

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Answer these questions about the interview. Type A, B or C in the provided space.

1) Who strongly thinks we should go to Mars?

- a) He does
- b) She does
- c) They both do

2) He also talks about going to ____.

- a) Saturn
- b) Outer space
- c) The Moon

3) She talks about spending on ____.

- a) medicine
- b) housing
- c) education

4) They want a vaccine for ____.

- a) HIV
- b) Cancer
- c) Malaria

5) At the end of the conversation they ____.

- a) agree to disagree
- b) agree with each other
- c) get mad at each other

Answer these questions. Type A, B or C in the provided space. Careful, in one of the questions more than ONE answers are possible.

1) When did she withhold her kids' wages?

- a) once a week
- b) when they didn't do their chores
- c) often

2) What did she notice in Sydney?

- a) the kids are spoiled
- b) the parents are sad
- c) the people are big

3) What do Western kids do on a six-hour bus trip?

- a) sleep
- b) sing
- c) eat

4) What did he do on the farm?

- a) drive the tractor
- b) plant peas
- c) go outside

5) What is an ultimate place of boredom?

- a) a grocery store
- b) a department store
- c) a train

Answer these questions. Type A, B or C in the provided space.

1) What would he like to do?

- a) Fly like a bird
- b) See through things
- c) Clone himself

2) What would she like to do?

- a) Fly like a bird
- b) See through things
- c) Clone herself

3) Who would like to do teleportation?

- a) He would.
- b) She would.
- c) Neither of them.

4) What does he like about Spiderman?

- a) The suit
- b) The flying
- c) Neither of these things

5) What super hero does she like?

- a) Spiderman
- b) Superman
- c) Batman

READING COMPREHENSION

Homework: one word that makes the heart of many a parent sink and is guaranteed, at any given time, to be causing rows in homes around the world.

The homework debate has raged for decades. How much homework should kids get? How involved should parents be? And does it really matter if it doesn't get done?

Recent years have seen a swell of support for ditching homework altogether; more than one teacher has gone semi-viral for sharing a no-homework policy that prioritizes family time, outdoor play, and early bedtimes. And some schools have adopted no-homework programs, encouraging students to enjoy their evening free time and in some cases lengthening the school day to provide more classroom instruction.

Unbeknownst to many, there is an unofficial homework standard à la "the 10-minute rule" that was first proposed by Duke University psychology professor Harris Cooper and is supported by the National PTA and the National Education Association. It's simple: a daily maximum of 10 minutes of homework per grade level. (First graders do 10 minutes of homework each night; second graders do 20 minutes; third graders do 30 minutes, and so on.)

Cooper is responsible for the most comprehensive research on homework to date. His 2006 meta-analysis, published in the *Review of Educational Research*, found evidence that students who did homework performed better in school. However, the correlation was stronger for students in seventh through 12th grade. In earlier grades, the relationship between homework and performance was weak.

But Cooper's analysis shows correlation, not causation. It begs the question: Does homework lead to achievement, or do high achievers simply do more homework? Undoubtedly, some kids are less likely to kick up a stink about doing homework than others. Others actually want to do homework. The point being, they're all different.

Answer these questions. Type A, B or C in the provided space.

1. According to the "10 minute rule", how much homework should fourth graders do per night?

- 30 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 40 minutes

2. Coopers research shows that _____.

- students in lower grades performed better in school when they did lots of homework
- it doesn't really matter if students in lower grades do homework or not
- students in lower grades don't do their homework often

3. What does "to kick up a stink" mean?

- To go to the toilet
- To not brush your teeth for a long time
- To complain

4. Schools that have adopted a "no-homework" policy, _____.

- encourage students to enjoy their free time
- have lots of students who perform poorly
- make up the majority of schools in the USA

5. What does "to cause rows" mean?

- To draw lines on a piece of paper
- To cause arguments/debates
- To come to an agreement

Look at the text in each situation. What does it say? Type the correct letter A, B or C in the provided space.

To: Jake
From: Magda

Karl can't come to the concert with us, and he wants to sell his ticket.
Does one of your friends want it? Let me know.
Thanks

- A Karl wants Jake to buy him an extra ticket for the concert.
- B Jake has told Magda that there's now a spare concert ticket available.
- C Magda wonders whether Jake knows anyone keen to buy Karl's concert ticket.

You are requested not to leave bicycles outside these gates during school hours.

- A It is forbidden to leave bikes here at any time of day.
- B You may not leave your bike here except when the school is closed.
- C Bikes should be left inside these gates after school hours.

New School Diaries available now!
Ask at office - 10% discount on first 100 sold.

- A You can now buy last year's diary at a lower price.
- B If you are one of the first to buy a diary, you'll pay less.
- C There are only 100 school diaries left in the office.

Students are reminded that mobiles are forbidden in classrooms – place them in lockers provided.

- A** Students must leave phones in the correct place instead of keeping them during lessons.
- B** Students are not allowed to bring their phones into school at all.
- C** Students can use their phones in classrooms if they lock them away afterwards.

Hi Sam,
I'm waiting for you here at the swimming pool with Jamie – where are you? Did you forget? Or is your bus late again? Hurry up!
Alex

- A** Sam is expecting to turn up late to meet his friends at the pool.
- B** Alex is impatient for Sam to join him and Jamie at the pool.
- C** Sam's friends are worried that he's changed his mind about going to the pool.

To: All students
From: Mrs Draper, dance teacher

Well done, everyone, for the dance performance for parents last night. You did everything right! Only two more performances to go and then you can relax!

Mrs Draper is emailing to

- A** inform all students when the last dance performance will be.
- B** suggest ways of improving the dance performance.
- C** encourage students to keep up their good work.

- A** Campers are allowed to listen to the radio in the early evening only.
- B** People staying at the campsite can have fires burning until 9 p.m.
- C** Only those staying at Kingsway Campsite may play music at night.

Visitors to Kingsway Campsite

Please note:



No fires!

No music permitted after 9 p.m.

Findon Swimming Club

Practice: Monday 7.30 a.m.

We cannot admit any member who is not punctual

- A** Findon Swimming Club wants all new members to come to a practice session on Monday.
- B** Any members of Findon Swimming Club who arrive late will not be let into the practice session.
- C** The swimming club cannot confirm whether there will be a practice session on Monday.

Carrie, I won't be home until 6 p.m.
Have the snack I've left for you and
Josh and then I'll cook dinner when
I get home. Love Mum.

Carrie's mum wants

- A Carrie to get dinner ready for her and Josh by 6 p.m.
- B Carrie not to give Josh anything to eat until she arrives home.
- C Carrie and Josh to eat something before they have dinner.

- A Students cannot use this corridor to go the sports hall.
- B Students must never run along the corridor.
- C Students on the right side of the corridor are permitted to walk quickly.

Students – keep to the left!
**Running in the corridor is
forbidden at all times.**

Due to technical problems,
this week's Film Club meeting
is postponed until further notice

- A The club meeting is cancelled for an unknown period because of faulty equipment.
- B The meeting has been put off until next week when there'll be new equipment.
- C Because of equipment problems this week's club meeting is delayed until tomorrow.

Students Support Recycling!
Get rid of your unwanted clothes
Collection Monday morning – Main Hall

What should students do on Monday?

- A Take anything they don't want to wear any more to the Main Hall.
- B Go to a school uniform sale in the Main Hall.
- C Collect all their old school clothes to take home with them.