

Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

A: I'm having trouble meeting people here in the city. Any ideas?

B: I know it's hard. Why don't you _____ (join) a gym? That's usually a good place to meet people. Or maybe you could _____ (take) a class at the community college.

A: What about _____ (check out) the personal ads? Do you think that's a good way to meet people?

B: I wouldn't recommend doing that. People never tell the truth in those ads. But it might be a good idea _____ (find) a sports team. Have you thought about _____ (play) a team sport – maybe baseball or volleyball?

A: I'm not very good at most sports, but I used to play tennis.

B: There you go! One option is _____ (look up) tennis clubs in the city and see which clubs have teams people can join.

A: Now, that's a great idea. And I could always use the exercise!

LISTEN TO A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THREE FRIENDS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. CHECK THE RESOLUTION EACH PERSON MAKES

	New Year's resolutions	
1. Edward	☐ get a better job	☐ start a project
2. Selena	☐ have more energy	☐ go back to school
3. Hannah	☐ fix her relationship problems	☐ spend more time on social media

READ AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Improving the world

– one idea at a time



[1] Jack Andraka was 15 when he came up with an idea for a new way to test for pancreatic cancer. When Andraka was 14, a family friend died of the disease, and this affected him deeply. This kind of cancer is particularly lethal because there is no test you can have done to find it in the early stages. By the time standard tests determine you have the disease, it is often too late. Realizing that this was the case, Andraka decided to try to develop a test that might catch problems at the earliest stages.

[2] The road ahead looked difficult for Andraka. He was still a high school student, and he wanted to create something that no one else had done. But Andraka read endlessly about the disease, wrote a proposal for his idea, and sent it out to 200 cancer researchers. Only one professor, Dr. Anirban Maitra, responded positively. Dr. Maitra agreed to work with Andraka on his idea, giving him guidance and access to a laboratory.



[3] The next big reward for Andraka's perseverance was winning the grand prize at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. This prestigious award is given to young innovators who have developed a world-changing idea.

Developing the test is likely to take many years, but Andraka hopes the test will eventually improve people's lives – and maybe save them.

[4] Jack Andraka is not alone as a young innovator. After all, there were 1,499 other contestants for the Intel award, and all of them had ground-breaking ideas. For Andraka, having a family that loves science and encourages creative thinking gave him an advantage. But the key for Andraka is that reading, research, and discovery are just plain fun – and the chance to improve the world around him in the process makes it even better.

1. Who is the article about?

Read the article. Write the number of each paragraph next to its summary sentence.

- _____ One doctor's help makes the unlikely become possible.
- _____ A personal experience creates a groundbreaking idea.
- _____ Family support and a passion for discovery can lead to great things.
- _____ Although he won a big prize, there's plenty of work ahead.

Choose the correct answers.

1. Pancreatic cancer is so serious because **there is no treatment** / it is hard to diagnose early.
2. Andraka was inspired to find a solution by an **upsetting experience** / reading about a disease.
3. The response to Andraka's proposal was **fairly positive** / largely negative.
4. Andraka's test for pancreatic cancer is **in use now** / being developed now.
5. Andraka's family helped him by **encouraging him** / working on his idea.

MATCH THE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY WITH THE CORRECT MEANINGS

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| A. Disease | ___ Very new and a big change from other things of its type |
| B. Deeply | ___ Respected and admired, usually because of being important |
| C. Lethal | ___ A painting of a person or group of people |
| D. Stage | ___ The process of getting information that had been erased from a computer |
| E. Endlessly | ___ Working with one person to give extra help in a school subject |
| F. feel up to | ___ Goods bought to be used in the home, such as food and cleaning products |
| G. Perseverance | ___ A period of development, or a particular time in a process |
| H. Data recovery | ___ The quality of persisting when things are difficult |
| I. Tutoring | ___ A phrase used to add information that shows that what you have just said is true |
| J. Prestigious | ___ Continuing for a long time and never finishing, or never seeming to finish |
| K. After all | ___ An illness caused by an infection or by a failure of health and not by an accident |
| L. Groceries | ___ Able to cause death |
| M. Portrait | ___ I really can't sing well |
| N. Ground-breaking | ___ Very much |
| O. I can't carry a tune to save my life | ___ To have the energy to do something |