Reading Test 3

1. Read the text and choose the correct word and write it into each empty space.

The painter

Pablo Picasso showed his truly exceptional talent from a very young age. He learned to draw before he could talk. His father worked as a drawing teacher at a college. He was an amateur **1** _____ . Pablo often watched his father paint and sometimes was allowed to help him. One evening his father was painting a picture of their pigeons when he had to **2**_____ the room. He returned to find that Pablo had completed the picture, and it was so amazingly beautiful and lifelike that he gave his son his own palette and brushes. Pablo was just 13. From that time nothing could stop him. Many people realized that he was a genius but he disappointed those who wanted **3** _____ to become a traditional painter. He was always **4**_____ the rules of artistic tradition and shocked the public with his strange and really powerful pictures. He is probably best known for his "Cubist" pictures, which used only simple geometric **5**_____. His paintings of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong place. His work changed our ideas about art, and to millions of people modern art means the work of Picasso.

1. a) expert b) actor c) artist d) performer

2. a) leave b) live c) go d) come

3. a) he b) his c) her d) him

4. a) staying b) breaking c) doing 4) becoming

5. a) profiles b) conditions c) states 4) shapes

2. Read the text. Then for each question choose the correct answer.

School gardens competition

Amy

Our class has just won a prize for our school garden in a competition – and they're going to make a TV film about it! The judges liked our garden because the flowers are all different colours – and we painted some more on the wall around it. My cousin gave us advice about what to grow – she's learning about gardening at college. We're planning to grow some vegetables next year. I just hope the insects don't eat them all!

Flora

Our teacher heard about the school garden competition on TV and told us about it. We decided to enter and won second prize! There's a high wall in our garden where many red and yellow climbing flowers grow and it looks as pretty as a painting! Our prize is a visit to a special garden where there are lots of butterflies and other insects. My aunt works there and she says it's amazing.

Louisa

The garden our class entered in the competition is very special. The flowers we've grown are all yellow! They look lovely on the video we made of the garden. We also grew lots of carrots and potatoes, and everyone says they taste fantastic. It was an interesting project. Our teacher taught us lots of things about the butterflies in our garden. We also watched a TV programme about them, and did some paintings to put on the classroom wall.

	Amy	Flora	Louisa
6. Whose class learnt about the garden competition from a TV programme?			
7. Whose class grew some vegetables?			
8. Whose class won a trip in the school garden competition?			
9. Whose class painted flowers on their garden wall?			
10. Whose class learnt about the insects in their garden?			
11. Whose class got help from someone in a pupil's family?			
12. Whose class chose flowers that were the same colour?			