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Periodo

Listen to the reading and fill in the blanks with the words you hear, then answer the questions.

Mis amigos y sus excusas

Soy Pablo, y hoy quiero contarles sobre mis _____ y sus excusas cuando hacemos planes. Cada vez que quiero _____ o hacer algo divertido, a veces me siento como si estuviera organizando una misión secreta, porque mis amigos siempre tienen una excusa para no venir.

Un día, le dije a mi amiga Laura:

—¡Hola, Laura! ¿_____ al parque a jugar fútbol?

Laura me miró y dijo:

—¡Ay, no _____! Voy a ir al gimnasio con mi hermana. ¡Pero te veo después!

Le entendí, a veces es importante hacer ejercicio, así que no insistí mucho. Pero el siguiente día, le pregunté a Carlos:

—Carlos, ¿quieres _____ al cine este viernes?

Carlos, como siempre, tenía una excusa:

—No puedo, _____ que estudiar para un examen. Mejor vamos otro día.

Yo entendía que estudiar es _____, así que no lo molesté. Pero bueno, ¡ya no sabía qué hacer!

Al día siguiente, le pregunté a Ana:

—¡Ana! ¡Vamos a la fiesta de Marcos este _____!

Ana me sonrió y me dijo:

—¡Sí puedo! ¡Qué bien que me invitaste! ¡_____ a ir con muchas ganas!

¡Finalmente alguien aceptó! Aunque, claro, luego de la fiesta, me enteré de que Ana no tenía mucho interés en la fiesta, pero al final la pasó bien.

Mis amigos siempre tienen una _____, pero me doy cuenta de que a veces no es por no querer pasar tiempo conmigo, sino porque todos tienen otras responsabilidades o actividades. A veces, me gustaría que dijeran directamente si no quieren hacer algo, pero entiendo que todos tienen sus cosas que hacer.

Comprehension Questions:

1. **Who is telling the story in the reading?**
 - ☐ a) Laura
 - ☐ b) Carlos
 - ☐ c) Pablo
 - ☐ d) Ana
2. **What excuse did Laura give for not going to the park with Pablo?**
 - ☐ a) She had to study
 - ☐ b) She was going to the gym with her sister
 - ☐ c) She was busy with work
 - ☐ d) She didn't like football
3. **Why couldn't Carlos go to the movies on Friday?**
 - ☐ a) He was working
 - ☐ b) He had to study for an exam
 - ☐ c) He was going out with his family
 - ☐ d) He was sick
4. **Who finally agreed to go to the party on Saturday?**
 - ☐ a) Pablo
 - ☐ b) Laura
 - ☐ c) Carlos
 - ☐ d) Ana
5. **What did Ana say when Pablo invited her to the party?**
 - ☐ a) "No, I can't go"
 - ☐ b) "I'm too tired"
 - ☐ c) "Yes, I can! I'll go with excitement!"
 - ☐ d) "Maybe next time"

6. **Why does Pablo think his friends always have an excuse?**
- a) Because they don't want to spend time with him
 - b) Because they don't like his plans
 - c) Because they have other responsibilities and activities
 - d) Because they are too busy to make plans
7. **How did Pablo feel when no one could go to the park or the movies?**
- a) Happy
 - b) Confused
 - c) Frustrated
 - d) Relieved
8. **What did Pablo learn about his friends' excuses?**
- a) That his friends are always lying
 - b) That his friends don't like him
 - c) That his friends have other things to do and are not always free
 - d) That his friends prefer to stay home
9. **How did Ana feel about the party after going?**
- a) She didn't enjoy it
 - b) She wasn't interested, but ended up having fun
 - c) She wanted to leave early
 - d) She regretted going
10. **What does Pablo understand about his friends' excuses by the end of the story?**
- a) They don't want to see him
 - b) They are always busy with personal matters
 - c) They are lying to him
 - d) They don't like the things he suggests