

# 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

## LIVEWORKSHEETS

**Q2. Answer the following questions briefly.**

**a. Why is Gunnar Garfors famous?**

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**b. What challenge did Garfors take up?**

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**c. How did Garfors' family travel?**

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

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**e. How did Gunnar travel as a young boy?**

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**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. \_\_\_\_\_