

Units 1–10 | Reading

1 Read the text. True (T) or False (F)?

Obsessive fans

Many celebrities are victims of obsessive fans. In the United States, the phenomenon is known as celebrity stalking. Everybody is interested in the lives of the rich and famous. Everyone also knows the celebrities are hunted by fans looking for photos or autographs. But real obsessive fans, or stalkers, are something different!

Stalkers think they have a connection with the celebrity. Some imagine they are the lovers or relatives of their victims. All stalkers live and breathe the lives of their victims, and they will do anything to get near them. Two years ago, a 30-year-old man was jailed after stalking TV reporter Jennifer Reilly. He wrote her hundreds of letters, he waited for her after work, and he said he was her lover. He even tried to find her home address. He told his victim: every celebrity needs a stalker. When a stalker can't access the victim, they sometimes do terrible things. John Hinckley Jr. tried to assassinate Ronald Reagan because of his obsession with actress Jodie Foster. Tennis star Monica Seles was attacked by a fan of Steffi Graf. More and more TV and radio reporters are having problems with stalkers, but don't have the level of security as movie or sports stars.

At a recent conference, U.S. broadcasters were given the following advice:

- Take all letters seriously, even if they are nice letters.
- Do not return gifts and letters; save them for the police.
- Do not eat any food sent by a stranger.
- Do not give out personal details on the TV or radio.
- Use bullet-proof glass to protect on-air staff who are visible from outside the station.

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1 Stalkers often think they have a relationship with their victims.	☐	☐
2 Jennifer Reilly's stalker was imprisoned.	☐	☐
3 One obsessive fan tried to kill a famous actress.	☐	☐
4 TV and radio reporters don't have as many problems as movie stars.	☐	☐
5 TV and radio stations should send back presents and letters from obsessive fans.	☐	☐

2 Read the text. Choose the correct option.

Will newspapers survive?

Newspapers across the world are closing down. There are many reasons for this, but the biggest reason is the digital revolution. Since the digital revolution, most people have access to technology, including computers and the Internet. Many readers now read the news online for free. In addition, many young people prefer digital media. So, what will the future be for newspapers? Of course, newspapers are trying to be part of the future. All major newspapers now offer digital media. For example, major newspapers such as *The New York Times*, *El Universal* in Mexico and the *Times of India* already have online papers. Newspapers are also finding ways to cut costs and make more profit.

Rupert Murdoch owns one of the biggest media companies in the world. In 2009, he said, "People are reading news for free on the Web – that has to change." Today you have to pay subscriptions for many newspapers online. Some newspapers, like *The New York Times*, offer a certain number of articles for free, while subscribers get additional access to blogs, articles, and newspaper archives. Some smaller newspapers are thinking about going online only, helping them to cut costs. *The Ecologist* has already done this, and others will follow. In the near future, paper newspapers will probably only exist in museums.

1 What is a result of the digital revolution?

- a Many people have access to information on the Internet.
- b Important newspapers are closing down.
- c Newspapers make a lot of money from online content.

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2 Why are newspapers changing?

- a Because more people read them on the Internet.
- b Because people prefer TV news.
- c Because paper newspapers are expensive.

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3 What is the opinion of news mogul Rupert Murdoch?

- a Newspapers can make more money through online advertising.
- b Newspapers should offer more Internet content through Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
- c People should not be able to read the news online for free.

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4 Which newspaper mentioned by the author offers both free and subscription content?

- a *The Guardian*
b *The New York Times*
c *The Ecologist*

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☐**5 What has *The Ecologist* done to cut costs?**

- a They have stopped printing on paper.
b They have hired amateur journalists to write blogs.
c They have made readers pay to read online articles.

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☐**3 Read the text. Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.****Survival story**

In 1994, an Italian police officer, Mauro Prosperi, miraculously survived for nine days in the Sahara Desert. It is an incredible story of survival and endurance. The Sahara is the world's second largest desert, and it occupies 10 percent of the African continent! There is little water and food in the desert, and temperatures are very high during the day – up to 50 degrees Celsius. It is not a place you want to be by yourself, but this is where Prosperi found himself in 1994. He was a participant in an extreme sports competition called the Marathon of the Sands. The competition takes a week to complete. Participants cross 250 kilometers of the Sahara Desert carrying food and clothes on their backs. The participants only receive nine liters of water each day and tents for sleeping. During the race, a sandstorm hit the participants and Prosperi lost his way. He was lost for nine days without a compass, a cell phone, or sufficient food and water. Rescuers found him in western Algeria. He was sick from dehydration and a few kilograms lighter. He had survived on his own body fluids and by eating bats. Luckily, Prosperi recovered well from the terrible experience. Amazingly, he entered the Marathon of the Sands competition again a few years later!

1 The story is about ...

- a a man who survived in the desert for over a week.
b a man who survived an airplane crash in the desert.
c a police officer who organized a survival competition.

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2 The Sahara Desert ...

- a is the largest desert in the world.
- b is the second largest desert in the African continent.
- c occupies 10 percent of the African continent.

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☐**3 Prosperi was a participant in a competition to cross the desert ...**

- a in a week with only nine liters of water a day.
- b with help only from local villagers.
- c carrying food, clothes, and a tent for sleeping.

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☐**4 Prosperi got lost in the desert after ...**

- a he lost his compass and his cell phone.
- b he accidentally entered western Algeria.
- c a sandstorm hit the competition participants.

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☐**5 Prosperi survived because ...**

- a he discovered a village in western Algeria.
- b he drank his own fluids and ate wild animals.
- c he carried extra water in his backpack.

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☐**4 Read the text. Match the numbered blanks to the missing sentences.****Gavin:**

When I was four years old, one of my favorite things was to hide in a closet. I used to do this every time someone visited our house. It didn't matter who it was – I even hid from my grandmother! My brother used to say, [1] He used to try to get me to come out, but it didn't work. Only my mother could get me out, and with the help of some candy. [2]

Peggy:

When I was eight years old, I didn't like going to school. I was very shy and used to play alone at recess. One day I decided not to go. I went to the shopping mall. I was so scared, and I got lost. Eventually, I decided to call my mom. [3] She wasn't angry. She came to the mall to find me. I remember she said, "You are a very brave girl, Peggy, to come here alone. School will be easy after this." And she was right. I was happy at school after that.

Adriana:

I was also a very shy child. I used to talk to the plants in the garden. I used to hear my mom say to my father, "I'm worried about Adriana. She's not very sociable." Then one day at school, a lady came to show us how to play the clarinet. [4] I used to go to Mrs. Dawson's house for classes after school every day. Very soon, I was in the school band and then the community orchestra. [5]

1 Gap 1

a I made a lot of new friends, but my best friend was my clarinet.

2 Gap 2

b I loved the sound of it and started taking lessons.

3 Gap 3

c I told her why I didn't go to school that day.

4 Gap 4

d "Mom, he's in the closet again."

5 Gap 5

e I guess I was a really shy boy, or I just wanted the candy!

Units 1–10 | Grammar

1 Read the sentences. Select True (T) if grammatically correct or False (F) if grammatically incorrect.

1 Have you been to Europe?

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2 They've been in Italy.

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3 She's never gone to Mexico.

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4 I've eaten snake.

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5 He've tried lots of different sports.

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2 Read the sentences. Select True (T) if grammatically correct or False (F) if grammatically incorrect.

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| 1 A: What's wrong with Peter? B: He can be tired. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 He's wearing a uniform. He must to be a security guard. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 He can't be a basketball player. He's too short. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 She could be a dancer or an athlete. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 He can't to be a comedian. Nobody is laughing. | ☐ | ☐ |

3 Complete the sentences with *will*, *won't* or *'ll*.

- 1 We _____ arrive at 10. The train service is good.
- 2 I love this song. I _____ download it right now!
- 3 My wife _____ like this rose perfume. She hates the smell of roses.
- 4 Winston _____ not listen to his father.
- 5 _____ there be TV in 2080?

4 Complete the sentences with *so* or *such*.

- 1 This painting is _____ beautiful!
- 2 She's _____ a wonderful person!
- 3 This is _____ delicious food!
- 4 I am _____ busy that I don't know what to do first.
- 5 It is _____ an expensive vacation. We can't afford it.

Units 1–10 | Vocabulary

1 Read the sentences. Select True (T) if correct or False (F) if incorrect.

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| 1 I love bowling. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 He went camping last summer. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 Shall we go to club tonight? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 Let's dive into the sea. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 Yesterday I went fish with some friends. | ☐ | ☐ |

2 Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1 \$650 is ...

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| a six hundreds and fifty dollars. | ☐ |
| b sixty hundred fifty dollars. | ☐ |
| c six hundred and fifty dollars. | ☐ |

2 2.5% is ...

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| a two over five percent. | ☐ |
| b two dot five percent. | ☐ |
| c two point five percent. | ☐ |

3 146,000,000 is ...

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| a one hundred forty six millions. | ☐ |
| b one hundred and forty-six millions. | ☐ |
| c one hundred and forty-six million. | ☐ |

4 1/5 is ...

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| a one fifth. | ☐ |
| b one of five. | ☐ |
| c one over five. | ☐ |

5 71.6K is ...

- a seventyone thousand and six hundred.
- b seventy-one thousand and six hundred.
- c seventy-one thousand, six hundred.

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☐**3 Complete the sentences with *in* or *on*.**

- 1 Find information _____ our new website.
- 2 It's _____ my smartphone.
- 3 I heard the story _____ the radio.
- 4 I do the crosswords _____ the newspaper.
- 5 What's _____ TV tonight?

4 Complete the words.

- 1 eco _____
- 2 psyc _____
- 3 engi _____
- 4 pol _____
- 5 che _____