

## READING PRACTICE 1

ESL CLASS:

GROUP:

For each question, choose the correct answer.

### A successful singer

Carol is a singer in a pop group. Her story is unusual. Carol is in a group called *Girls Together*. "I started singing to other people in church when I was eight" she says. "I've always loved singing. I sing all the time at home. Actually, the only time I didn't sing was during my school lessons because my teachers would not have been happy."

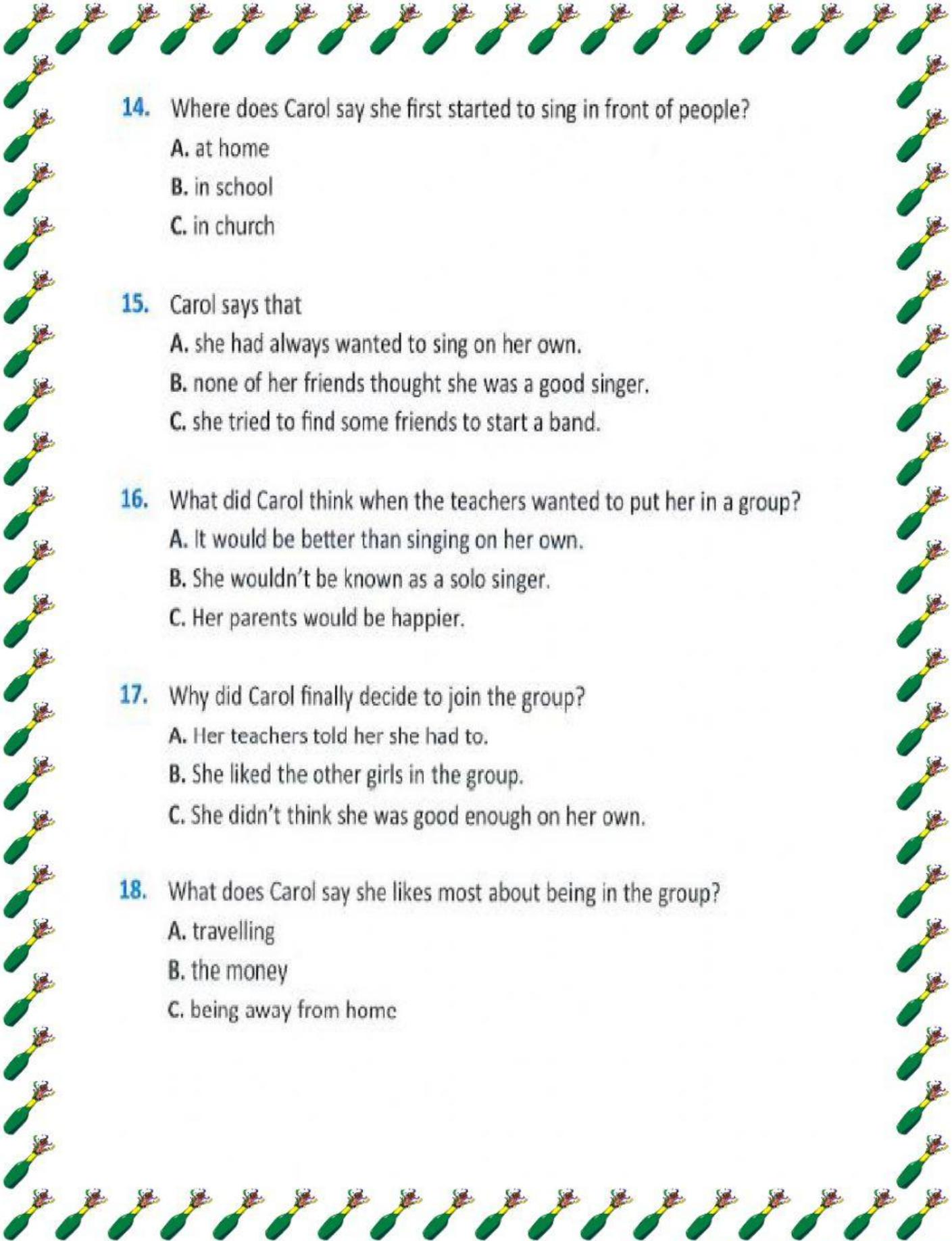


When Carol was sixteen, she was in a singing competition on the TV. Her dream was to be a famous singer, like Madonna or Lady Gaga. "I hadn't thought about being in a group. I didn't have any friends who sang or played the guitar or drums," she says.

Carol got a big surprise during the competition because the music teachers wanted to put her in a group with three other girls. She told her parents she wasn't happy because no one would know her as a singer on her own. Carol's parents just wanted her to be happy.

Although Carol wanted to sing on her own, she spent some time with the other girls and saw that she could have lots of fun with them. So she decided to sing with them. The music teachers told her that she had made the most important decision of her life.

Now the group is famous and all the girls are making a lot of money. However, Carol loves singing in the group for other reasons. Carol says, "We have been to so many wonderful places and different countries. I miss my parents but the other girls are like my new family and this helps me not to feel sad."

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14. Where does Carol say she first started to sing in front of people?
- A. at home
  - B. in school
  - C. in church
15. Carol says that
- A. she had always wanted to sing on her own.
  - B. none of her friends thought she was a good singer.
  - C. she tried to find some friends to start a band.
16. What did Carol think when the teachers wanted to put her in a group?
- A. It would be better than singing on her own.
  - B. She wouldn't be known as a solo singer.
  - C. Her parents would be happier.
17. Why did Carol finally decide to join the group?
- A. Her teachers told her she had to.
  - B. She liked the other girls in the group.
  - C. She didn't think she was good enough on her own.
18. What does Carol say she likes most about being in the group?
- A. travelling
  - B. the money
  - C. being away from home