

1. READING COMPREHENSION: Read and choose the correct answers.

How my life has changed

I worked on cruise ships as a musician before the pandemic. I travelled a lot! I spent the month before the first lockdown in four continents! I often got up really early, drove to the airport and flew to a port across the world and got on a ship just to get to work! Then I spent between three and fourteen days on the ship. The ships were great. The food was excellent, and the staff were brilliant. The ship stopped at fantastic places, and I often spent the afternoon at the beach drinking cocktails or sightseeing. But there were disadvantages too. I often didn't know anyone on the ship. But the passengers all knew me, and they talked to me every time I left my cabin. I didn't have any privacy. Of course, I had to chat to them politely even when I wasn't in the mood.

But now, everything has changed. The cruises aren't running now, and I don't know when they will run again, and I've been in my flat for a year. Before, I didn't spend much time here, and I haven't spent a whole year in England for over twenty years! But I've enjoyed it. I bought a bike last year, and I've found some great beach cafes that I didn't know about before. I also bought a campervan, and I drove around the coast. Before, I preferred beaches in the Caribbean and the Mediterranean to British beaches. The weather is much better for a start! But I found some beautiful places last year. I could park on the beach in some places and run straight into the sea! They were much less touristy and more peaceful than the places where the cruise ships go.

I'm spending a lot more time alone now. I wasn't alone much when I was working. But since the pandemic started, I have developed new relationships with people who I didn't know very well before. Before, I preferred the company of entertainers and people who like to travel. I thought that people with normal jobs were boring. But since last year, I've got to know some really interesting, strong, kind and caring people! So that's been really valuable.

1. Sarah didn't have to _____ before the pandemic.

- A. travel long distances to work.
- B. get up early.
- C. manage staff on the ship.

2. Sarah _____ around the world.

- A. performed in concert halls
- B. took her bike
- C. relaxed on beaches

3. Sarah didn't like _____

- A. the lack of privacy on beaches.
- B. her colleagues on the ship.
- C. talking politely to strangers.

4. Sarah is spending _____ at home than before.

- A. more time
- B. less time
- C. about the same amount of time

5. Sarah went on bike rides and found some nice _____

- A. cafes
- B. beaches
- C. parks

6. Sarah disliked British beaches

because beaches in other countries.

- A. there are more people than on
- B. the weather is worse than on
- C. they are not as beautiful as

7. Sarah spent _____ time alone in the past compared to now.

- A. less
- B. more
- C. a similar amount of

8. Talking about relationships, Sarah _____ now than in the past.

- A. has deeper relationships
- B. appreciates normal people more
- C. is kinder and more caring

2. USE OF ENGLISH: Open Cloze

This is Daniel. He lives _____ New York with his parents. He plays basketball in a team _____ is very famous in his city. The stadium is not very big _____ it is very close _____ his house.

Daniel has travelled _____ Spain twice because his aunt lives there. Last weekend, he was going to a concert _____ suddenly the singer got sick. Therefore, the show was cancelled. Daniel was disappointed _____ he had bought the ticket two months before.

This is Martina. She works _____ a hospital. It is _____ a busy place that she hardly ever rests. She is _____ responsible that all her colleagues respect her. She has many friends _____ work with her every day.

She has a sister. Her sister is _____ intelligent that she studies medicine at university. Sometimes Martina helps her _____ her homework.

They are Tom and Lucy. They are cousins. Tom is _____ friendly that everybody likes him. Lucy is _____ shy that she doesn't talk much at school.

3. TENSES: Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

This is Mateo. He _____ (TO WORK) in an office, but today he _____ (TO STAY) at home because he is sick.
 Every summer, he _____ (TO GO) to Brazil and _____ (TO SPEND) his holidays near the beach. He _____ (TO VISIT) that country many times.
 Last night, he _____ (TO WATCH) TV when his friend _____ (TO CALL) him. They _____ (TO TALK) for an hour.
 Mateo _____ (TO FINISH) three important projects this month. However, he _____ (NOT TO RECEIVE) his salary yet.
 Yesterday afternoon, he _____ (TO DRIVE) to work when he suddenly _____ (TO SEE) an accident. He immediately _____ (TO STOP) the car because he _____ (TO WANT) to help.

4. USE OF ENGLISH: Find the mistakes

1. Laura is so a kind person that everybody like her.
2. My brother don't likes playing football on weekends.
3. They was watching a movie when the lights go off.
4. I have saw that film three times already.
5. She is enough tall to reach the top shelf.
6. We were very tired because we have walked all day.
7. Tom is more taller than his cousin.
8. I didn't went to school yesterday because I was sick.
9. There is too much students in the classroom.
10. While I did my homework, my sister was listening to music and suddenly she scream.

5. NARRATIVE: Look at the following structure and invent a story. USE: Perfect tenses, connectors, relative clauses, SO/SUCH, TOO/ENOUGH and JUST/ALREADY/YET.

This is ...

So...

(Present Perfect)...

One night...

Suddenly...

Therefore...

However...

