



IV. READING

1. Read the article about a student. Click on the gaps, then choose the best word to fill the spaces.

My name's Hannah and I'm twenty years old. I've got a daughter (1) _____ Nicole. She's (2) _____ three now. I live in a small flat (3) _____ the city centre. It isn't a nice place to live. It's very noisy and dirty and there is (4) _____ for Nicole to play.

I want to move out of the city and live in the countryside. But it's very expensive to live there. I will need to earn (5) _____ money to buy a house. There aren't (6) _____ flats for sale in the small villages near here. I will need to buy a car (7) _____ .

That's why I study at college. I'm studying Business. While I am at college, my mum looks (8) _____ Nicole. My mum really likes spending time with her.

In the evening, I work as a cleaner. I clean people's houses. Nicole comes with me. She plays (9) _____ with her toys while I work.

3 Read the rest of the article and decide if the sentences are true or false.

SUCCESS FOR PLANETSOLAR

An amazing boat called Planet Solar has become the first to travel right around the world using solar power alone. It completed the trip in 19 months, and stopped in 28 countries on the way, so that the crew could talk about the project and explain the benefits of solar energy.

Raphaél Domjan, an engineer from Switzerland who also works as a pilot, ambulance man and mountain guide, got the idea for the project after he visited Iceland and saw what was happening to the glaciers there.

"I realized climate change was real and I had to do something" he said.

"Now I've shown that we have the technology to protect the planet!"

The boat cost 15 million euros to build and everything on board, except the gas cooker, is solar-powered. This includes its engines and computers, its hot water and its lights.

'The journey hasn't been easy; explains Domjan. 'There are storms, rain and all types of conditions. You never know what will happen' As the boat needs full sunlight to move, it had to sail as close as possible to the Equator and to change its route when it needed to find sunshine. It had to slow down every time the Sun went behind a cloud.

Domjan is pleased that he has managed to show businessmen and politicians that his ideas are realistic. 'I'm not saying we'll see solar-powered cargo ships in 10 years, but we know it works, and there are a lot of possible uses, for example diving boats and tourism/he said."We know that climate change is a challenge for our civilization, but there are also opportunities, and we have to be optimistic!"

10 Other solar-powered boats have completed round the world trips.

11 The crew wanted people to know about their journey.

12. Rafaél Domjan has several different jobs.

13 Domjan saw there were problems with the glaciers in his home country.

14 About half the equipment on the boat was solar-powered.

15 The boat tried to avoid clouds and poor weather.

16 Domjan thinks all boats will be solar-powered in 10 years' time.

17 Domjan feels positive about the future.