

Reading Comprehension

1. When people travel far away from home, they stay at a hotel to sleep for a night. In recent years, as technology improves, building hotels in space becomes possible. Thanks to the hard work by big companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin, traveling to space and living there is no longer a dream.

Voyager Space Station, a new station estimated to be finished in 2027, allows 392 people to visit it. There will be two rings connected by spokes. The docking station will be in the inner ring of the station, while hotels, restaurants, gyms, and bars will be outside.

Visitors of the Voyager Space Station can join activities different from the ones on Earth. For example, the zero-gravity basketball game. When people jump in the air, they jump five times higher than they do on Earth. Visitors can also take a good view of the Earth and space from the spacewalks on the Voyager Space Station.

() (1) What is the reading about?

- (A) A new hotel in space
- (B) Big companies that build hotels
- (C) Events that people have in space
- (D) The time when people can travel abroad

() (2) What is true about the reading?

- (A) The writer's dream is to travel to space
- (B) People are unable to build anything in space
- (C) People will feel lighter when they do sports in space
- (D) People have finished building Voyager Space Station

() (3) What can people NOT do on Voyager Space Station?

- (A) They can't play basketball.
- (B) They can't stay at the space station.
- (C) They can't have some beer together.
- (D) They can't see the Earth from the spaceship.

To Our Loyal River Diner Customers,

We're sorry that River Diner will not celebrate the Christmas with you this year because we will be closing after evening service on **Sunday, December 21st**. After eight years of serving in our community, we have decided to sell our business. We'd like to say thank you for your support over the years.

You can visit our friends, Peter and Martha, whose restaurant, Bella Bistro, has the best Italian food in Taiwan. They have three branch restaurants in Taipei, Taoyuan and Taichung, and they'll be happy to welcome you.

Visit www.bellabistro.co.tw to find a restaurant that is nearest to you.

----- Good Bye! -----

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() (1) What is this notice about?

- (A) A restaurant is moving to a new place.
- (B) A restaurant is closing their business.
- (C) A restaurant is opening a new branch.
- (D) A restaurant is looking for more workers.

() (2) When will the River Diner end the business?

- (A) Not until they celebrate Christmas.
- (B) When they find the buyer of their restaurant.
- (C) After they put their restaurant up for sale.
- (D) Just a few days before Christmas.

() (3) What are the readers of this notice suggested to do?
(A) Visit the restaurant that is run by their friends.
(B) Visit their website to find out where they're moving.
(C) Go to their branch restaurant which is across from the street.
(D) Call them directly if they're interested in buying the restaurant.

3. (A reporter is interviewing Atu, a successful young farmer.)

Reporter: Are you interested in farming since you were young?

Atu: Actually, I wasn't interested in it at all. I hated working under the bad weather. When I was in junior high, I even joined the badminton team. I never wanted to be an athlete though I played well. However, practicing every day was a good excuse not to work on the farms, wasn't it?

Reporter: Or you often got good grades in science subjects?

Atu: I never passed any science subject in junior high. To study farming in senior high was just because I'm a farmer's son.

Reporter: You were a computer engineer before being a farmer. What made you change?

Atu: I was paid well during the three years there. But I found working inside wasn't easier. I started thinking whether to go back home. My father has been growing vegetables since he was young, but he makes more money and has a freer life. So I made up my mind to follow my father.

Reporter: How about your future plan?

Atu: Thanks to my father, I can do better than others. He shares his experiences and gives me money to do what I want to do. Besides, under my sister's help with the orders, our online business gets better and better. But my father sometimes isn't on my side when I try to do something different to make more money which is the only reason for me to go back. I know he's afraid I'd lose a lot if I fail. But trying is the only way to be successful, isn't it?

() (1) What makes Atu change his mind and keep working on the farms?

(A) To help his old father. (B) To make more money.
(C) To have his own farms. (D) To work with his sister.

() (2) Which is true about Atu from the reading?

(A) He studied well when he was in junior high school.
(B) He dreamed to be a badminton player in the future.
(C) He worked in a computer company away from home.
(D) He enjoyed working on the farms since he was young.

() (3) What help does Atu need from his father?

(A) To give Atu more money to buy more farm land.
(B) To share more of his experiences about farming.
(C) Not to deal with the online orders and send vegetables.
(D) Not to say anything about his new ideas about farming.

4. My brother was really angry this morning. He shouted very loudly while everyone was sleeping. My mom went to his bedroom and asked him what happened. He told her that someone might attack his laptop because he couldn't download any files and kept getting lots of error messages. Mom explained carefully to him that's because there wasn't any more space. All he had to do was to delete the files that he didn't need anymore, and then he could download new ones. Finally, he understood that he should be patient enough to think clearly.

() (1) How did the writer's brother feel this morning?
(A) First angry and then happy. (B) First excited and then tired.
(C) First angry and then sorry. (D) First bored and then happy.

() (2) What was the writer doing when her brother shouted loudly?
(A) She was reading a book. (B) She was downloading some files.
(C) She was sleeping. (D) She was explaining to her brother.

() (3) What's wrong with her brother's laptop?
(A) Someone attacked his laptop, so it was useless.
(B) There wasn't enough space for new files.
(C) Her brother downloaded some boring files.
(D) His laptop was broken, but they didn't know who did it.

5. David is 15 years old. He is too young to ride a scooter. He will be old enough to ride it in three years.

One day, he planned to go to his classmate's home. But it was too far. He can't walk or ride a bike there. He didn't want to take a bus there. **It** made trouble for him. He had to go to the stop on foot, waited for the bus, got on and off the bus, and then he still had to walk to his classmate's home. Worst of all, he had to do it again to come back home.

Finally, he decided to ride his mother's scooter there. Of course, after his mother knew this, she was very angry, and she made him stay at home on holidays.

() (1) When David can ride a scooter, how old will he be?
(A) 15. (B) 16. (C) 17. (D) 18.

() (2) What does **It** in the reading mean?
(A) To walk there.
(B) To ride a scooter there.
(C) To take a bus there.
(D) To ride a bike there.

() (3) How did David visit his classmate at last?
(A) On foot. (B) By bike. (C) By bus. (D) By scooter.

() (4) According to the reading, what DIDN'T David do?
(A) He didn't visit his classmate.
(B) He didn't get off the bus at the stop near his classmate's home.
(C) He didn't ride his mom's scooter.
(D) He didn't go to his classmate's home by scooter.

() (5) Which of the following is true?
(A) David's mom bought him a motorcycle.
(B) David's classmate lives near David's home.
(C) David couldn't go out on holidays from then on.
(D) David spent much time taking the bus to his classmate's home.



Sam and Dave are digging a hole, and they will not stop until they find something spectacular. They keep digging straight down, but they still don't find anything spectacular. They keep changing directions and barely (僅僅) missing the diamond (鑽石). They run out of chocolate milk, and they share the last cookie. But they still keep digging.... They are so tired that they fall asleep. However, the dog keeps digging and they all fall down to a new land. The falling is something spectacular for them....



This book is really something spectacular for me! If you haven't read this book, please read it, at least once. Believe it or not, it is too good to put it down.

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