

TEST UNIT 12 E. FILE ELEMENTARY

NAME:

Reading

Read the interview and say if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

**Interview with Paul Mason**

Last week Paul Mason, author of the novels *Silence*, *Who did it?* and *Go Away*, agreed to be interviewed by one of our journalists.

**Lifestyle & Experience**

I live in New York with my second wife and our three children. I wasn't always a writer. When I left school I got a job in a library. In my free time I read murder novels, but one day I decided to write one. I was lucky because people liked it. I earned a lot of money so I left my job at the library and began to write all the time. I get up at 6 a.m., go to the gym for an hour, then go to my office. I buy breakfast on the way and eat it while I check my emails. After I've answered my emails I start writing. I can easily spend 9 or 10 hours writing.

**Tastes**

After work I have dinner with my family. Sometimes we go out to parties or to the theatre, but most evenings I prefer to relax at home and listen to jazz or read. My favourite author is Agatha Christie and at the moment I'm reading a book she wrote about her life. My cat usually sits next to me while I read, and the rest of the family like to watch TV.

**Places**

One of my favourite places is Maine on the east coast. We have a small house near the beach. It isn't very far from Vermont, where we go skiing in the winter. In the summer, we usually go to Venice where my wife's family live. It's probably the most beautiful city I've ever seen. I stayed in Venice when I wrote my third book and that's where I learned to speak Italian and to play the guitar. I hope to buy a house there one day. Then I'd like to retire and learn to paint.

- 1) Paul Mason is a journalist
- 2) Paul has been married once
- 3) He wrote his first novel when he was at the library
- 4) He checks his emails before he starts writing
- 5) He doesn't have a pet

**Complete the dialogue with the correct expression**

**Wow - haven't - Really? - few years ago - last year**

- A *Have you seen* this film before?  
 B No, I <sup>1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. What about you?  
 A I saw it 2)..... at the cinema.  
 B I met the main actor a 3).....  
 A 4) ..... I haven't met anyone famous.  
 B It was before he was famous. He went to the same school as my brother, Mark. Mark's an actor, too.  
 A 5) .....? Has he been on TV?  
 B No, he usually works in the theatre.

**Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense**

Dear Becky,

Thanks for your email telling me all the news from home. I'm glad everyone is well.

We're about half way through our trip around Europe and we're having a great time.  
 We'.....(stay) in four countries so far and now we're in Croatia.  
 We'.....(be) to Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary. We spent three days in Berlin where we .....(go) on the free New Berlin walking tour which took us to the Brandenburg Gate. From Berlin we went to Prague where we spent another three days seeing the sights. We even .....(watch) a ballet one evening in one of Prague's many theatres. Our next stop was Vienna which we found quite expensive. The best part of our visit was the Schbnbrunn Palace. From Vienna we went to Budapest, where we decided to relax and enjoy a spa. The weather was beautiful in Budapest, and there is a lot to see. We wanted to stay longer, but it was time for us to go to Croatia. And here we are now in Split. Split is a lovely place with lots of historic buildings. We.....(be) to the beach today, but unfortunately it rained - just our luck !

## WRITING

**Describe your life. Choose two or more ideas from the list. (75–100 words)**

- 1 Your tastes (music, books, films, etc.)
- 2 Your lifestyle (daily activities, ways to relax, etc.)
- 3 Your home (house, rooms, pets, etc.)
- 4 Your abilities (languages, musical instruments, etc.)
- 5 Your favourite places (in your town, for holidays, etc.)
- 6 Your work experiences (first job, worst job, etc.)

## LISTENING

**1 Listen to a radio interview. Tick (✓) A or B.**

- 1 Mike hasn't been to the USA before.  
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 2 His most recent film is about vampires.  
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 3 He's written a book about his life as an actor.  
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 4 He's recently become a father.  
A True ☐ B False ☐
- 5 He's been to university.  
A True ☐ B False ☐