

**READING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE
GRADE 7**

Rebecca Steven

Rebecca Steven was the first woman to climb Mount Everest. Before she went up the highest mountain in the world, she was a journalist and lived in a small flat in south London. In 1993, Rebecca left her job and her family and traveled to Asia with some other climbers. She found that life on Everest is hard. "You must carry everything on your back," she explained, "so you can only take things that you will need. You can't wash on the mountain", and in the end I didn't even take a toothbrush. I am usually a clean person but there is no water, only snow. Water is very heavy so you only take enough to drink!". When Rebecca reached the top of Mount Everest on May 17th 1993, it was the best moment of her life. Suddenly she became famous. Now she is writing a book about the trip and people often ask her to talk about it. She has a new job too, on a science program on television. Rebecca is well-known today and she has more money, but she still lives in the little flat in south London among her pictures and books about mountains!

Question 1:

1. Before Rebecca climbed Everest, she worked for ____
 - A. A library
 - B. A travel agent
 - C. A newspaper
 - D. A bookshop

2. Rebecca went to Everest with ____
 - A. A climbing group
 - B. Her family
 - C. Her husband
 - D. No one

3. She didn't wash on Everest because ____
 - A. There was not enough water
 - B. She didn't like it
 - C. It was too cold
 - D. She was a dirty person

4. Rebecca became famous when she ____
 - A. Wrote a book about her trip
 - B. Appeared in newspaper
 - C. Got to the highest place in the world
 - D. Was on TV program

5. After the trip Rebecca _____

- A. Bought a bigger house
- B. Did the same job
- C. Earn some money
- D. Stayed in the same flat

My name is Peter and this is my friend, David. He learns in a big school near our house. He goes to school from Monday to Friday. At school, he studies many things. He is very interested in Physic and Math, because they are his favorite subjects. At recess, he often plays volleyball. He sometimes plays soccer, too. In his free time, he always helps his mother and listens to music. He hopes he will become a singer in the future.

6. Where does David learn?

- A. He learns in a nice school far his house.
- B. He learns in a small school near his house.
- C. He learns in a big school near his house.
- D. He learns in a big school far his house.

7. How many days a week does David go to school?

- A. He goes to school five days a week
- B. He goes to school seven days a week
- C. He goes to school six days a week
- D. He goes to school everyday

8. What is David interested in?

- A. He is very interested in Physics and English
- B. He is very interested in English and Music
- C. He is very interested in Physics and Math
- D. He is very interested in Math and Music

9. What does David often do at recess?

- A. At recess, he often playing volleyball
- B. At recess, he often to play volleyball
- C. At recess, he often play volleyball
- D. At recess, he often plays volleyball

10. What does David do in his free time?

- A. In his free time, he learns how to sing
- B. In his free time, he always helps his mother
- C. In his free time, he always listens to music
- D. In his free time, he always listens to music and helps his mother

11. Does David hope he will become a singer in the future?

- A. Yes, he does
- B. No, he doesn't
- C. Yes, he will
- D. No, he won't

Sweet to eat

Pineapple is a sweet fruit that grows only in hot countries. It does not grow on trees, as some fruit trees. It grows up from the ground. The tops may be cut off and planted. The pineapple plant grows about two feet high.

The pineapple looks like a large pine cone. It has a hard, brown covering. Its leaves have points. Inside it is yellow and juicy. The middle part is hard, and it is not used for canning. But the middle part is sweet. Next time you have fresh pineapple, try a piece of the hard middle part.

Canned or fresh, the pineapple is a good fruit to eat.

12. The story as a whole is about a _____

- A. A vegetable
- B. A pine cone
- C. A sweet fruit
- D. The fruit of a tree

13. Pineapple is a kind of _____

- A. Vegetable
- B. Plant
- C. Fruit
- D. Tree

14. Which of the following is true?

- A. The middle part of a pineapple is not good to eat
- B. We can eat pineapples canned but not fresh
- C. Pineapples do not grow on trees
- D. Pineapples taste good only when they are canned

15. People plant pineapples by _____

- A. Burying the middle hard part in the ground
- B. Using the seed
- C. Cutting off the top of a pineapple and planting it
- D. Digging a hole and putting in young pineapples plants

16. The middle hard part _____

- A. Looks like a large pine cone
- B. Tastes sweeter than when it is canned
- C. Is not used for canning
- D. Have points on it

If you enjoy cycling for pleasure, doing it in London can be a shock. There are not enough lanes especially for bikes, and making your way through the traffic can be very dangerous. But if you have great passion, cycling in London can be exciting, and it is an expensive way of keeping fit if you live there. Some cyclists don't mind spending a lot of money on expensive bikes. However, if you just want a basic bike that is only for occasional use, there are many cheap choices. Several markets have cheap bikes on sale which may not be impressive to look at but should be satisfactory. You should buy a cycling helmet if you want to cycle in London. Wearing a cycling helmet is not compulsory in Britain, but it is a good idea to wear one for protection.

17. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Cycling in London
- B. Bicycle markets
- C. Cheap bicycle
- D. Cycling helmets

18. According to the passage, cycling in London is _____

- A. Boring
- B. Tiring
- C. Difficult
- D. Easy

19. The word "it" in line 3 refers to _____

- A. Excitement
- B. Cycling
- C. Doing exercise
- D. Passion

20. According to the passage, all of the following are true, except _____

- A. Some bikes in London are cheap
- B. There are not many lanes especially for bikes
- C. Some cyclists don't want to buy expensive bikes
- D. It is compulsory to wear helmets when cycling