



1. READING: /15

Read the text and match the questions (1–5) with the people (A–C). *Leé el texto y uní las preguntas con las personas.*

Unsuccessful learning experiences

Have you had an unsuccessful learning experience? Here are stories from three of our readers:

A - Marios

As a young teenager, I could always pick up new things very quickly and I had an excellent memory. I could look at a page of new words in my French class or a list of facts in history and remember them easily. I sailed through tests and even now I can remember lots of useful things I learned at that age. However, I got a part in the school play when I was fifteen and it was a big part with lots of lines. I imagined it would be simple, but I was very wrong! I would spend hours every evening, reading, memorising and practising the lines – with my brother’s help – but when I got to rehearsals the words had completely disappeared! I wondered at the time whether it was something to do with nerves, but I just don’t know. Anyway, in the end I had to admit defeat and give up. I felt depressed about it for ages.

B - Julie

For my seventeenth birthday, my parents gave me driving lessons. I was very excited about getting into a car and becoming independent. Two of my best friends had just passed their tests and said that it was really straightforward so I was unprepared for how difficult it actually was! I had problems from the beginning. I found it nearly impossible to focus on so many different things at the same time. One hand is doing one thing while the other hand is doing something completely different! And your eyes have to be everywhere. You need to look front, to the side, in your mirror and also check how fast you’re going. My lessons were a nightmare and I never thought I’d get through the test. As it was, it took three attempts – and a lot of my dad’s money!

C - Christina

My family have always gone on holidays abroad, so I’m quite used to learning phrases in foreign languages. When I was little, my sister and I had competitions to see who had learned the most foreign words and I usually won. Later I studied French and Spanish without any problems and although my main interest was physics, I got through my language exams easily. Then last year my friend and I decided to go to Moscow for a couple of weeks and I thought it would be a good idea to learn some Russian before we went. What a disaster that was! I simply couldn’t do it! I had a teach yourself book with a CD to listen to, but it was hopeless. I couldn’t even follow a simple conversation.

I’m ashamed to say that I gave up after a couple of weeks.

Which person:

1. Had the wrong impression about how challenging the task might be? **A – B – C**
2. Wanted to learn something for a future experience? **A – B – C**
3. Was better than another family member at doing something? **A – B – C**
4. Benefited later from early achievements? **A – B – C**
5. Took a long time to achieve a goal? **A – B – C**

2. VOCABULARY /10

- a. Complete the gaps with the words in the box. /5

SALARY FORM FORWARD SET OUT FROM SOON BY UP FOR

John and David (1) _____ up their company a year ago with very little money and only two people. They had both given (2) _____ their jobs to follow their dream of owning their own company. They started (3) _____ by selling people's unwanted gifts online, taking a fifteen percent commission (4) _____ every item sold. But the company soon grew and now they specialise in luxury goods only, ranging (5) _____ jewellery to furniture and works of art, both second-hand and new. This happened (6) _____ chance, when an artist asked them to sell his paintings through their site. As (7) _____ as other artists and producers of luxury goods saw what was happening, they decided to use the company too. Although these goods sell for very high prices, John and David are not earning a big monthly (8) _____ yet because all the profits are put back into the business. They are now looking for a new web designer and already hundreds of people have completed their online application (9) _____. John and David are really looking for (10) _____ to expanding their business and making a lot of money.

- b. **Use the correct form of word given at the end of the lines to complete the sentences.** /5

Completá las oraciones usando la forma correcta de la palabra al final de la línea

Example: I didn't have enough **STRENGTH** to lift the heavy suitcases. **STRONG**

1. I got a very _____ phone call last night. **MYSTERY**
2. This sofa is the most _____ in the shop. **COMFORT**
3. The former athlete gave a(n) _____ talk to the class about how to succeed. **INSPIRE**
4. We've done a lot of _____ for our class project. **PREPARE**
5. It's _____ to drive a car without wearing a seatbelt. **LEGAL**

3. USE OF ENGLISH: /40

a) **Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.** /8

Leé cuidadosamente la oración original. Reescribí la misma idea usando entre dos y cinco palabras, incluida la palabra en negrita. NO cambies la forma de la palabra pedida

1. I haven't got much time so I can't help you with your project.

MORE

If I _____ help you with your project.

2. Tom and Mary started working here **three years ago**.

FOR

Tom and Mary _____ years

3. My father managed a small business in the city **but he doesn't anymore**.

USED

My father _____ in the city but he doesn't anymore.

4. I write **more carefully than** my sister does.

AS

My sister _____ as I do.

5. David did not send that letter.

WAS

That letter _____ by David.

6. It's **not allowed to** park here.

MUSTN'T

You _____ here

7. It's not a good idea to buy that car.

NOT

I _____ that car if I were you.

8. The BBC is interviewing the Prime Minister at the moment.

INTERVIEWED

The Prime Minister _____ by the BBC at the moment.

b) **Choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences.** /8 *Elegí la opción correcta para completar cada oración*

1. I can't come tonight - _____ my in-laws

A I visit

B I visited

C I'm visiting

D I will visit

2. By the time the teacher arrived, the classroom was empty; the students _____
 A left B had left C were leaving D have left
3. The witness claimed he _____ the accused before
 A did not see B hasn't seen C wasn't seeing D hadn't seen
4. I _____ a shower when the telephone rang
 A had B was having C have had D have
5. _____ a successful author one day
 A I'm being B I'm going to be C I go to be D I be
6. According to the programme, the show _____ at 9 o'clock prompt.
 A is start B shall start C starts D starting
7. _____ to John's party on Saturday – do you want to come?
 A I go B I will go C I going D I'm going
8. She _____ have lovely hair when she was a child
 A would B used to C should D will

c) **Complete the gaps in the letter with ONE word. /9** *Completá los espacios con UNA palabra*

(1) _____ Mr Jones,
 I am writing to (2) _____ for the job of café manager. I (3) _____ your advertisement in the university magazine yesterday and I believe that I (4) _____ be a suitable applicant. I am a twenty- one-year-old Spanish student and I have been studying English for the last year. My family runs a restaurant back home in Spain and I am currently working as a waiter in a small Spanish restaurant at the weekends.
 However, I would like to be a manager as I (5) _____ had a lot of experience in my family business and feel that I could bring my experience and organisational skills to the job. I would (6) _____ grateful if you could let me have further details about hours of work and rates of pay, if you decide to give me an interview. I look (7) _____ to hearing (8) _____ you soon. (9) _____ sincerely,
 Alistair Bower

d) **For each question complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words: /8**

Completá la segunda oración para que signifique lo mismo que la primera, usando no más de 3 palabras

1. Steve left before my arrival.

When I _____ already left.

2. I don't remember Helen's phone number.

I've _____ Helen's phone number.

3. Alice started playing tennis six months ago.

Alice _____ tennis for six months.

4. Paul left the room a moment ago.

Paul has _____ the room.

5. We missed the bus so we took a taxi.

We took a taxi because _____ the bus.

6. In those days, we spent hours in the mountains.

In those days, we _____ hours in the mountains.

7. Terry was fatter.

Terry _____ to be so thin.

8. Michael took a deep breath and dived into the water.

After Michael _____ a deep breath, he dived into the water.

e) **Choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best completes the text.** /3.5 *Elegí la opción correcta.*

Until last year, Joshua (1) _____ to get a job. His parents (2) _____ him through college. But one day last year, (3) _____ he was having coffee with some friends, a photographer (4) _____ him if he had ever thought about being a model. The photographer said he could make Joshua rich and famous: 'You'll (5) _____ work hard, but I'm sure you (6) _____ rich and famous one day!' he told him. And he was right. In less than a year, Joshua has become the face of several advertising campaigns and one of (7) _____ and most famous people in the country.

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| 1 A never tried | B was never trying | C has never tried | D had never tried |
| 2 A were supporting | B have supported | C have been supporting | D had supported |
| 3 A during | B while | C as soon as | D after |
| 4 A asked | B was asking | C has asked | D had asked |
| 5 A must | B have to | C need | D should |
| 6 A are | B are being | C will be | D are going to be |
| 7 A the richer | B the richest | C the most rich | D the most richest |

f) **Write sentences using the words in brackets.** /3.5 *Escribí oraciones con las palabras sugeridas*

- (prefer)
- (unless)
- (before I left)
-(used to)
- (by the time)
-(supposed)
- (would)

4. LISTENING : /15

Listen to five people talking about an outdoor concert they went to. Match the speakers (1–5) with what each person disliked about the concert (a–f). You do not need one of the statements.

Vas a escuchar 5 conversaciones distintas. Uní cada conversación con el tópico principal de la misma. Hay una opción que no tenés que usar.

- a) The concert venue _____
- b) The people who were there _____
- c) The price of the tickets _____
- d) The transport to the stadium _____
- e) The weather on the evening _____
- f) The standard of food provided _____



5. WRITING: /15

Choose one option and write between 140 and 190 words. *(Elegí sólo una opción)*

- 1) **Informal e-mail:** This is part of an e-mail you received from an English friend, called Mike.

I'm really enjoying my new karate classes which I have two evenings a week. Unfortunately I have a lot of homework and exams to prepare for at the moment. I need a lot of time to study but at the same time I don't want to stop going to karate.

What do you think I should do?

- Write an answer, giving some advice about how your friend can continue going to Karate and study for exams.
- 2) **Review:** You recently saw this notice on a magazine website.
Have you seen a good film recently? What was special about it? Send us your review and we'll post the three best ones on the website.
- 3) **Essay:** You have recently had a discussion in your class about technology. Your teacher has now asked you to write an essay.
Essay question: "Is there life beyond the screen?"

Remember!

- 1 State the topic and your opinion.*
- 2 show a sequence of ideas*
- 3 show a contrasting idea.*
- 4 give an example.*
- 5 introduce a conclusion.*