

1. Spelling bee practice.

Look at the pictures and write their names under them.







6 Skills 2: Reading and writing

Read the text. Then read the questions and circle the correct answer.



Lego architect Harry Marsh talks about his job

I always loved Lego bricks. I remember when my parents bought me my first Lego set. I was so excited and immediately started building a house. As I got older the buildings and objects I built became more interesting and bigger. I love the concentration that is needed to make something. But the best thing about it is that when I'm building something I forget about all my worries. I'm so focused on my design and creating something amazing that I lose myself completely.

My dad was a publisher and my mum was a programmer. I thought I might become a publisher too as I liked reading. Then when I was a 17 I joined a band. I was the drummer. We were quite good and wanted to become famous. But then the band split up and it was time to go to university. I was good at maths and art and I loved building structures, so I did architecture.

After I finished university I worked for a few years as an architect. Then the company I was working for closed down. I was unemployed for some months before a friend told me about the job at Lego. I thought, that **can't be** a real job – it sounded like too much fun! The **salary** was good and the idea of making Lego models for a living really appealed to me, although I hadn't played with Lego since I was a child. There was a two-hour interview followed by a three-hour test. I did quite well at the interview but it was the test that made me lose my confidence. I had to build a boat. I was really nervous. I was certain that I had failed, but I passed!

I've been working as a Lego architect for 40 years now. It's a fun **career** and very creative. It's also hard work and sometimes very stressful. I have to travel to Legolands^(R) all over the world to build different things. That can be quite tiring and has kept me away from my family over the years. But in the end I still think it's the best job in the world! I'll miss it when I retire next year.

- 1 Harry enjoys making Lego buildings because
 - A he loves building houses
 - B it makes him pay attention to what he is doing
 - C he forgets about his problems
 - D he can create amazing things
- 2 What did Harry want to be when he was 17?
 - A a publisher
 - B a architect
 - C a musician
 - D a programmer
- 3 Why didn't Harry feel confident about getting the job?
 - A the test was difficult
 - B he didn't do well at the interview
 - C he hadn't played with Lego for a long time
 - D because he was unemployed
- 4 How does Harry feel about his job now?
 - A it makes him feel sad
 - B he thinks it is stressful
 - C he loves it
 - D it is very tiring
- 5 What would be a good introduction to this article?
 - A In this article Harry Marsh talks about his career
 - B Harry Marsh tells us why he became a Lego architect
 - C Harry Marsh talks about the advantages and disadvantages of his career choices
 - D in this article Harry Marsh describes why he loves his job

3: Grammar

Complete the sentences 1 -3 using past perfect continuous and 4-5 past simple and present perfect.

1. She _____ (watch) too much television lately.
2. Mary _____ (feel) a little depressed.
3. It _____ (wait) for two hours.
4. Yesterday, we _____ (go) to the cinema to see a new film we _____ (not see)
5. It _____ (be) sunny every day for two weeks, and then it _____ (start) to snow.