember, the weather is extremely cold for many months of the year. 80-year-old Inuit, Mariano Tagalik, C_____ us a little about her early life. "Our winter igloos were very warm. We cooked inside so sometimes it got too hot. When I was a child I took D_____ most of my clothes when I was in our igloo. In the short summers we lived in seal-skin tents, but I spent as much time as possible playing outside." To move over the snow, they wore special snowshoes on their feet, but today many Inuits E_____ snowmobiles. These machines can travel long distances in a short time. In the past it took them days or weeks to travel the same distance.

A 1) who 2) what 3) which 4) when
B 1) did 2) made 3) fashioned 4) created
C 1) talked 2) told 3) said D) spoke
D 1) out 2) on 3) off 4) after
E 1) drive 2) lead 3) take 4) go

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