

1) READING COMPREHENSION: Read the text and write A, B or C

A funny thing happened...

Kalim, 26

In 2017, I travelled around Europe for a month. Everything was new to me – it was my first trip outside Turkey. I was also desperate to impress my girlfriend. She loves ballet, and when we were in St Petersburg I decided to surprise her. I bought tickets from a ticket office at the theatre. I was pleased because they'd cost a lot less than I expected. That evening we went to the theatre wearing our smartest clothes. When the performance started, it was immediately obvious that I'd made a mistake. There isn't any singing in ballet! We were watching an opera. And they were singing in Russian. We couldn't understand any of the words, but in the end that wasn't important. The music was incredible and we could follow the story quite well.

Sergei, 48

Last year I took my wife and two children to Rome. I'd studied there for a year when I was in my twenties and I was looking forward to showing the city to my family. We visited the famous Trevi Fountain – it's one of the most beautiful statues in Rome and always busy with tourists taking selfies. On this particular day, it was very crowded and my wife was feeling hot and tired. Eventually, we all sat on the wall around the fountain. My wife was trying to take a selfie of all four of us. I tried to make her laugh by waving my arms around, but – disaster – I fell into the water. We have a very funny picture of my children's faces as I disappear. Of course, lots of other people recorded this moment in their selfies and videos. For a day or two I was (almost) an online celebrity. I enjoyed my moment of fame, but my children were very embarrassed.

Margaret, 69

I'd visited India on holiday twice before but I'd never been to the north of the country. One day, I visited The Golden Temple at Amritsar. This beautiful building is not visited very often by Europeans but it is very popular with Indian visitors and is always crowded. I was looking at the beautiful paintings and statues when a man started shouting. I didn't understand what he was saying, but that's no excuse. In truth, I simply wasn't paying attention. I didn't notice that everyone else was leaving. When I turned around a few minutes later, everyone had gone. When I got to the exit door I realized I'd been shut in. The temple was closed for the evening and the man had been asking everyone to leave. Straight away I shouted and banged on the door. I made a lot of noise! I thought I'd be in the temple all night. Of course, I wasn't alone. There were still several people inside the building and they soon let me out. No one thought it was a problem except me. I was so embarrassed.

Example: Kalim travelled B.

A by himself B for a month C for work

- 1 Kalim had never _____ before.
 A seen a ballet B left Turkey C been on holiday with his girlfriend
- 2 Kalim and his girlfriend _____, but it wasn't important.
 A didn't understand Russian B wore the wrong clothes C didn't like opera
- 3 Sergei had lived in Rome when he was _____.
 A a child B a student C learning Italian
- 4 When Sergei fell into the fountain, he was trying to _____.
 A impress the other tourists B help his children C make his wife laugh
- 5 Margaret hadn't been _____ before.
 A to the north of India B on holiday in India C to India

2) Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

Last week, my friend Sandy and (1) _____ (decide) to go to the beach by bus. While we (2) _____ (wait) for the bus, it suddenly (3) _____ (start) to rain. We (4) _____ (wear) summer clothes, and we (5) _____ (not have) an umbrella. While we (6) _____ (stand) there in the rain, in, Sandy's mother (7) _____ (drive) past, so we (8) _____ (wave) to her. Luckily, she (9) _____ (notice) us, and (10) _____ (take) us home in the car.

3) Complete the following dialogue.

Chris is taking part in a game show.

Presenter: Hello. Our next participant is Chris. Welcome Chris!

Chris: Hello! Thank you!

Presenter: The first question is: (1) Which song _____ in the film Titanic?

Chris: Celine Dion sang *My heart will go on*.

Presenter: Excellent! Question number two. (2) Who _____?

Chris: Prince wrote the song *Nothing compares 2U*.

Presenter: Great! The third question is: (3) Which Spice Girl _____ in 2000?

Chris: David Beckham married Posh Spice.

Presenter: Fantastic! Number: (4) What kind of music _____?

Chris: The Sex Pistols invented Punk.

Presenter: Correct! You won the money! Congratulations!

4) Multiple choice.

1) Her husband _____ that he was working late.

- a) said b) told c) spoke

2) Who _____ The Kiss?

- a) painted b) did paint c) did he paint

3) She said she _____ to leave him.

- a) wanted b) will want c) has wanted

4) The streets were white because _____ it the night before.

- a) has snowed b) would snow c) had snowed

5) When I visit a new place I usually _____ sightseeing.

- a) have b) look c) go

5) WRITING: Write a story beginning with the following sentence (about 70 — 90 words)

Last Friday night I was watching a good film on TV when suddenly

LISTENING

Listen to part of a radio programme about gossip. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1. Dr Rahim says that gossiping is an important activity on social media. ____
2. Gossiping helps both the person who tells the story and the person who listens. ____
3. Rebecca has a new best friend because of the gossip at her university. ____
4. People who spread negative gossip are not popular with other people. ____
5. Rebecca's story is an example of positive gossip because no-one told lies. ____