📖 READING COMPREHENSION — UNIT 1: My Business Story

English 2 — Past Simple & Business Vocabulary

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date:** _____

Text: "Marta's Coffee Story"

> 👉 *Read the text carefully. Pay attention to the Past Simple verbs (regular and irregular).*

My name is Marta Jiménez, and this is my business story. I studied Business Administration at a technical institute in Bucaramanga. After I finished my studies, I worked as a sales assistant in a small store for two years. I learned a lot about customers and products there.

In 2019, I decided to start my own business. At first, I worked alone from my kitchen. I created a small brand of organic coffee called "Café Real." I founded the company with only ten bags of coffee and a lot of hope.

At the beginning, it was very difficult. I didn't have many clients, and I didn't hire any employees. However, I didn't give up. I organized a small stand at a local entrepreneurial fair in San Gil, and many people tried my coffee. They loved it!

Two years ago, in 2022, I launched my official website. That was a big milestone for my business. After that success, I hired my first two employees: a manager and a technician. We opened a small warehouse to store the coffee bags.

Last year, my brand won an important award for "Best New Local Business" in Santander. It was a great achievement for my team and me. We didn't expect to win, but we were very happy.

Today, "Café Real" has a branch in San Gil and another one in Socorro. We have eight employees and more than two hundred clients. My story started with ten bags of coffee, and now it continues growing every year. I am proud of my achievement, and I am ready for new goals in the future.

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Part A — True or False (8 questions)

Read each sentence about the text. Circle TRUE or FALSE.

1. Marta studied Business Administration at a technical institute in Bucaramanga.

2. Marta founded her coffee brand in 2018.

3. At first, Marta worked with a business partner.

4. Marta organized a stand at a local entrepreneurial fair in San Gil.

5. Marta launched her official website in 2020.

6. After launching the website, Marta hired two employees.

7. "Café Real" won an award for "Best New Local Business" last year.

8. Today, "Café Real" has only one branch.

Part B — Multiple Choice (7 questions)

Read each question and circle the correct answer (a, b, c, or d).

9. What did Marta study?

a) Marketing
b) Business Administration
c) Engineering
d) Graphic Design

10. Where did Marta work before starting her business?

a) In a coffee farm
b) In a small store
c) In a bank
d) In a school

11. What is the name of Marta's coffee brand?

a) Café San Gil
b) Café Real
c) Café Marta
d) Café del Valle

12. How many bags of coffee did Marta have when she founded her company?

a) Five
b) Eight
c) Ten
d) Twenty

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13. What did Marta launch in 2022?

a) A new product
b) Her official website
c) A new branch
d) A coffee farm

14. What award did "Café Real" win?

a) Best Coffee Flavor
b) Best New Local Business
c) Best Employer
d) Best Website

15. How many employees does "Café Real" have today?

a) Two
b) Five
c) Eight
d) Ten

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