

READING TEST A

Part 1: Choose the word (A, B, C) that fits in the gap.

Hey Jennifer,

I (0) have a work meeting tonight.

(1.1) _____ it finishes early, I won't get home until 8:00pm.

Can we reschedule (1.2) _____ dinner plans?

I am sorry (1.3) _____ cancel last minute.

Are you free (1.4) _____ Friday instead?

Let (1.5) _____ know!

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| 1.1. A. Unless | B. If | C. When |
| 1.2. A. the | B. your | C. our |
| 1.3. A. I | B. for | C. to |
| 1.4. A. in | B. on | C. at |
| 1.5. A. me | B. I | C. you |

Part 2.1: Re-ordering sentences

Câu số 1: My two traumatic experiences when I was young made me become ophidiophobia, the fear of snakes.

Câu số 2:

Câu số 3:

Câu số 4:

Câu số 5:

Câu số 6:

Câu số 7:

Part 2.2: Order the sentences into a story

Câu số 1: Peter Collins was born in Manchester in 1993.

Câu số 2:

Câu số 3:

Câu số 4:

Câu số 5:

Câu số 6:

Câu số 7:

Part 3:

Living with Parents

Person A

If I had the money, I would move out immediately. All I want is somewhere that's my own, where I can do what I want, where I can have my own furniture and pictures, where no one can tell me what to do. If it was my place, I'd be happy to do the cleaning and things like that, I would look after it. But at the moment it's just a dream, because I can't find a job.

Person B

I'm perfectly happy living at home. If I lived on my own, I'd have to pay rent, do the housework, and the cooking. Here my mother does my washing, she cleans my room, and of course she cooks, and her food is wonderful. I have a nice room; I have my computer where I can watch TV ... Why would I want to leave? Even if I could afford it, I wouldn't move out. Not until I get married ...

Person C

It isn't that my parents aren't good to me, they are. If they weren't, I wouldn't live with them. But I just don't feel independent. I'm 29, but I sometimes worry that if I come back very late after a night out, I'll find them still awake waiting for me. It's never happened, but it still makes me want to move out. Besides, it is a bit awkward to meet my friends at my parents' home.

Person D

I'd love to move out. I get on well with my parents. But I think I'd get on with them even better if I didn't live at home. My mother drives me mad – it isn't her fault, but she does. And I'd really like to have a dog, but my mother is allergic to them. I need to find my own place and visiting my parents from time to time will be enough.

Part 3:

Whose idea was this?

1. It is much better to live with parents. _____
2. He/She will have a pet when he/she moves out. _____
3. It is uncomfortable to be late at home. _____
4. He/She will move out as soon as he/she gets a job. _____
5. His/Her mother is an excellent cook. _____
6. Moving out would improve his/her relationship with his/her parents. _____
7. His/Her home's design and decoration would be different. _____

Part 4:

HURRICANES AND TORNADOES

1. Two of the most dangerous storms which afflict America are hurricanes and tornadoes. They are very much feared by anyone who may live in the path of their destruction and cause millions of dollars' worth of damage to life and property every year.
2. The storms that usually develop between July and October are called the hurricanes. They are similar to cyclones and originate over the waters in the Caribbean Sea. They move upwards hitting the mainland of America somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean. Once they hit land they carry tremendous power with driving rain and wind. These winds can attain speeds of over 75 mph. And cover an area of over 500 miles in diameter. Every year homes are destroyed by their fury and often lives are lost.
3. At the center of the storm there is an "eye" with relatively fair weather and warm, dry air aloft. The diameter of the eye is usually about 32 kilometers. When the eye passes the relief is only temporary but soon the wind and rain will suddenly reappear from the opposite direction.
4. Hurricanes bring both the heavy rains and storm tides which cause floods along the coast areas. The high winds and torrential rains associated with this storm are the main causes of the severe flood. The flooding causes enormous damage and most people who live near the coast are forced to evacuate their homes and to move to safer areas until the storm passes. People living in the wake of a storm are given ample warning to protect their homes. Flashlights or candles are kept prepared in case of electric-power failures and plenty of fresh water should be saved as precautions against the pollution of water supplies by flooding.

Part 4:

5. There is another kind of storm in the Midwest of America which is equally feared. It is called a tornado. This type of storm is experienced if one should travel inland across the Great Plains and the prairie states of America. In these regions, one will most likely not encounter a hurricane but a tornado. Tornadoes are violent low-pressure storms with an intense updraft near their center which is capable of lifting quite heavy objects from the ground. A tornado, therefore, is a dark, funnel-shaped cloud containing violently rotating air.

6. It can pick up trees and cars right into the air and even uplift heavier objects such as homes and railway cars. Like a vacuum cleaner across a rug, it sucks up into the air anything which may lie in its path. These storms occur most often during the summer months and are noticeable by their strong wind and lack of rain. The sky turns black as dust is sucked up into the air.

7. Tornadoes travel normally at around 60 kilometers per hour and the winds can reach 800 kilometers per hour in the most violent storms. Tornadoes are most frequent in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains and especially in the central plains area of the Mississippi basin where about 150 occur each year. Tornadoes may also strike the southern states in winter and have even been known to develop in the northeast. Both hurricanes and tornadoes cause millions of dollars' worth of damage each year. Today they can be predicted more easily than in the past, but they cannot be stopped or ignored. When they come they must be endured with the hope that one survives their fury and wrath.

Part 4:

Read the text. Match the headings to the paragraphs.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____