# Unit 1 READING

Basic ★

**1** **Read the articles. Complete the sentences below with the names *Dennis*, *Camille*, *Dwayne* or *Norman*.**

## Messages found!

### Forty-nine years at sea

In 2012, a man called Norman Stanton found a glass jar on a beach in New Jersey, USA. Inside, there was a message with the date 16 August 1963. The message said that it was a scientific experiment by Dennis Komsa, aged 12, from Paterson, New Jersey. The message included some questions; for example, 'Where, when and how did you find the jar?' Mr Komsa was 61 years old when Mr Stanton contacted him. He was very surprised! It was also interesting that after almost 50 years, Mr Stanton found the jar only about 400 metres away from the place where Dennis threw it into the ocean.

### An unexpected friend

In 2014, Dwayne Bowen was riding his motorbike on a beach in Queensland, Australia, when he found a bottle. Inside, there was a piece of paper. It was a letter written in French from a six-year-old girl called Camille from French Polynesia, 7,000 kilometres away. She was looking for a friend to write letters to. After the story was in the news, the girl's family contacted Dwayne and his family. Camille was nine years old and she was living on the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean.

1 Dennis is from Paterson, New Jersey.
2 _____ found the message in Australia.
3 _____ wrote the message in French.
4 _____ found the message in New Jersey.
5 _____ wrote the message in 1963.

**2** ★☆☆ **Put the words and phrases from the articles under the correct heading.**

bottle contact French Polynesia glass jar message ~~New Jersey~~ paper Queensland Réunion write letters to

**Places**

New Jersey

**Materials**

**Containers**

**Staying in touch with people**

**3** ★☆☆ **Read the articles again. Choose the correct way to complete the sentences.**

1 Norman Stanton found the message in ….
**a** 1963 **b** 2012 **c** 2014

2 Dennis Komsa put his message in ….
**a** a glass bottle **b** a plastic bottle **c** a glass jar

3 There were a few … in Dennis's message.
**a** questions **b** pieces of information **c** experiments

4 Dennis's message travelled ….
**a** to another country **b** not very far **c** to another state

5 Dwayne Bowen found Camille's letter when he was ….
**a** snorkelling **b** swimming in the sea **c** riding his motorbike

6 Camille is from ….
**a** France **b** Polynesia **c** Australia

7 Camille wrote the letter because she wanted to ….
**a** have a friend **b** travel abroad **c** do an experiment

8 Camille's family heard about Dwayne by ….
**a** watching the news **b** calling him **c** reading his online post

9 Dwayne found the letter … after Camille wrote it.
**a** a year **b** ten years **c** three years

**4** **Read the articles again and answer the questions. Write complete sentences.**

1 Do you know any other real stories about people finding messages in bottles?
When I was younger, my friend told me a story about her neighbour. He found a message in a bottle on the beach.

2 Did you write a message and put it in a bottle when you were younger? If yes, what was in the message? What did you do with the bottle? If not, would you like to do it now? Why? What would you write?

3 Which story did you like more? Why?

For me, these exercises were … ☐ easy ☐ OK ☐ difficult



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