

## **READING**

### **1) CHARLIE'S PLACE**

Charlie's is a new American restaurant, near the subway on Fifth Avenue. It is open 365 days a year, including Christmas. The prices are very reasonable – that's probably why it's popular with young people and parents with kids. Charlie's does good hamburgers and chips, but why are there hardly any salads or vegetables? There is karaoke every evening from 10.00 pm to 3.00 am. It's a relaxed and informal restaurant and there are always lots of customers. Service is very nice, fast and helpful. Go there with all your friends and have fun but not if you want to stay slim!

Charlie's restaurant:

- 9) doesn't have any music. T / F
- 10) isn't open everyday. T / F
- 11) is always full of people. T / F
- 12) has a healthy menu. T / F
- 13) is perfect for groups. T / F
- 14) is quite cheap. T / F
- 15) has friendly waiters. T / F

### **2) LEARNING TO SWIM**

A. Rachel Robbins: I learnt to swim when I was seven years old. I went to the local swimming pool with my two sisters. It was cold and not very nice. I can still remember my instructor: his name was Colin Firth, like the actor. But he wasn't as good-looking!

B. Geoffrey Hopkins: It took me a long time to learn. It wasn't natural. I still don't swim very well. I certainly wouldn't like to be in a boat in rough seas. I never really learnt to put my face in the water. It hurts my eyes and I can't see.

C. Simon Fordham: My father was a swimming instructor so I guess it's in the blood. I can't remember a time when I couldn't swim. I spent most of my childhood holidays at the beach and I still go at any opportunity I get.

D. Karen Marks: One day I was standing by the deep end of the swimming pool and I suddenly fell in. I don't know how I did it but I managed to get to the side. I was coughing but I could swim! My brother saw me when I got out and thought it was very funny. He didn't laugh when I hit him, though.

E. Phillip Parker: I was on a small boat with about ten other boys. It was very small and someone pushed me in the water. The water was very clean and I could see everything. I remember feeling very peaceful and comfortable, I wasn't worried at all. I started swimming, not very well, but another boy helped me to return to the beach.

Which person:

- 1. learnt when he / she was very young? .....
- 2. doesn't feel comfortable in water? .....
- 3. learnt to swim on his / her own? .....
- 4. took swimming lessons? .....

## USE OF ENGLISH

Put the word a)-p) in the gaps to complete the text. Each word is used once. There is an example at the beginning.

a) **name**      b) to      c) for      d) any      e) than      f) as      g)  
can't  
h) a      i) each      j) the      k) between      l) hardly      m) up  
n) is o) only      p) my

example: My best friend's **name** (0) is Simon.

He's about ten months older (16) ..... me. We go to school together. He's (17)..... best student in our class and he usually has good results in exams. He's a serious person and (18)..... ever has problems. This year, his report wasn't as good (19) ..... usual. But he's not worried about it. He had eight grades A and (20)..... one grade B! I would like to have Simon's problems. I haven't got (21)..... As or Bs on my school report.

My problem (22) ..... that I don't have enough time to study. Our lessons start at 8.00 a.m. (23) ..... day and finish at 2.00 or 3.00 p.m. After school I have basketball practice

(24)..... five and seven p.m. I come back home in the evening and I'm very tired. I try to do (25)..... homework but sometimes I just fall asleep and wake (26)..... in the middle of the night. My mum says: "Go (27) ..... bed now and get up early morning!" But it's not that easy.

At weekends I must study a lot to prepare everything (28)..... the next week. I don't have much time to see my friends so we (29)..... meet often. Maybe I'm not very good at maths and other school subjects but I would like to be (30)..... sport star one day!

## CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

1. Sue has been on the beach \_\_\_\_\_ two hours now.  
a. since  
b. yet  
c. for
2. While Ann \_\_\_\_\_ TV, her mother was washing the dishes.  
a. was watching  
b. watched  
c. has been watching
3. Andrew has \_\_\_\_\_ eaten Japanese food, so this is the first time for him.  
a. never  
b. yet  
c. already
4. A: As the Polish member of the European Parliament you have travelled a lot, so my

question is: have you ever .....  
France?.

- a. been in
- b. been to
- c. been at

5. John, this is Mary \_\_\_\_\_ her before?

- a. Have you met
- b. Did you meet
- c. Were you meeting

6. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ volleyball for two hours. They are tired now.

- a. are playing
- b. have played
- c. have been playing

7. Look at those clouds! I think it \_\_\_\_\_ rain.

- a. can
- b. might
- c. has to

8. It would be a good idea to see a dentist. You \_\_\_\_\_ see a dentist..

- a. can
- b. may
- c. should

9. Cathy is not here at the moment, because she is visiting Australia. She .....

- a. has been to Australia
- b. has gone to Australia
- c. has arrived to Australia

10. It's ages since I last \_\_\_\_\_ to the theatre.

- a. has been
- b. has gone
- c. went