

PET READING Aug. 30th

Question 1: Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

**HEAVY SNOW EXPECTED OVERNIGHT
TRAIN AND BUS DELAYS POSSIBLE
CHECK WEBSITES REGULARLY -
SOME SCHOOLS AND OFFICES MAY
BE CLOSED TOMORROW**

- The bad weather will make a lot of public transport late tomorrow.
- Snow that is falling will cause a number of problems tomorrow.
- Students should watch for announcements in case they are unable to attend classes tomorrow.

Question 2: Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.

New Message

From: **To:**

Lots of you have got in touch with me, with good ideas for increasing recycling around the school. I'll announce which ones we've chosen in the hall this afternoon.

- Mrs. Walsh wants students to contact her with plans for recycling around the school.
- Mrs. Walsh intends to let students know which of their suggestions the school will use.
- Mrs. Walsh wants students to go to the hall today to help recycle rubbish.

Question 3: Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.



What does Mum want to know?

- how to find the sports shop that's repaired Tom's racket.
- whether the sports shop will still be open when she finishes work.
- if Tom is going to be available to pick up his racket.

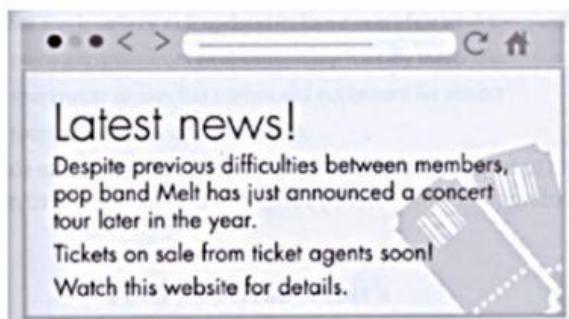
Question 4: Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.



Jade wants Lucy to

- tell Jade if she knows where a missing item
- accompany Jade on a shopping trip into town
- help Jade to replace something she's lost.

Question 5: Choose the correct answer that goes with this text.



- To attend a Melt tour concert, check the site regularly to find out more.
- You'll soon be able to buy tickets for Melt's concerts on this website.
- Melt has just started touring again even though they've had problems in the band.

Question 7-11: For each question, choose the correct answer

Karina Moore - teenage high diver!

Several times a week, teenager Karina Moore trains at her local pool to jump from the high-diving board into the water - in an attempt to become a national diving champion.

Karina first learned about diving during a family break in Spain, where the resort's pool had a high-diving board. Young people were diving off it, and it looked fun, but Karina didn't join in, even though she was a strong swimmer. Then after returning home, she discovered a long-distance runner she'd always admired had started diving for relaxation — so she became more interested.

Karina joined a beginners' diving class at her local pool. They had several sessions jumping onto soft materials before trying the high board. "The water looked a long way down, says Karina, "but after our training, I felt I'd handle it — without injuring myself! They'd warned me I'd land in the water fast - at around 60 kph - but I was prepared. I couldn't wait to get started - although the others weren't so keen! Anyway, I wasn't disappointed by the experience."

In Karina's area, there's now lots of interest in high diving but it is sometimes difficult for swimmers to find suitable practice facilities. Although the pools are deep enough, they're in use so often by diving clubs that other people don't get opportunities to practice. Fortunately, though, Karina's coach noticed her talent and helped her develop her techniques. After only two years, she's winning competitions in her area.

But what's it like to concentrate so much on diving? "I train 20 hours a week," says Karina, and I won't pretend it's easy - you have to enjoy it to spend so much time doing it! It's not easy for my parents either, though - they drive me to training sessions early in the morning, and that costs money. But they've had financial help from sports organizations, luckily. And my schoolwork and social life are good. I still meet my mates - and there's always the phone! The only thing I hadn't realized was that the pool water would damage my hair - I used to love my long hair, but I've had to cut it short because it looked awful! But I'll definitely keep on diving?

Question 7

What made Karina keen to take up diving?

- She wanted to repeat her holiday experience.
- She found out her athletics hero had taken it up.
- She'd visited a pool where some teenagers were doing it.
- She wanted a new challenge after her success at swimming.

Question 8

How did Karina feel the first time she used the high board?

- Worried about how far it was above the pool
- Pleased to experience it with other beginners
- Confident that she wouldn't get hurt
- Shocked to hit the water at such speed

Question 9

What does the writer suggest about diving facilities in Karina's area?

- They're not used as much as they could be.
- There aren't enough coaches teaching people to use them.
- There aren't as many boards as there used to be.
- They're not available to the public for long enough each day.

Question 10

How does Karina feel about spending so much time diving?

- Surprised by one effect it has had on her
- Sorry she no longer sees her friends so much
- Anxious about the amount of money it costs
- Grateful to be able to focus on something she loves

Question 11

What would the writer say about Karina?

- She's a young girl who's achieved a lot by becoming a national diving champion - and all with very little support.
- She's made enormous progress in a very short time - after only a couple of years, she's already showing great signs of success.
- She has a lot of natural talent, but she's already thinking of having a break from the high board for a while.
- She's sad that she's given up almost everything for her sport - and her lifestyle really sounds quite hard.