READING TIME EXERCISE

PART A

Number the topics in the order that Jim mentions them (put the letter **1 TO 5)**

a the problems with the job _____

b living in England _____

c exactly where he was working _____

d making friends _____

e missing his home _____

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Changing lives

Jim's blog



I've just spent a year as a volunteer in Uganda. And it has made a huge difference to my life. I had lived a very quiet life in England. I had never left the country, never been on a plane even. And suddenly there I was on a plane, landing at Entebbe Airport in 40 degrees. I was met by an old priest, and then taken into the bush. It was quite an amazing change – not like anything I had ever experienced in England.

In fact, at the beginning I was very homesick and I just wanted to go back to England, to my friends and family and the life I knew so well. But very quickly I became completely absorbed in what I was doing and by what I was able to offer. People had so little there, and I was able to contribute something. It completely changed my life.

The people I was with didn't have much money, but their lives were rich in other ways – family life was very important. But living in the bush was difficult; we were fifteen miles from the nearest post box and fifteen miles from the nearest road. The village was right on the banks of the Nile.

I worked as a doctor seeing about sixty people a day in a small village. Obviously the main problem was that there were almost no resources. That made the work very difficult. But there were positive things too. I made some very close friends during my time in Uganda.

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PART B

Read the passage and choose the best option . (wirte the letter in the space)

Today, millions of people want to learn or improve their English but it is difficult to find the best method. Is it better to study in Britain or America or to study in your own country?

The advantages of going to Britain seem obvious. Firstly, you will be able to listen to the language all the time you are in the country. You will be surrounded completely by the language wherever you go. Another advantage is that you have to speak the language if you are with other people. In Italy, it is always possible, in the class, to speak Italian if you want to and the learning is slower.

On the other hand, there are also advantages to staying at home to study. You don't have to make big changes to your life. As well as this, it is also a lot cheaper than going to Britain but it is never possible to achieve the results of living in the UK. If you have a good teacher in Italy, I think you can learn in a more concentrated way than being in Britain without going to a school.

So, in conclusion, I think that if you have enough time and enough money, the best choice is to spend some time in the UK. This is simply not possible for most people, so being here in Italy is the only viable option. The most important thing to do in this situation is to maximise your opportunities: to speak only English in class and to try to use English whenever possible outside the class.

1. **What is the article about?**

How many people learn English.

The best way to learn English.

English schools in England and America.

2. **What is one of the advantages of going to the UK to learn English?**

There are no Italians in Britain.

You will have to speak English and not your language.

The language schools are better.

3. **What is one of the advantages of staying in your country to learn English?**

The teachers aren't very good in Britain.

You have to work too hard in Britain.

Your life can continue more or less as it was before.

4. **People who don't have a lot of time and money should...**

Learn English in Britain.

Try and speak English in class more often.

Go to Italy to learn English.



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5 what is the best title for the article

A english is being learning by people for making changes.

B like spanish speakers we must learn englisg traveling

C how people should improve english

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