

These tasks will consist of two parts: an online part and a handwritten one, which must be handed over to your teacher on the due date.

**ACTIVITY 1. Reading comprehension: Charlie Chaplin.**  
**Read the text and then do the activities about it.**

He was believed to have been born on April 16, 1889. There is some doubt whether April 16 is actually his birthday, and it is possible he was not born in 1889. There is also uncertainty about his birthplace: London or Fontainebleau, France. There is no doubt, however, as to his parentage: he was born to Charles Chaplin, Sr. and Hannah Harriette Hill (aka Lily Harley on stage), both Music Hall entertainers. His parents separated soon after his birth, leaving him in the care of his increasingly unstable mother.

In 1896, Chaplin's mother was unable to find work; Charlie and his older half-brother Sydney Chaplin had to be left in the workhouse at Lambeth, moving after several weeks to Hanwell School for Orphans and Destitute Children. His father died an alcoholic when Charlie was 12, and his mother suffered a mental breakdown, and was eventually admitted temporarily to the Cane Hill Asylum at Coulsdon (near Croydon). She died in 1928 in the United States, two years after coming to the States to live with Chaplin, by then a commercial success.

Charlie first took to the stage when, aged five, he performed in Music Hall in 1894, standing in for his mother. As a child, he was confined to a bed for weeks due to a serious illness, and, at night, his mother would sit at the window and act out what was going on outside. In 1900, aged 11, his brother helped get him the role of a comic cat in the pantomime Cinderella at the London Hippodrome. In 1903 he appeared in 'Jim, A Romance of Cockayne', followed by his first regular job, as the newspaper boy Billy in Sherlock Holmes, a part he played until 1906. This was followed by Casey's 'Court Circus' variety show, and, the following year, he became a clown in Fred Karno's 'Fun Factory' slapstick comedy company.

According to immigration records, he arrived in the United States with the Karno troupe on October 2, 1912. In the Karno Company was Arthur Stanley Jefferson, who would later become known as Stan Laurel. Chaplin and Laurel shared a room in a boarding house. Stan Laurel returned to England but Chaplin remained in the United States. Chaplin's act was seen by film producer Mack Sennett, who hired him for his studio, the Keystone Film Company.

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According to the text, are these sentences True or False? Write T or F

1. Chaplin might have been born some years earlier than is currently believed
2. Chaplin's mother died before her son was successful.
3. Chaplin first performed on the stage after he arrived in the United States.
4. His first serious job was delivering newspapers.
5. His first partner on the stage was the actor, Stan Laurel.

Handwritten activity 1 : after reading the text, write a summary regarding what we know about Chaplin's family. Use about 60 words.

## ACTIVITY 2: multiple choice.

Choose the word which best completes each sentence.

1. Anyone wanting to go to the meeting, please *put up* your hands.  
a) take up  
b) lift  
c) put up  
d) rise
2. I have no brothers or sisters. I am \_\_\_\_\_ child.  
a) an only  
b) a unique  
c) one  
d) a single
3. I'm terribly sorry, I seem to have \_\_\_\_\_ my book at home.  
a) lost  
b) left  
c) forgotten  
d) hidden
4. My sister and I are always quarrelling. We just don't seem to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) get off  
b) get on  
c) get together  
d) get by
5. A lot of single parents find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ their children and do a job.  
a) grow up  
b) develop  
c) take up  
d) bring up
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ to inform you that this flight will be delayed for five hours.  
a) sorry  
b) apologise  
c) regret  
d) pity
7. Everyone should \_\_\_\_\_ this charity. They're doing a lot of good work in developing countries.  
a) agree  
b) stand up  
c) support  
d) supply

8. I only paid £5 for this shirt. It was a real \_\_\_\_\_  
a) luck  
b) bargain  
c) sale  
d) cheap
9. I always try to \_\_\_\_\_ something each month for my holidays.  
a) save  
b) spend  
c) spare  
d) put
10. I don't have a job. I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
a) lonely  
b) sick  
c) unused  
d) unemployed
11. Juventus \_\_\_\_\_ AC Milan in the football final.  
a) beat  
b) passed  
c) won  
d) lost
12. The train now standing at \_\_\_\_\_ seven has just arrived from Brighton.  
a) station  
b) lane  
c) platform  
d) path



### ACTIVITY 3: Complete the text: Living on water

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

As cities become bigger, those who can't move inland are starting to consider moving out, onto the sea itself. **1.** Islands made from reeds float in the middle of Peru's Lake Titicaca, home to an ancient community. **2;** and the Thai capital, Bangkok, with its canals, is famous for its floating markets. Fishermen live at sea for long periods, but could large numbers of people really move onto the water?

Koen Olthuis, the Dutch founder of *Waterstudio.nl* and a floating architecture expert, thinks so. **3.** A group of islands just 1.5 metres above sea level. By 2100, their beautiful beaches and white sand could be completely underwater. However, before the architects can solve **this** problem, some cash has to be raised. To do this, Waterstudio will create a luxury floating development (with a conference centre, golf course and a villa resort). **4** where they can build houses for the Maldives' poorer citizens.

As well as building on the water, architects are now starting to think about building *under* the water. ATDesign have produced plans for a 10 km<sup>2</sup> floating city off the coast of Hong Kong, with islands above the water connected by underwater tunnels and walkways. If and when it is completed, the city will have gardens, a huge entertainment arena for sports matches and concerts. **5.** People will be able to travel back and forth from the mainland by ferry, and the designers predict that it will be a huge tourist attraction.

So, it seems that a life at sea will have a lot to offer!

Now write the number of the gap corresponding to these sentences. Remember, there are three you will not need. In such cases, leave a blank space in the box.

- A. His company is involved in a project in the Maldives
- B. He loves the idea of rebuilding the islands.
- C. It will even have its own farms, making it self-sufficient.
- D. This way people can visit the beaches.
- E. Then the studio will use the money from this to develop artificial islands.
- F. Working hard to fix global problems.
- G. There are already cultures where a life on water is nothing new.
- H. Venice is made up of 118 islands

Handwritten activity 2: in the text, you find the word 'this' in bold.

1. What does it refer to? Answer the question using about 10 words.
2. The last sentence refers to a future project. Which one? Answer using about 30 words.