

READING

1 Read the text about a teenager called Luke Tyndale, and choose the correct answer to the questions – A, B or C.

- 1 In the first paragraph, we learn that Luke enjoys
 - A buying things in town with his friends.
 - B watching films at his friend's house.
 - C doing sport with his friends at the weekends.

- 2 Where did Luke's love of cooking start?
 - A from living on a farm that produced food
 - B from the lessons his parents gave him
 - C from an old book that he discovered

- 3 When he started cooking, Luke made dishes that
 - A were exactly like his great-grandmother's.
 - B other people would also like to try and cook.
 - C sometimes used expensive ingredients.

- 4 When Luke first started writing his blog
 - A it attracted lots of readers very quickly.
 - B he was disappointed that no-one liked it.
 - C very few people wanted to read it.

- 5 What is difficult for Luke about the blog?
 - A He needs to keep finding new recipes to share.
 - B He often tries different recipes that don't work.
 - C He dislikes spending time producing the ingredients.

- 6 What does Luke say about his friends?
 - A He'd sometimes like to spend a bit more time with them.
 - B He likes the fact that they give him their opinion of his food.
 - C He worries that they won't like what he's cooked.

Luke Tyndale's blog

In many ways, Luke Tyndale is a typical teenager. He likes looking around the shops in town with his friends or playing football on Saturdays with them, or just watching films at his house with his family. But one thing that Luke does is quite unusual. Every week he writes a blog for other people his age – about growing food and cooking it!

Luke's family live on a farm, so everyone thinks that's where he first got the idea, as he grows fruit and vegetables there. Says Luke, 'Both my parents are great cooks, so I had plenty of chance to learn, but I wasn't interested.' But then Luke found a collection of recipes in a book that once belonged to his great-grandmother. The ideas he got for dishes were great, and he then began making other dishes he could share with people in a blog, so that they could make them too. He wanted the dishes to be really tasty, but cost very little, and use really fresh ingredients.

When Luke first started his blog, not many people seemed interested in what he was doing, but slowly the numbers of people have grown. Since he started two years ago, he has attracted 2,000 regular readers. Luke was hoping for more, but he's happy!

Luke knows that his readers now expect a new recipe every week, so he has to spend the weekend trying to create a new dish. But he enjoys spending part of his weekend trying different foods and cooking methods to see what works. And growing and picking the fresh ingredients takes time, too, but Luke has learnt a lot from doing it.

Luke still finds time to see his friends. And they all love coming to his house, because they can try the tasty dishes that Luke has prepared – and that's useful for Luke, because they tell him what they think!

2 Read Marty's blog and write T (true) or F (false).

Saturday chores! *by Marty Winston*

My Saturday mornings begin at half past six. I like getting up early. I have a shower, make my bed and tidy my room. I do this every day. Then I set the table and make breakfast. I make pancakes for my brother Jamie and my sister Anna, eggs for Dad, toast for Mum, tea and orange juice. I'm the best cook in my family! (I want to be a chef one day.)

After breakfast, I load the washing machine: white clothes first and then clothes with dark colours. Mum doesn't want my brother to do this chore. A week ago, he washed his red shirt with some white clothes. Now we've got pink socks and pink T-shirts!

My brother Jamie and my sister Anna get up at nine. They hate getting up early. They have chores too. Anna takes the clothes out of the washing machine and hangs them out. Then she vacuums the rooms. Jamie feeds our dogs, brushes them and takes them for a walk. The animals love Jamie and he's very patient with them. He also takes out the rubbish at night. He hates this job!

1 Marty gets up early in the morning on Saturdays.

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- 2 Marty makes his bed and tidies his room once a week.
- 3 Marty's mum has pancakes for breakfast.
- 4 After breakfast, Marty does one more chore.
- 5 Marty's brother gets up later than Marty.
- 6 Jamie doesn't look after the family's pets.