

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the comments posted on an online forum.

 Martin	A lot of people are quite nervous about the future but I'm an optimist and I believe that there are a lot of exciting things to look forward to. Even today things are changing really quickly. Think back to only ten years ago; could you imagine then a future with talking smartphones or smart fridges (they know when you need to buy more milk)?
 Harriet	I'm a bit worried about the future when I see how unhealthy so many people are. Of course it's connected to diet and not doing exercise. If I have the choice, I'll sit in front of the computer emailing my friends and surfing the Internet. But my parents tell me to go out and get some exercise. That way I won't have problems when I'm older.
 Stephen	Our planet is getting smaller if you think about communication and travel but the number of people is growing, especially in developing economies like China and India. How can the world support everyone? We're living longer because of medical science but will the world be too small?
 Fiona	I'm really excited about the future because I'm really interested in science. I'm sure people will live on the moon before 2065. I want to be part of that new world so I'm hoping to go to the USA to work with scientists there.

1. Are the sentences T (True) or F (False)?

- Martin is very positive about the future.
- Martin thinks technology will create a better future.
- Harriet enjoys taking exercise.
- Stephen thinks that medical science will solve our problems.
- Fiona is interested in space travel.

2. Choose the correct options.

- What were you doing / did you do at 9 o'clock last night when I was phoning / phoned.
- She was meeting / met Tom while she studied / was studying at university.
- Dan wasn't listening / didn't listen when the teacher was telling / told us the answer.
- I fell / was falling asleep while I watched / was watching the TV.
- Were they doing / did they do their homework when you were seeing / saw them in the library?

3. Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in the box.
Use **than** or **the**.

HIGH	BRAVE	MESSY	GOOD	POWERFUL
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- My new laptop ismy old one.
- Where's restaurant in town?
- Mt Everest is mountain in the world.
- I'm..... my brother. He's really tidy!
- Who's your hero? Who's.....person you know?

4. Choose the correct options.

1 you swim when you were younger?

- a Could b Should c Must

2 Youeat a lot of fast food.

- a couldn't b mustn't c shouldn't

3 You.....pass your driving test to drive a car.

- a must b should c could

4 Do you think I..... tell the police what I saw?

- a must b should c could

5 I..... speak English before I started school.

- a shouldn't b mustn't c couldn't

5. Choose the correct options.

1 Are you going to go / Will you go to the school disco this Thursday?

2 Paula isn't going to study / won't study English at university, because she wants to be a lawyer.

3 I think Rachel is going to be / will be an athlete when she's an adult – she's very, very good at sport.

4 My brother will join / is going to join the local gym at the start of next year – he told me yesterday.

5 They won't know / are going to know the answer – they never do!

6. Complete the first conditional sentences and questions with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

SEE	WANT	COME	HELP	LOSE
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1. you..... me if my homework is too difficult?
2. If I..... to buy a new laptop, I'm sure Dad will give me the money.
3. If my favourite team....., I'll be really angry.
4. Weyou at the concert if you get tickets.
5. If you have time, you to my house this evening?