

Reading Comprehension

Q. Read the following interview of a famous personality and answer the questions given below:

There are 198 countries on the world map—Gunnar Garfors has travelled to all of them. Read this interview with the 41-year-old Norwegian explorer.

What made you decide to travel to all the countries in the world?

I was having a party for my friends in 2009. I had already travelled to 85 countries by then. I told a friend that I would visit the remaining 113 countries too and he laughed. "There is no chance you'll do it," he said. So I took it as a challenge and began travelling.



How did you fall in love with travelling?

My family and I travelled a lot when I was young. Ours is a large family—I have six brothers and sisters. So my parents bought a huge caravan and we would set off on exciting holidays. I travelled without them for the first time when I was seventeen. A friend and I went around Europe and visited as many countries as possible. It was very exciting.

Do you remember all the places you have been to?

Of course. I remember all the details from every country I have seen. You can never forget your hobbies or the things you love. Look at football fans. They remember every player's jersey number,

height, goals and so on. I love travelling and so I remember all my trips.

How do you earn enough money to travel so much?

I don't buy much. I have a good job and I use all my money to travel. Plus, I walk a lot and use taxis only when required. So I don't spend too much.

What is next for you?

I'll never stop travelling. There are so many places that I haven't been to. And there are many places I'd like to see again. I'm already packing my bags and drawing up a plan for next year. I'm going to Japan, Sri Lanka, Germany and so on. Travelling will always be my life.

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Q1. Underline the correct option for the questions given below.

1. Name the nationality of the explorer.

- a. Norwegian
- b. American
- c. Australian

2. Gunnar Garfors had travelled to about _____ countries by 2009.

- a. 113
- b. 198
- c. 85

3. Gunnar Garfors travelled without his parents when he was _____ years old.

- a. twenty
- b. seventeen
- c. eighteen

Q2. Answer the following questions briefly.

a. Why is Gunnar Garfors famous?

b. What challenge did Garfors take up?

c. How did Garfors' family travel?

d. Name the newspaper and the date from which the article was taken from.

e. How did Gunnar travel as a young boy?

Q3. Find a suitable word from the text that means the same as

1. A vehicle which is pulled by a car and in which people can

live- _____

2. to invite someone to compete - _____

3. a small snippet of information - _____

Q4. Complete the following sentences in 2 words only.

1. Football fans remember every player's

_____ and height .

2. _____ and I visited Europe and as

many countries as possible.

3. Gunnar's parents bought a _____ and would set off on holidays.

Q5. State 'True' or 'False' for the given statements.

1. Next year, Gunnar plans to travel to Germany, Japan and England. _____

2. Gunnar travelled with his six siblings and parents. _____

3. Gunnar is forty years old. _____