

ENGLISH QUIZ # 3

Name _____

Reading

1 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) Google™ is a small company. ____
- b) Fortune magazine thinks Google is a good place to work. ____
- c) At the Google office in California employees can wear what they like. ____
- d) Google employees have to pay for the hairdresser and dentist. ____
- e) Google employees have a lot of freedom. ____

The company Google™ was started in 1998 by two Stanford University students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin. It offers free software that helps people find information on the internet. They started the business in a friend's garage, but the company quickly grew, and has now become very successful. Today, Google has 10,000 employees worldwide and *Fortune* magazine has recently voted Google the number one company to work for in the USA. We visited the new Google building in California, called Mountain View, to find out why.

At Mountain View, employees can wear T-shirts to work. There is a free gym and swimming pool, and a company bus goes from the office to San Francisco so that employees don't have to drive to work. Googlers – the name employees call themselves – can have a massage, visit the hairdresser, doctor and dentist – all for free! Googlers don't have to work at a desk; they can work outside, or sit on one of the many sofas in the building. There is a free restaurant, with fantastic food, and free snacks all day. You can have a beer on Friday afternoon with your workmates. You can even take your dog to work!

2 Read the text and choose the correct information.

- a) The writer is **older** / **younger** than his sister.
- b) Jack is the writer's **nephew** / **brother**.
- c) Jack and the writer **liked** / **didn't like** each other as children.
- d) **The writer** / **Jack** is studying in college now.
- e) The writer likes Jack because **he earns a lot of money** / **he's funny**.

My mother and father already had three older children when I was born. My two brothers were thirteen and seventeen, and my sister was nineteen. I was the baby of the family. When my sister got married and had my nephew, Jack, I was three. So my nephew was more like my brother. When we were children we spent a lot of time together. I was a typical last child – pretty bad – I was always getting into trouble. I quit school when I was sixteen and got a job in a shop. But Jack was a typical first child. He worked hard at school and was much more ambitious than me. I got interested in studying much later than Jack, and started college last year. I'm training to be a teacher. Jack's got a great job now as a director of his own company, and he earns a lot more money than I will. But the best thing about Jack is his sense of humor. He's the funniest person I know. When we see each other we feel like kids again!