

Year round exercises

READING

5 You are going to read an article about a student's thoughts on future careers. Read the article and answer right (✓), wrong (✗) or doesn't say (DS).

	✓	✗	DS
1 Sally thinks choosing a school subject to carry on studying can cause problems.	—	—	—
2 Very few of Sally's friends have decided what they want to do with their lives.	—	—	—
3 Sally's parents both earn quite a lot of money.	—	—	—
4 Sally began to consider doing the same career as her father at one point.	—	—	—
5 Sally's good results at school have made her take more interest in one subject there.	—	—	—
6 Sally is already thinking about which university to study at.	—	—	—
7 Sally thinks that working as an artist might be easier than what her parents do.	—	—	—
8 Sally would prefer to enjoy her job rather than get a lot of money.	—	—	—
9 Her work experience included speaking to customers in an artists' studio.	—	—	—
10 Sally's school is soon going to have a big horse made of metal outside it.	—	—	—

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Future thoughts

by Sally Jansen

Have you thought about what you want to do in your future career yet? It's hard, especially if you're still at school and you don't really feel keen enough on anything you've studied there to do it for the rest of your life! A number of my 5 friends feel like that, although quite a few others have got very clear ideas about where they're going. One wants to be a teacher, for example, and another wants to become a doctor.

However, I think some people have decided 10 what they want to do because of their parents' careers. As for my parents, my father is an engineer in the car industry, and my mother runs her own food business, supplying food for parties. Dad works really long hours, and 15 they're both usually really tired by the time they get home, so those jobs have never seemed very attractive to me.

Recently though, I've started doing more art at 20 school. I did well in my last Art exam and my teacher has said some really encouraging things 25 about my work. That's all made me wonder whether I could study it at university and then earn money as an artist. But just like my parents' jobs, I know that wouldn't be easy, either – there might be problems finding work sometimes. And at least if you work for a company, you get paid every month. But I'd 30 rather do something I really enjoy than earn a lot of money.

Anyway, my whole class went off on work 35 experience a month ago, so I spent two weeks helping out in an artists' studio. It was great! I did things like mixing paint, preparing paper and even answering the phone when people rang asking about buying a piece of artwork. The artists working there were doing different things. One was a painter and another worked 40 with metal, making amazing life-sized shapes of horses and tigers. They're displayed in parks and town centres and our school is even going to have one soon. When it arrives, it'll be absolutely amazing to think that I helped to make it!

USE OF ENGLISH

3 Complete the missing words in the sentences.

- 0 I can't use my phone because the **battery** is dead.
- 1 When John's bike broke last week, he didn't **k** _____ what to do.
- 2 I love watching **d** _____ about wildlife in my country.
- 3 My sister loves any kind of problem **s** _____ game.
- 4 You need to have a **r** _____ to stay at this hotel.
- 5 I never eat chilli as I don't like **s** _____ food.
- 6 This book is more interesting **t** _____ the last one I read.
- 7 If **f** _____ out with my sister, but we're friends again now!
- 8 Mr Trent, **w** _____ teaches us Physics, lives on my street.
- 9 A **v** _____ damages buildings and public places.
- 10 I enjoy studying **G** _____ because we learn about different countries.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 0 I hate **waiting** (wait) for buses. Don't you?
- 1 If you **_____** (be) lost in town, what would you do?
- 2 Our house **_____** (paint) last week. It looks great!
- 3 I **_____** (just / see) Ralf at the cinema.
- 4 This time next week we **_____** (be / travel) to Switzerland.
- 5 If I **_____** (not have) any money, I wouldn't go into town.
- 6 Apples **_____** (grow) by many farmers in the area.
- 7 I forgot **_____** (bring) my sports kit to school yesterday.
- 8 Anna has a friend **_____** (who / go) to the same school as Beth.
- 9 If the teacher **_____** (speak) more slowly, I could have understood her better.
- 10 Have you **_____** (ever / try) skydiving?

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

0 The new film is better than the book. AS
The book isn't as good as the new film.

1 That was the best meal I've ever had. NEVER
I haven't had such a good meal.

2 They didn't arrive on time for class. HAD
By the time they got to class, it hadn't arrived.

3 I often have arguments with my sister. FALL
I often argue with my sister.

4 If I were you, I'd buy a new coat. OUGHT
You ought to buy a new coat.

5 I'm sure they are on holiday because the house is empty. MUST
They must be on holiday because the house is empty.

6 I might go to university next year. THINKING
I'm thinking about going to university next year.

7 'Why don't we go to the park?' he said. SUGGESTED
He suggested going to the park.

8 Anita didn't pass the test because she wasn't prepared. WOULD
If Anita had been prepared, she would have passed the test.

9 My best friend is starting Chinese classes next month. UP
My best friend is going to start Chinese classes next month.

10 This exercise isn't as easy as I thought. DIFFICULT
This exercise is not as easy as I thought.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in CAPITALS.

0 It's really **dishonest** to tell people lies. **HONEST**

1 Be when you make a fire. You might burn yourself. **CARE**

2 Sam TV when he heard a strange noise. **WATCH**

3 This time next year, we our friends in Australia. **VISIT**

4 You need to fill out an form to join the gym. **APPLY**

5 Carmen is very ; she can never wait for anything. **PATIENT**

6 You come out tonight if you are feeling tired. **NOT HAVE**

7 I can't read your handwriting. It's completely **LEGIBLE**

8 They met at school and their has lasted for years. **FRIEND**

9 I did very well in the Maths test. I only got two answers. **CORRECT**

10 Lucas what he wants to do next year yet. **NOT DECIDE**