

❖ Reading

Read the text and mark if the statements are True or False

"Migrant Mother"

The image of an exhausted, desperate looking woman with two children on her shoulders and another in her lap, has become a photographic icon of the Great Depression in America. Dorothea Lange took this photo – "Migrant Mother" – in March 1936 at a camp for agricultural workers 175 miles north of Los Angeles. Lange was immediately attracted to the woman and took six photos. The woman was the mother of seven children and she was about to die of hunger.

After she returned home, Lange told the editor of a San Francisco newspaper about the conditions of the workers at the camp, showing him the photos. The editor informed the authorities and published an article that included Lange's images. The result was that the government sent 10,000 kilos of food to the camp. The photos also influenced John Steinbeck in the writing of his famous novel *The Grapes of Wrath*.

In 1960, Dorothea Lange described her experience in an interview with the magazine Popular Photography. "After working for a month, I was driving back home when I saw a sign: 'Pea Pickers Camp'. Something made me postpone my journey home and enter the camp," Dorothea explained. "The woman was sitting in a tent with her children around her. She told me she was 32. She was living on frozen vegetables from the fields and birds that the children killed," Dorothea said. "She seemed to know that my pictures could help her, and so she helped me."

- 1) The woman on the photo is Dorothea Lange. _____
- 2) Only some of the woman's children appeared on the photo. _____
- 3) The editor of the San Francisco newspaper did not pay attention to Dorothea's photos. _____
- 4) John Steinbeck saw "Migrant Mother" before he wrote his novel. _____
- 5) Dorothea returned home later because she decided to take photos in the camp. _____

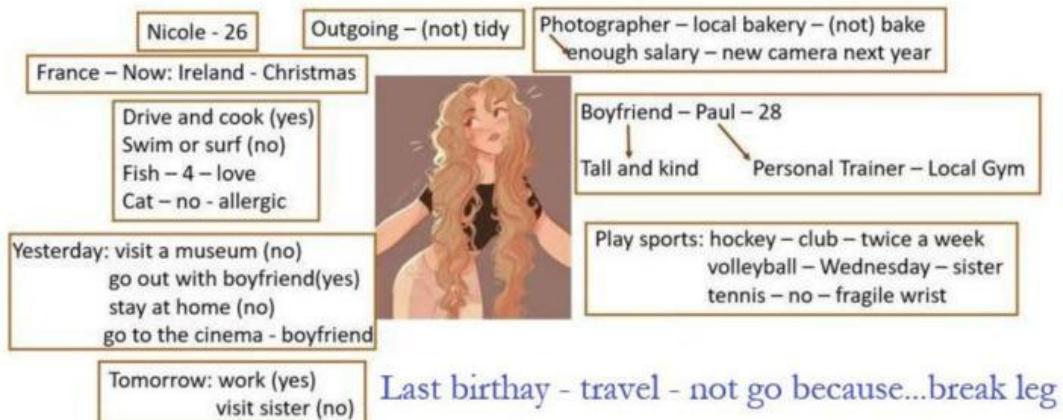
❖ Listening

Listen and mark the statements T(true) or F (false)

1. The Pomodoro Technique was invented in the 1980s. True False
2. Students and workers can use the technique. True False
3. The technique is a bit complicated to use. True False
4. You need to break down your tasks into smaller sections. True False
5. Each break is called a 'pomodoro'. True False

❖ Narrative

Look at the information and write



❖ Grammar

Complete with the correct form of the verb

Dear Sir,

I [] (write) this letter because it [] (seem) to me that far too many changes [] (take) place in this country these days and, therefore, we [] (lose) our identity. I [] (live) in a small town but even this town [] (change) right before our eyes. For example, they [] (build) a burger bar in the place of my favorite restaurant. Our culture [] (belong) to everybody. I do not understand why the authorities [] (do) anything to preserve it. They always [] (tell) people that they [] (make) decisions in the interest of the people but I can't see that happen. In fact, I [] (think) of starting an action group. I [] (appear) on a TV show on Friday night to make people aware of the importance of this issue. I [] (collect) signatures from people who want to support us. It's time for us to start doing something before it [] (get) too late

❖ Open Cloze

Complete with one word

Fitness experts are now telling us that cycling is one of the best forms of exercise. As _____ as making you stronger and energetic, cycling also helps to improve your breathing. Not only _____ correct breathing help your lungs develop, but it is also good for your general well-being. But for cycling to have the right effect _____ the body, you should cycle as _____ as you can, because the more you practice , the better the results _____ be.

For people who are not accustomed to _____ exercise, cycling is a great start. It also has other advantages. Because it is an outdoor sport, it allows you _____ spend time in the open air, and the idea of _____ able to escape from the noise and traffic of the city is very attractive to many people. In countries like Germany and Holland , _____ cycling is extremely popular, special cycling lanes are often built along the side of the road. This _____ only gives the cyclist more freedom, but it also prevents accidents, which are often caused _____ impatient drivers _____ can't wait to overtake a slow cyclist. More and more people are taking _____ cycling in other countries too, even if there are no special cycle lanes.

❖ Sentence Transformation

1) My washing machine is old and too noisy

This washing machine isn't _____

2) Bobby is interested in acting

Bobby likes _____

3) Greg is taller and funnier than Hank

Hank isn't _____

4) Paula doesn't eat homemade food because she doesn't cook

Paula _____ the day she cooks

5) The party was boring but Nico stayed with Julia's cousin

Nico stayed with Julia's cousin _____