



## READING COMPREHENSION

### What makes us happy?

Last month, I stopped 100 people in the street and asked them what made them happy. Most people told me what I expected – falling in love, spending time with family and friends, money – but a few people had some really interesting answers. My favourites, and their reasons, are below.



Ben told me that what really makes him happy is **people watching**, especially in airports. 'You see a lot of happiness in airports, especially in the Arrivals area. I love seeing people's faces as they see their **loved ones** return from holiday, or the faces of the travellers when they see who is there waiting for them.' Ben then said, 'Don't look for the same happy faces in Departures, though – people there are often stressed or angry because their flights are **delayed**, or sad because they're saying goodbye to someone!'

Hannah told me that what makes her really happy is the sound of the rain. 'I love it!' she said. 'I love hearing the rain falling against my bedroom window when I'm in bed. Firstly, it makes me happy that I'm not outside getting wet, and secondly, I think the sound of rain falling is very **calming** and it helps me get to sleep at night.'

Finally, on a similar note, Laura told me that she actually *loves* walking in the rain – the heavier the better! 'Wild weather, and particularly rain and wind, makes me so happy, and I love being outside in it,' she said. 'There's nothing better than walking along the beach on a **stormy** day, especially if I'm tired or **in a bad mood** – it always makes me feel better.'

I'm not sure I agree with Laura, but it's a very good answer. I think my favourite answer is **Hannah's**, because that's what makes me happy, too!

**Read the article. Who talks about the following: Ben (B), Hannah (H) or Laura (L)?**

1. Being at home.
2. Something that helps them relax.
3. Being outside.
4. Listening to something.
5. Enjoying very bad weather.
6. People going on holiday.
7. Something the author agrees with.
8. Negative feelings.

**Read the text again and mark TRUE or FALSE:**

1. The text is about eating healthy and feeling happy.
2. The author interviewed people in the street.
3. One speaker likes watching people saying goodbye at the airports.
4. The second speaker enjoys walking in the rain and getting wet.
5. The third speaker hates rainy days when she is at the beach.
6. The author thinks the second speaker's answer is the best.

## **LISTENING**

**A. Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

**1. What does Nicky like doing in her free time?**

a) watching TV    b) gardening    c) reading

**2. Where's Harry going this weekend?**

a) a concert    b) the theatre    c) the cinema

**3. What does Ben say about his job?**

a) It's dangerous every day.

b) He hates working outside.

c) He loves it.

**4. What day does the man want to book the table for?**

a) Friday night    b) Sunday night    c) Saturday night

**5. What time does Nick say the concert starts?**

a) 6 o'clock    b) 7 o'clock    c) 8 o'clock

**6. Where did Peter and Françoise meet?**

a) Paris    b) Venice    c) London

**B. Listen again and write true (T) or false (F).**

1. Nicky loves gardening.

2. Jack isn't going to the theatre with Harry.

3. Ben says riding horses isn't always dangerous.

4. The man books a table for nine people.

5. Marion can't go to the concert with Nick because she has book club.

6. Pete proposed to Françoise on a weekend away.

**A) USE OF ENGLISH. Use the following words to complete the text.**

BIGGEST - THEY - THERE ARE - WILL - SAW  
LUCKILY - MORE - VISIT - OFTEN - TOOK - WHEN - ZOO

## DUBAI'S GREATEST MALL

The Dubai Mall is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ shopping centres in the world. It took four years to build it. \_\_\_\_\_ over 1,200 shops and 120 restaurants and cafes. It also has a 250-room hotel, 22 cinema screens, an ice rink and an underwater \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ than 750,000 people \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping centre every week. But if you are one of those visitors, be careful or you \_\_\_\_\_ get lost.



If you don't want to get lost, take a map. Maradona visits the shopping very \_\_\_\_\_. Once he \_\_\_\_\_ his grandson to the underwater zoo. While they were watching the sharks, some people \_\_\_\_\_ him and started to shout his name.

They wanted a picture with him, so \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded him. His grandson was scared \_\_\_\_\_ he saw the fans running towards him. \_\_\_\_\_, a guard held his hand tightly and cheered him up.

### B) MAKING QUESTIONS. Read the text again and write the questions.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
The Dubai Mall.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Over 1,200.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
More than 750,000.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Maradona.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
They started to shout and call him.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
Because they wanted a picture of him.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
He was scared.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
A guard.