Reading Section

1. **Read the article. Then read the statements and circle (a) True, (b) False, or (c) Doesn't say.**

Four Reasons to Worry about Spam

Most Internet users get irritating, unwanted, commercial messages called *spam* every day. "So what's the big deal?" you may ask. Here are four reasons why you should worry about spam.

1. Spammers send thousands of identical messages with a push of the "send" button, but you have to look through all of your messages and delete the spam. That can add up to a lot of wasted time. Some experts say employees spend up to an hour a day sorting and deleting junk mail.
2. Although improved antivirus software has helped the problem, spam messages can still contain viruses. Sometimes, a spam email will ask you to go to a website and type in personal information. This can be extremely dangerous.
3. Products in spam ads are frequently (though not always) low quality or worthless. Think about it: Companies that make high-quality products don't mind paying for advertising. However, sellers of low-quality goods would rather use spam because it costs very little.
4. Spam messages often say that you asked to receive the message, but, of course, that's usually not true. Many spammers use email addresses without permission. And even though spammers say they'll take your name off their list if you ask them, many of them don't.

1. **Most Internet users don't need to worry about spam.**

   a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

2. **Spammers are people who get a lot of spam.**

   a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

3. **Spam that contains viruses used to be a much bigger problem.**

   a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

4. **It is expensive to create and send spam messages.**

   a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

5. **Spammers get email addresses when people buy products online.**

   a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

2. **Read Nicole's blog. Then read the statements and circle (a) True, (b) False, or (c) Doesn't say.**

Nicole's Blog

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When I was growing up, there were four people in my immediate family – me, my parents, and my younger brother. My parents wanted us to spend time as a family, so we used to eat dinner at home together several times a week. But there was a problem. My parents both worked full-time and didn't usually feel like cooking when they came home at night.

So we thought of a solution. My whole family would plan the next week's meals and go shopping for food on the weekend. Then I would cook dinner for the family a couple of times a week. (That was fine with me because I wanted to learn more about cooking anyway.)

When we started this new plan, I made really easy dishes. For example, I would just put a frozen dinner in the oven and make a salad. But I got bored with that pretty quickly, so I started to read cookbooks and try different recipes. After a while, I even made up some of my own recipes – and they were delicious! Everybody loved it when it was my turn to cook.

1.Nicole has a big extended family.

a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

2.Nicole's parents used to cook on weekends.

a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

3.Nicole planned the meals by herself.

a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

4.Nicole made simple meals at first.

a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

5.Nicole was a creative cook.

a.True b.False c.Doesn't say

3. **Read the description of a job on a web page. Then select the five correct statements.**

FAQs

Personal Assistant FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. ***What is a personal assistant (PA)?*** A PA manages the daily life of his or her boss. Many PAs work for wealthy people, and celebrities often have PAs.

2. ***What does a PA typically do?*** It depends on the employer. Often a PA organizes the employer's daily schedule, makes travel arrangements, pays bills, and runs various errands.

3. ***How much does a PA make?*** A PA's salary is usually between $25,000 and $75,000 a year.

4. ***How is a PA's job special?*** The working relationship between employer and employee usually becomes very close.

5. ***What are the good and bad things of being a PA?*** On the good side, PAs often lead exciting and luxurious lives. The downside is that they never have their own life because their employer can call them at any time.

6. ***What is the most important qualification for a job as a PA?*** A PA has to be outstanding at personal relationships. A PA has got to know immediately what the employer wants and needs, and be able to carry out that person's wishes.

A personal assistant . . .

a. only works for famous people.

b. can have many different responsibilities.

c. often works for free.

d. has to understand other people well.

e. has a close relationship with the employer.

f. probably won't have a boring life.

g. usually knows a lot about the employer's life.

h. has a lot of free time in his or her personal life.

i. has to do what's best, even if it's against the employer's wishes.

4. Read this letter to a magazine. Then select the correct answers.

Letters to the Editor

Something nice happened on my birthday a few years ago. I was with my girlfriend in a really expensive restaurant. We were celebrating our birthdays – both our birthdays are in the first week of June, and we were both turning 27 that year. Anyway, while we were looking at the menus, a cell phone rang. It was the guy next to us. When he finished his conversation, he and his wife got up right away, paid the bill, and left the restaurant. It looked like they didn't like their food, so I was a little worried about our own meal. A few minutes later, the owner of the restaurant came to our table. He asked if we wanted a free dinner. The meal was from the people at the next table. They had to leave because they had an emergency, and they didn't have time to eat anything. It was this really nice big meal they ordered for two people – salad, steak, everything. So we had a delicious dinner, and we didn't have to pay for it! We loved it so much we came back again the next year on the same day. Now we go to that restaurant every year for our birthdays.
– Rick Holden

1.Rick and his girlfriend's birthdays are _____ .

a. the same day

b. the same year

c. the same week

2.When the cell phone rang, Rick and his girlfriend were _____ .

a. eating their meal

b. leaving the restaurant

c. deciding what they wanted to order

3.The other customers didn't eat their meal because _____ .

a. they didn't like it

b. they had to leave

c. it was too expensive

4.Rick and his girlfriend didn't _____ the meal.

a. order

b. want

c. eat