

Part 4

Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Julie Danes, teenage comedy performer

Julie Danes is in many ways like any other 14-year-old. She enjoys having a laugh, and making other people laugh. The only difference is that when Julie tells a joke, she's often in front of an audience of hundreds of people. She's a successful comedian in Boston, in the USA.

Since Julie started as a comedian, her performance schedule has become busier and busier. **16** She thinks that she's probably performed in public about 60 times at theatres all around the city.

Even though she's much younger than most of the other comedians in Boston, she's not in fact the only young person doing comedy on stage there. **17** However, it's really only age that they have in common – Julie says their styles are very different. When she goes on stage, people in the audience are curious about the fact that she's quite young for a comedian. **18** But Julie's act also covers lots of other topics, just like those of older comedians.

When she first became interested in performing comedy, she felt slightly anxious about telling her parents of her plans. **19** Despite this, they still haven't been to one of her shows. They don't want her to feel under extra pressure – she might feel more nervous than usual if they were there.

20 And when that day comes, Julie's mum and dad will make sure they are in the audience. And they'll certainly be very proud parents!

- A And so of course, they all enjoy her jokes about that.
- B Many of these theatres are great places to perform.
- C But when she did, they were pleased, and encouraged her to try it.
- D They've travelled all over the USA to watch her perform.
- E In fact, she now appears on stage about once a week.
- F Another 14-year-old, Brandon Phillips, frequently performs at the same shows.
- G Julie's promised to let them know as soon as she feels ready for them to see her.
- H That's why she likes appearing in front of so many people.