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WHAT'S THE REAL HISTORY OF BLACK FRIDAY?

Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving, when crowds of turkey-stuffed shoppers descend on stores all over the country to take advantage of the Christmas season's biggest **bargains**. But the real story behind Black Friday is a bit more complicated—and darker—than that.

The first recorded use of the term *Black Friday* was applied to a financial crisis, specifically, the crash of the U.S. gold market on September 24, 1869. Two speculators, Jay Gould and Jim Fisk, bought up as much as they could of the nation's gold, hoping **to drive** the price **up** and sell it for huge profits. On that Friday in September, the conspiracy was finally revealed, sending the Wall Street stock market into **bankruptcy**.

The most commonly repeated story behind the post-Thanksgiving shopping-related Black Friday tradition links it to **retailers**. As the story goes, after an entire year of operating at a loss ("in the red"), stores would earn a profit ("go into the black") on the day after Thanksgiving, because holiday shoppers spent so much money on discounted merchandise. Though it's true that retail companies used to record losses in red and profits in black when doing their **accounting**, this is an inaccurate version of Black Friday's origin.

In recent years, another myth has appeared, giving a particularly ugly **twist** to the tradition and claiming that back in the 1800s, Southern plantation owners could buy slaves at a discount on the day after Thanksgiving. Though this version of Black Friday's roots has understandably led some to call for a boycott of the retail holiday, it has no basis in fact.

The true story behind Black Friday, however, is quite different. Back in the 1950s, police in the city of Philadelphia used the term to describe the chaos on the day after Thanksgiving, when thousands of shoppers and tourists arrived in the city on the day before the big Army-Navy football game held on that Saturday every year. The Army-Navy game, one of the biggest rivalries in American sports, is usually played in Philadelphia, the first capital of the U.S. Philadelphia cops were not able to take the day off because they had to work extra-long **shifts** to deal with the big crowds and added traffic. Shoplifters would also take advantage of the confusion in stores to steal merchandise, adding to the policemen's headaches.

By 1961, the expression *Black Friday* had caught on in Philadelphia. The city's merchants tried unsuccessfully to change it into *Big Friday* in order to remove the negative connotations. The term didn't spread to the rest of the U.S. until much later. Sometime in the late 1990s, however, retailers found a way to reinvent Black Friday and turn it into something that reflected positively on them and their customers. The day after Thanksgiving became America's shopping day, marking the point when stores turned a profit. It is interesting to note, however, that stores traditionally see bigger sales on the Saturday before Christmas than on Black Friday.

The Black Friday story stuck, and soon the term's darker roots in Philadelphia were forgotten. Since then, the one-day sales bonanza has become a four-day event, and has inspired other retail holidays such as Small Business Saturday/Sunday and Cyber Monday. Stores started opening earlier and earlier on that Friday, until Walmart, the world's largest retailer, opened its stores on Thanksgiving evening in 2011. Ever since, retailers have been in a race to catch up and now, millions of Americans say they plan to shop immediately after their Thanksgiving meal. Retailers have come up with a name they hope will catch on: Grey Thursday.

Text adapted from an article by
Sarah PRUITT. *History.com* [on line] (November 24, 2015)

bargain: ganga

to drive up: incrementar

bankruptcy: bancarrota

retailer: comerciant que ven al detall / comerciante minorista

accounting: comptabilitat / contabilidad

twist: gir / giro

shift: torn / turno

Part 1: Reading comprehension

Choose the best answer according to the text. Only ONE answer is correct.

[4 points: 0.5 points for each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.16 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

		Espai per al corrector/a		
		Correcta	Incorrecta	No contestada
1.	On Black Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> you can find the biggest discounts of the year.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> lots of shoppers buy stuffed turkey.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> retailers sell merchandise at lower prices.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> shops all over the country increase prices.			
2.	Which sentence is NOT true?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gould and Fisk managed to sell their gold at a high price.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> As a result of Gould and Fisk's conspiracy, Wall Street crashed in 1869.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> The term <i>Black Friday</i> was used for the first time in 1869.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gould and Fisk's speculative moves were discovered on a Friday.			
3.	It is said that Black Friday owes its name to retailers because	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> they sold a lot and made a profit on the day after Thanksgiving.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they had losses and profits on the same day.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the stores that didn't offer any discounts were in the red.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they didn't make any profits on the day after Thanksgiving.			
4.	According to the text, what's the relationship between slavery and Black Friday?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> None; the whole story is fake.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaves used to be sold on Fridays.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaves were cheaper after Thanksgiving.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra help was needed on plantations after Thanksgiving.			
5.	Police officers in Philadelphia used the term <i>Black Friday</i> to refer to the day when	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> thousands of visitors to the city caused them a lot of trouble.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the Army-Navy football match was played.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> stores opened later than usual.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they could enjoy a long Thanksgiving holiday.			
6.	The term <i>Black Friday</i> , with the meaning we know today, was widely used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> at the end of the 1990s.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> throughout the 1950s.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> from 2011 onwards.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> back in the 1800s.			
7.	Nowadays, Black Friday sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> last until the Monday after Thanksgiving.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> have been replaced by Cyber Monday.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> start very early on Thanksgiving Day.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> continue until the following Thursday.			
8.	Grey Thursday refers to	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> going shopping right after Thanksgiving dinner.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the first time Walmart opened its stores on Thanksgiving Day.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the shops that open on Thanksgiving Day.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the day when most Americans go shopping.			

Recompte de les respostes

Nota de comprensió escrita

Correctes	Incorrectes	No contestades
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 2: Writing

Choose ONE topic. Write about number 1 or 2. Minimum length: 100 words.

[4 points]

1. You and a friend are planning to go shopping. You want to go on Black Friday and take advantage of all the bargains, but your friend thinks this day only promotes consumerism. Write the dialogue between you and your friend. Make sure you do NOT use your own name in your dialogue.
2. Buy Nothing Day was created as a reaction to the Black Friday shopping madness, and its creators want people to reflect on their consumer habits and to make them consume less and produce less waste. Do you agree with this idea? Write an opinion essay.

Grammar	
Vocabulary	
Text	
Maturity	
Total	
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Part 3: Listening comprehension

ARE INSECTS THE FUTURE OF FOOD?

In this radio programme you are going to hear some new words. Read and listen to them. Make sure you know what they mean.

locust: llagosta / langosta

cricket: grill / grillo

mealworm: cuc de la farina / gusano de la harina

livestock: bestiar / ganado

gross: fastigós / asqueroso

Ready?

Now read the questions on the following page. Read them carefully before listening to the radio programme.

Presenter: Are insects the future of food? By the year 2050, the planet will be packed with 9 billion people. In low- and middle-income countries, the demand for animal products is rising sharply as economies and incomes grow; in the next few decades, we'll need to find new ways to produce enough protein for billions more mouths. I'm Jennifer Raz and today my guest is Professor Marcel Dickie, who investigates the ecology of insect-plant interactions, and researches the viability of insects as food.

[Now listen to the interview.]

QUESTIONS

Choose the best answer according to the recording. Only ONE answer is correct.

[2 points: 0.25 points for each correct answer. Wrong answers will be penalized by deducting 0.08 points. There is no penalty for unanswered questions.]

1.	Marcel Dickie and his wife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> usually have a rice dish with vegetables for dinner.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> eat insects for dinner because they taste like chicken.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> have insects for dinner about once a week.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> have three species of insects for dinner every week.			
2.	Which of these sentences is TRUE?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> The species of insects for sale in the Netherlands are freeze-dried.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> The species of insects for sale in the Netherlands are from farms.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> You can buy lots of species of insects in the Netherlands.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> You can buy edible insects alive in the Netherlands.			
3.	Which of these dishes does NOT appear in Marcel Dickie's cookbook?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pancakes with mealworms.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> A quiche with mealworms.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate topped with locusts.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken with bugs.			
4.	According to Professor Marcel Dickie,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> eating insects might be a little unusual.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> about 30 per cent of the population eat insects on a regular basis.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> about 2 billion people want to eat insects regularly.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> about 30 per cent of the people don't know they are eating insects.			
5.	Insects are the future of food because	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> only 70 % of all agricultural land is used to produce livestock.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they need much less agricultural land than livestock.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the land used to produce livestock will be limited to 70 %.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they are very expensive to produce on a large scale.			
6.	Insects are a good alternative to regular meat because	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> they have better quality protein.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they are lower in calories.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they take little time to cook.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> they can be eaten frozen.			
7.	From a biological point of view,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> locusts, crickets and shrimps are closely related.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> a locust and a cricket are the same as a shrimp with wings and legs.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> locusts and crickets are nicer than shrimps.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> when you look at a shrimp you look at an insect.			
8.	According to Marcel Dickie, if we could get over the cultural aversion in the West to eating insects,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> the world population would eat less meat.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> dinner tables would be more enjoyable.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> the world population would eat less animal proteins.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> new meats would be replaced on dinner tables.			

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L'Institut d'Estudis Catalans ha tingut cura de la correcció lingüística i de l'edició d'aquesta prova d'accés



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