



MY EVIDENCE : READING ACTIVITY

The Old Colonel

I think I **have had** a very interesting life. I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired when I was 69. I **have been** to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I've **been** to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I **have also been** once to Russia but I didn't like it at all: much too cold for me!

They say that love is the greatest thing and I agree. I've **been married** four times but never for more than five years. I don't think women really understand me!

I've **never been** on television, but I've **been** on the radio once. It was a programme about life in the military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually, I've **met** a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and also famous cinema and television personalities. I've **never met** the American President though which is a pity.

Because I've **traveled** a lot, I've **seen** a lot of wonderful things and have also **eaten** and drunk some strange foods and drinks. I ate cats and rats in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.



I. Read and choose the correct answer

1. How old was the colonel when he retired?

- a. He was fifty one.
- b. He was seventy three.
- c. He was sixty nine.

2. How many times has the colonel been to South Africa?

- a. He has been there more than five.
- b. He has been there more than two.
- c. He has been there less than two.

3. Did he like Russia? Why?

- a. No, I didn't. It's not cold.
- b. No, he hasn't. It's cold.
- c. No, he didn't. It's cold.

4. What does he think about his ex wives? He thinks that

- a. They really love him.
- b. They really don't understand him.
- c. They really hate him.

5. Did he work on the radio?

- a. No, he didn't. But he has been there as a guest.
- b. Yes, he did. He was the interviewer.
- c. No, he hasn't. But he has worked on TV.



II. CHOOSE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB . USE PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

6. They **didn't study** / **haven't studied** for the exam yet.

7. A: **Has he ever been** / **Did he ever be** to Italy?

B: Yes, he **have visited** / **visited** it in 2018

8. Who **did you see** / **have you seen** last night?

9. He **already did** / **has already done** the shopping .

10. When I **have gotten** / **got** home yesterday ,

I **was** / **have been** very tired and

I **have gone** / **went** straight to bed .