

READING

1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

We met thanks to sport

Marjorie

Many years ago I used to play tennis with a man called Roger. He usually beat me but I remember how kind he was. We lost touch when I got married and I thought I'd never see him again. That was 30 years ago. When I retired last year, I needed a new activity, especially as I had also recently got divorced, so I took up golf. One day I was going around the course alone, when I saw a man, also playing on his own. When he turned round, I realized it was my old friend! We couldn't believe it! After that we started playing regularly. Yesterday, Roger proposed in the middle of the golf course – he'd put a ring inside a golf ball! I couldn't believe it when I saw the ring, but I said 'yes'!

Paul

I was looking for a flatmate a few months ago because I had just split up with my partner and she had moved out. To forget her, I started working out at the gym after work. I slowly got to know Steve who was often there at the same time, although we didn't become friends until we were both warming up one day, and he said he was looking for somewhere to live as his girlfriend had just dumped him. I told him that I had a room in my flat and that I was looking for a flatmate. He moved in two days later. We've become good mates and we both agree that we're much easier to live with than our ex-girlfriends!

Liz

I had recently moved to Oxford from Bristol when I decided to run the London Marathon. I didn't want to train alone so I advertised for a running partner at my local gym, and Harriet got in touch. We met for coffee and got on really well. It was amazing how many things we had in common, for example she had recently moved to Oxford, too. While we were getting fit we also became close friends.

Unfortunately I got injured three weeks before the race and couldn't take part. I was sad about the race, but am delighted about my new friendship. And we're already thinking about next year...

- 2 Marjorie and Roger were playing golf with friends when they met again.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 3 Marjorie and Roger are engaged now.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 Paul moved out of his flat after he broke up with his girlfriend.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 Steve and Paul have become good friends.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 6 Liz decided to run the London Marathon before she moved to Oxford.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 She found someone to train with by putting an advertisement in the gym.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 8 Harriet was the first person who made contact with Liz.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 9 Harriet and Liz found they share a lot of interests.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 10 Liz hurt her leg so she couldn't run in the marathon.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

2 Write **M** for Marjorie, **P** for Paul or **L** for Liz.

Example: I broke up with my partner. P

- 1 I used to lose my tennis matches. _____
- 2 I share a flat with Steve. _____
- 3 I didn't like running on my own. _____
- 4 I was proposed to in a very unusual way. _____
- 5 I got to know my friend very well while we were training together. _____

1 Marjorie didn't see Roger for 30 years after she got married.

A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

1 Listen to a conversation. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 In his previous job, Aidan was responsible for _____.
A choosing clothes ☐ B selling clothes ☐ C designing clothes ☐
- 2 Aidan said he didn't get _____ when he worked at Kelly's.
A a good salary ☐ B to be creative ☐ C the promotion he wanted ☐
- 3 Aidan resigned before he _____.
A was fired ☐ B told his wife ☐ C found an investor ☐
- 4 _____ makes Aidan feel proud.
A Designing new products ☐ B Developing his business ☐ C Selling online ☐
- 5 The person who inspires Aidan _____.
A also changed careers ☐ B is older than he is ☐ C is a fashion journalist ☐

2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations (1–5) with what the speakers were talking about (A–E).

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| Conversation 1 ☐ | A Complaining that his / her job is too busy. |
| Conversation 2 ☐ | B Telling someone that he / she won't invest. |
| Conversation 3 ☐ | C Describing an experience of solving problems at work. |
| Conversation 4 ☐ | D Finding a temporary job. |
| Conversation 5 ☐ | E Asking for overtime work. |

VOCABULARY

My disastrous date



In the summer of 2015, I'd just split up with my boyfriend, and a colleague ¹⁶ _____ me to Paul, his flatmate, at a bar. He was very good-looking and I really ¹⁷ _____ him. At the end of the evening, he ¹⁸ _____ me for my phone number, so I ¹⁹ _____ it to him. I was really happy when he got in touch with me the next day and ²⁰ _____ me _____ for dinner. Unfortunately, the date was a bit of a disaster because although he was attractive, we really ²¹ _____. During the meal, I found out that we ²² _____ absolutely nothing in common! Of course, we never had a second date.

ask ask out fancy not get on
give have introduce

2 Read the film reviews and complete them with the correct words.



Bill's Film Reviews

Dunkirk

Dunkirk is a 'wofo directed by Christopher Nolan, set in World War II during a particularly difficult battle and rescue mission. Nolan has used a lot of actors and ²e_____ to make this a story about many different people, so there isn't one ³s_____ here. That being said, my favourite performance is definitely Tom Hardy's, as a pilot who doesn't give up even when his plane has crashed. It's a very exciting film, scary at times and definitely violent, so I wouldn't recommend it for all ages. The ⁴s_____, composed by Hans Zimmer, is really intense, and Zimmer has done an amazing job of making the music the perfect background for all the different stories. I will say that having so many characters made the ⁵pl_____ very complicated, and that made *Dunkirk* very difficult to follow. All in all, I enjoyed *Dunkirk* and I would definitely recommend it!



3. Underline the correct words.

- 1 Fantastic news! I've been retired / sacked / promoted!
- 2 My paintings are selling well since I applied / set up / worked a website.
- 3 Jason's sleeping late. He's working night shifts / hours / jobs at the factory this week.
- 4 I love being part-time / temporary / self-employed – I can work whenever I want to.
- 5 Sasha's in charge / responsible / boss for the training department.
- 6 He doesn't have regular / full-time / working hours. He often works in the evening.
- 7 I think that people will have to resign / be sacked / retire when they are 70 in the future.
- 8 The problem is that I'm too unemployed / redundant / well qualified for many jobs.

GRAMMAR

1 Complete with the past simple, past perfect or past continuous form of the verbs given.

- 1 'What _____ (be) your hotel like?'
'Oh, it _____ (be) amazing – I _____ (never stay) in a five-star hotel before.'
- 2 '_____ (you have) a good night's sleep?'
'Oh, yes. I _____ (still sleep) when everybody else _____ (have) breakfast.'
- 3 'Why _____ (you take) the train? It's such a long journey from Paris to London.'
'I know, but I _____ (die) to go through the Channel Tunnel.'
- 4 '_____ (be) Tom excited about his trip to Mexico?'
'Of course. He _____ (feel) as if a lifelong dream _____ (come) true.'
- 5 'Why _____ (the kids cry)?'
'Because they _____ (get lost) in the safari park.'

2 Find the three sentences in which *used to* can be replaced with *would*.

- 1 We used to go on backpacking expeditions holidays every year, but we haven't been on one for ages.
- 2 This place used to be totally uncontaminated.
- 3 Marie used to enjoy scuba diving when she was younger.
- 4 I didn't use to plan our family holidays because I liked to surprise everyone.
- 5 The writers said that she used to take inspiration from looking at nature.
- 6 Mum used to speak Spanish very well when she was a student.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Most films _____ (release) on DVD a few months after the cinema release.
- 2 When I looked for his comment on the blog, it _____ (already / delete).
- 3 Nobody likes _____ (judge) on their appearance only.
- 4 Please wait in the hotel reception while your room _____ (clean).
- 5 She _____ (tell) tomorrow whether her job is in danger or not.
- 6 Too much money _____ (spend) on personal expenses last year.

4 Complete the conversations with *must*, *can't*, or *might*.

- 1 A 'I think he _____ be French with a name like Luc.'
B 'Yes, he sounds French too.'
- 2 A 'You're getting engaged to Elena? You _____ be serious!'
B 'No, really, I am!'
- 3 A 'I thought you _____ like to borrow my *Wonder Woman* DVD.'
B 'Oh great, thanks. I didn't get to see it at the cinema.'
- 4 A 'I think Astrid and Alan are away in Italy this week.'
B 'They _____ be. I've just seen Astrid in town.'

5 Complete the sentences with the **-ing** form or the **infinitive** (with or without **to**) of the verb in brackets.

- 1 I can't believe you forgot _____ (post) that letter!
- 2 You're really good at _____ (write) stories.
- 3 Javier doesn't seem _____ (enjoy) sport very much.
- 4 Would you mind _____ (turn) your music down? I can't concentrate.
- 5 I love _____ (not / have) to write essays any more.
- 6 Do you feel like _____ (go) out for pizza tonight?
- 7 I've given up _____ (try) to make Don smile – he's so miserable!
- 8 She asked Wilf to go to the shop _____ (get) a newspaper.
- 9 I remember _____ (meet) Jane for the first time many years ago.
- 10 My boss refuses _____ (give) me a pay rise. I'm going to resign.

WRITING

Choose **one of the options** below and write a text of about 150 words.

A) Write a text about how people lived before these inventions (past habits) and how they live now (present habits). Use past verbs, "used to" and "would", time clauses, Present Simple + frequency expressions. You can write about any of these inventions.

- the Internet
- MP3 players
- text messages
- social networking sites
- Internet dating
- air travel

B) Write about a childhood friendship. Answer the questions.

- When did you meet? How?
- Did you ever fall out?
- How did you get on? What was special about the friendship?
- How often did you usually talk / meet?
- What did you use to do together?
- Are you still friends?

C) Write a review of a film / series you have (not) enjoyed. Include any factual information you know about it and say why you liked / disliked it. Follow the organization for your text and the expressions in the box below.

Paragraph 1:	the name of the film, the director, the stars, and any prizes it won
Paragraph 2:	where and when it is set, where it was filmed
Paragraph 3:	the plot
Paragraph 4:	why you recommend the film

☞ Describing a film
It was directed / written by...
It is based on a true story / the book...
It stars...
It is set in...
It was filmed in...
The film is about...
In the end...
I strongly recommend (the film) because...