

READING COMPREHENSION

THE EARLY DAYS

Michelle Pfeiffer was born on 29th April, 1958 in Santa Ana, California. One of her jobs as a young girl was on the checkout at a supermarket. In 1978 she won a beautiful contest and it was then that her acting career started. Her first big part was opposite Maxwell Caulfield in Grease II. Among her many films since then are Dangerous Minds, Batman Returns and What Lies Beneath. She is now one of American's Sweethearts and one of the most beautiful women in Hollywood!

Nelson Mandela was born in a small village in Africa on 18th July, 1918. There were no schools in his village –the wonderful fields of Africa were his school. When he was about five years old he was a shepherd. Sometimes there wasn't enough food and he was often hungry. But Mandela was a good student and very clever. He moved to the city when he was a young man and studied law at university. From 1994 to 1999, he was the president of South Africa.

J.K. Rowling was born in Bristol, England on 21st July, 1965. She was very popular at school and was class leader in her final year. Later on, she worked as an English teacher in Portugal. One day, she was in a café in Scotland with her young daughter. She had an idea for a story about a young boy called Harry Potter. Soon Harry Potter was one of the most famous wizards in the world!

EXERCISE 1. READ THE TEXT AND WRITE (Michelle Pfeiffer - Nelson Mandela - J.K. Rowling), IN FRONT OF EACH STATEMENT.

a) This person was born in an English-speaking country:

b) One of this person's first jobs was at the supermarket:

c) This person was a shepherd

d) This person studied at university.

e) This person was a teacher in another country

f) This person was president

EXERCISE 2. READ THE ARTICLE ABOUT “THE INUIT” AND CHOOSE THE BEST WORD (A , B , C)

THE INUIT

Matulik is an Inuit. These are his memories of the old way of life. He wrote them in 1975, when he was 74: I was born **1)** 1901, in a snow house – or igloo. We didn't always live in an igloo, as most people think! Sometimes, in winter, maybe – but only for a short while. In summer we lived in a tent made from seal or caribou skin.

My father was a very good hunter and showed me **2)**..... to hunt. We hunted seals, whales, polar bears and caribou. We **3)** Our kayak (a type of canoe) or out dogs, and sleds. We only killed animals when we needed to, and we used every part of the animal **4)** food, clothes, tents and spears!

My best memories are the celebrations we used to have – there was always drumming and dancing and games for children and grown-ups! Our grandparents told us wonderful stories, and we **5)** to them for hours. It was my favorite time!

6) the while man arrived, life changed forever for the Inuit. I'm telling you the way it was, so that people can see how strong and caring the Inuit people are.

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| 1. | A at | B in | C on |
| 2. | A who | B which | C how |
| 3. | A uses | B use | C used |
| 4. | A with | B for | C by |
| 5. | A listen | B listened | C listening |
| 6. | A When | B And | C Before |