



1. READING: UNDERSTANDING WORDS THAT YOU DON'T KNOW

Meet three students who found out that it is never too late to learn!



Francisco Pardo

My dad was a self-employed builder. He had his own business and wanted me to go and work with him, ¹_____. I left high school at sixteen. I didn't like working as a builder, though – I was bored, ²_____. I started looking for something else. I bought a book about computer programming and read it from start to finish. Ten years later (and after a lot more reading and working with computers), I work for a computer company. I absolutely love it!

Bistra Nikolovo

I really liked school, but I thought that when I left college that was the end of learning. Then I discovered online studying. Last year I took courses on Shakespeare, in Italian, and on astronomy – I've always been interested in the stars! This year I'm doing Spanish and film making. I don't want to stop ³_____. I really enjoy learning this way!



Samantha Jones

I finished school without any real skills ⁴_____. I had my daughter when I was eighteen. When she started high school, I found that it was really tough helping her with her math homework. I had to do something about it, ⁵_____. I took a night class. My teacher was amazing, and I was really surprised that I could do the work. In the end, I went to college and studied teaching. I'm still doing that now – I work in an elementary school.

1 Read the text and answer each question with a word, a name or a number.

1 What did Francisco study after he left school?

2 What job did Francisco's father want him to do?

3 Who is taking online courses? _____

4 Which language did Bistra study last year?

5 How old was Samantha when she started a family?

6 What is Samantha's job? _____



Text builder *because* and *so*

We use *because* to give a reason:

I didn't enjoy it at first because I missed my friends.

We use *so* to give a result:

The lessons were really easy for me, so my parents decided to teach me at home.

2 Complete 1–5 in the text with *because* or *so*.



3 Find the words in the text. Are they nouns (N), adjectives (A), or verbs (V)?

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| 1 | bored | _____ |
| 2 | discovered | _____ |
| 3 | astronomy | _____ |
| 4 | skills | _____ |
| 5 | tough | _____ |
| 6 | amazing | _____ |

4 Match 1–6 in exercise 3 with meanings a–f.

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|---|---|-------|
| a | something you learn from practice and study | _____ |
| b | the study of the moon, stars, etc. | _____ |
| c | not easy, difficult | _____ |
| d | really good, surprising | _____ |
| e | found out about | _____ |
| f | not interested | _____ |

