

## READING PRACTICE

### **It's all happening this week on Coronation Street...**

Hayley has just had operation to remove a tumour and she is determined to stay upbeat. She tells her frantic husband Roy that there are so many things she wants to do with her life... But now Roy and Hayley have to face even more devastating news.

Elsewhere, Stella and her fiancé Karl have almost finished the elaborate preparations for their wedding. Naïve teenager Craig placed himself in grave danger when he confided in killer Karl and has decided to run away from home to save himself. And Karl hasn't given up the fight yet. Will Karl get away with it, marry Stella and leave Weatherfield for a honeymoon abroad before the truth gets out?

Not if Stella's ex-boyfriend Jason can help it! With the help of faithful friend Dev, he has just put the pieces together and is pretty sure he knows who the real criminal is! When Karl admits to torching Jason's van, he realizes Karl is capable of much more than he first anticipated. Dev tries desperately to find the wedding venue so he can stop the ceremony from taking place. Can he save Stella from making a huge mistake?

Meanwhile, things are terrifying at N°8 where Kylie is alone at home when she realizes her baby is on its way. Will the neighbours at the barbecue next door hear her screams of panic over the blaring pop music or will she have to deliver the baby on her own? Thoughts about who the real father of the baby plague her conscience. Is it her current partner's child or her ex's? How can she know for sure?

Coronation Street is the story of ordinary working people and the city street in which they live. Set in Weatherfield, a fictitious neighbourhood in Manchester, all the action takes place 'on the street' – in the homes, shop, pub, café and factory. The characters have progressed over the years from a mainly middle-aged cast to a much younger, racier one. Amazingly some of the actors brought in as small children in the 90s are still in the show, playing adult roles, getting married and having babies of their own, (not necessarily in that order). Of course, it is all a teensy bit OTT, but that's what soap operas are all about, and this is one of the best. It has been on air three times a week for 53 years, non-stop!!

Now with free catch-up sessions on internet, this award-winning TV series is still going strong.

### **A. Read the text and answer these true/false questions.**

1. The tumour is not the worst news Roy and Hayley have to deal with.
2. Craig's life is in danger because he trusted Karl.
3. Dev didn't encounter any complications in finding the wedding
4. Kylie is scared of being at home alone.
5. The series probably appeals to a more youthful audience now than before.

### **B. Find a synonym or expression in the text that means:**

1. A malignant growth
2. To tell a secret to someone
3. Manage to do something wrong without being stopped
4. The place where an event will happen
5. To set fire to
6. To feel guilty

**C. Find words in the text that mean the opposite of these words:**

1. Negative .....
2. Peaceful .....
3. Unreliable .....
4. Less exciting .....

**D. Match the verbs with their compliments. Read the text again and check.**

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| 1. To have     | a. a tumour         |
| 2. To remove   | b. for someone      |
| 3. To stay     | c. the fight        |
| 4. To face     | d. the news         |
| 5. To give up  | e. upbeat           |
| 6. To work out | f. an operation     |
| 7. To make     | g. place            |
| 8. To take     | h. strong           |
| 9. To plague   | i. one's conscience |
| 10. To go      | j. a mistake        |

Answers:

1. ...., 2. ...., 3. ...., 4. ...., 5. ...., 6. ...., 7. ...., 8. ...., 9. ...., 10. ....