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Reading comprehension

Growing up poor

My name is Mike, and I was born in a very poor neighbourhood in Los Angeles. When I was little, my mother took care of my brother and me, because my father left before I came to this world, and he wasn't too interested in being a part of our lives. My mother had to work two jobs that didn't pay much. She had to work very hard so that we could have food, clothes, and a place to live. She was great; we loved her and appreciated her efforts.

Every day, she usually arrived home very late, and she was exhausted. Still, she always cooked nice meals for us, played with us, and made sure that we did our homework. She always insisted on how important it was to get a good education. She couldn't finish school because she got pregnant with me when she was just a teenager. "I couldn't finish school, and that's why I must work so hard now, and I earn so little money," she often said.

Children were very violent in my neighbourhood; you needed to be violent if you wanted to survive. There were lots of crime, vandalism, and drugs. It wasn't easy to be a good student for any child who lived in our neighbourhood. The other children hated you if you got good grades, so I wasn't very popular. The only positive thing about living in that place is that you needed to be very clever to survive, and that helped me later in life.

Finally, my brother and I could finish high school. I went to university because I was a very good basketball player, and basketball paid for my university degree. On the day of my graduation, my mother was in tears. And she was in tears again the day I showed her our new apartment, away from the neighbourhood. Do you know how difficult it is to get out of a poor neighbourhood? It's very hard, but I did it, and it was thanks to my mum. Now she doesn't have to work two jobs anymore, and I take care of her.

Answer the questions

1. Mike didn't know his father. TRUE FALSE
2. His mother didn't have enough money to buy food. TRUE FALSE
3. She didn't finish school because she had Mike. TRUE FALSE
4. Mike took drugs. TRUE FALSE
5. He got good grades at school. TRUE FALSE
6. He thinks living in his neighbourhood was very positive. TRUE FALSE
7. He isn't living with his mother at the moment. TRUE FALSE

Listening Activity

1. How many people does the first speaker identify and name?

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 3
- d) 5

2. What did the first speaker's grandfather do in his life?

- a) He worked in a cinema, then became the manager.
- b) He got married to a movie star, then they bought a cinema.
- c) He sold chocolate and soda drinks to silent movie actors.
- d) He worked in a chocolate factory, then made movies.

3. Why do many people think the second speaker's grand aunt is actually his grandmother?

- a) They were often together in photos.
- b) All the children played together and it was confusing.
- c) They lived in the same house.
- d) They looked very similar.

4. How is the house different now compared to when the photo was taken?

- a) The speaker's brother bought the house.
- b) It's not there anymore, it was destroyed.
- c) The house was replaced with a large apartment building.
- d) The area was more open and less built up.

5. What was the occasion of the photo that the third speaker talks about?

- a) The girl's uncles were going to fight in the war.
- b) The speaker's grandmother wanted a photo with her handbag.
- c) It was the birthday of one of them.
- d) Two of them were leaving the army.

6. What happened to the uncles of the third speaker's grandmother?

They both died in the war.

One died in the war, the other had seven children.

One died in the war, the other became an actor.

One became a cheese maker, the other became an actor.

Grammar

Circle the correct sentence.

1.

- a. The more amazing thing just happened to me!
- b. The most amazing thing just happened to me!
- c. The amazingest thing just happened to me!

2.

- a. He's a lot taller than you.
- b. He's a lot taller you.
- c. He's a lot taller from you.

3

- a. She's worst than me at maths.
- b. She's worse than me at maths.
- c. She's more bad than me at maths.

4.

- a. He's the most good in the team at goal scoring.
- b. He's the best in the team at goal scoring.
- c. He's best in the team at goal scoring.

5.

- a. This pizza isn't as good as Alfie's.
- b. This pizza isn't as good Alfie's.
- c. This pizza isn't as best Alfie's.

Look at the chart comparing three Internet movie services. Then complete each sentence with the words in parentheses. Use less and (not) as . . . as. For some sentences, Only one answer is possible

	C-Movie	MyScreen	FAB
Membership fee	\$9.95	\$5.00	\$5.00
Monthly rate	\$7.95	\$8.50	\$9.95
New movies	every month	every two weeks	every week
Easy to use	★★★	★★★	★★★★★
Customer service	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★

0. FAB's membership fee is as cheap as (be / cheap) MyScreen's.
1. Becoming a member of MyScreen _____ (be / expensive) joining C-Movie. (use less)
2. C-Movie's monthly rate _____ (be / high) the others'. (use not as...as)
3. C-Movie _____ (add new movies / frequently) FAB. (use not as...as)
4. Using FAB _____ (be / difficult) using the others. (use less)
5. On C-Movie, you can _____ (find movies / easily) on MyScreen. They are both pretty easy to use. (use as...as)

Past simple tense

1. Where did you ... this book?
 - a) buyed
 - b) bought
 - c) buy
2. She ... all night.

a) cryd
b) cried
c) Cryed

3. Why ... she ... ?
a) -, cried
b) did, cried
c) did, cry

4. He didn't ... last Monday.
a) called
b) calld
c) call

5. When ... you ... there?
a) did, went
b) did, go
c) -, went

6. There ... more than forty people at the meeting
a) Were
b) Was
c) Wasn't

7. (A) Where ... Tom last night?
(B) He ... at home
a. Was/were
b. Were/were
c. Was/was

8. We had a great time at the party.
It ... lots of fun.
a. Was
b. Were
c. is

Modal verbs

1. We _____ invite the Nortons to our party. They are nice people.
a. Should
b. Shouldn't
c. Must

2. You _____ play tennis inside the school

- a. Mustn't
- b. Must
- c. Shouldn't

3. People _____ take photos in the museum.

- a. Mustn't
- b. Must
- c. Shouldn't

Match phrases 1-5 with sentences a-2

1.____ 2.____ 3.____ 4.____ 5.____

- 1. Young people must go
- 2. You shouldn't watch
- 3. You mustn't be
- 4. You must drive
- 5. You should eat

- a. late for lessons
- b. on the left in Australia
- c. lots of fruits and vegetables
- d. to school until the age of 16 in the UK
- e. scary films if you're alone

Used – didn't use to

1. I ____ smoke when I was in my 20s.

- a) usually
- b) use to
- c) used to
- d) am used to

2. Sally ____ drink a lot of wine.

- a) didn't use to
- b) wouldn't
- c) didn't used to
- d) don't use to

3. My sister and I _____ eat lots of candies, but now I can't eat them because I am on a diet.

- a) use to
- b) didn't use to
- c) used to

4. _____ go out with her when she was still my girlfriend?

- a) Did you used to
- b) didn't use to

c) Did you use to

5. I _____ forget stuff, but now I _____; I even forget my mom's birthday.

- a. used to do
- b. didn't use to do
- c. did didn't use to