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Read the four texts and questions 1-4. Each text is about a different subject.
Tick the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each task.



What did you say?

Ron: Wow, John, the noise of planes flying over your house is really loud. Is it like that all week?

John: No, Ron, I never hear the planes on a working day.

Ron: The planes don't fly during the day?

John: They do, but I'm at work, so I don't hear them. It's just when I'm not working on Saturdays and Sundays.

Ron: And do they keep you awake at night?

John: The planes don't fly at night, but you can hear the non-stop disco next door all the time!

1 When does John hear planes flying over his house?

- A) During the night.
- B) On a working day.
- C) All the time.
- D) At the weekend.

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A colourful life

If we were like chameleons, we would change colour all the time. Chameleons live in jungles and change the way they look. They don't change colour so that other animals can't find them, but they do it to show how they feel. They turn some colours when they're happy, and other colours when they're sad. What makes a chameleon happy? Probably catching lots of flies to eat. What colour would you turn if you ate a fly?



2 Why do chameleons change colour?

- A) To show their emotions.
- B) To help them live in jungles.
- C) To hide from other animals.
- D) To make it easier to catch flies.

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For sale

This classic English sports car looks as good-as new. It's bright red and has white leather seats. It has had only one owner, who has driven it very carefully for the last 30 years. That's a lot of careful driving. There's not a scratch on it. You'll feel like James Bond when you drive this beauty.

Jaguar car



3 Which sentence isn't true?

- A) Only one person has owned the car.
- B) The car looks like it's new.
- C) The colour of the car is red.
- D) James Bond has driven this car.

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The clever diet

New studies show that there are some simple, clever ways to lose weight. For example, it's better to eat soup for lunch than a salad because it makes you feel fuller for longer. Surprisingly, eating cheese can help remove fat from your stomach. And using smaller plates can trick your brain into thinking you're eating bigger portions. But the easiest way to lose weight is to exercise more and eat less.

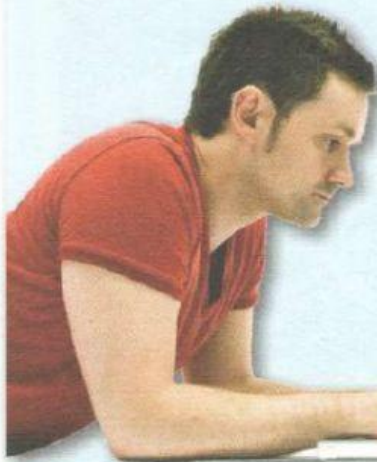
4 What helps you not feel hungry for longer?

- A) Using bigger plates.
- B) Eating soup.
- C) Having salad for lunch.
- D) Eating cheese.

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One lonely guy

Do you feel lonely? Jeff Ragsdale did. That's why he wrote his telephone number on one hundred pieces of paper around New York. Soon, more than a thousand people started telephoning Jeff for a chat. He decided to write down the conversations. Jeff then chose one hundred of the best conversations and made a book from them called Jeff, One Lonely Guy. He's not so lonely now. Of all the people that called him, twenty are now his good friends.

1 How many people called Jeff's telephone number?

A) Twenty.

B) Over a thousand.

C) Almost a thousand.

D) One hundred.

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When I'm older...

Mr Greaves: What would you like to do when you leave school, Timmy?

Timmy: I'd like to be a teacher.

Mr Greaves: A teacher?! Do you want to work with screaming children all day?

Timmy: Teachers get long holidays.

Mr Greaves: Yes, so they can forget the children! Don't do it. Be a doctor!

A boxer! You can even be an actor! But don't be a teacher!

Timmy: How long have you been the headteacher of this school, Mr Greaves?

Mr Greaves: 18 years! I retire next year. I love being old!

2 What job does Mr Greaves do?

A) He's retired.

B) He's a doctor.

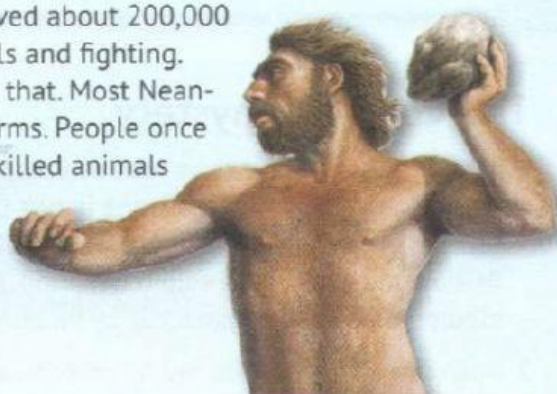
C) He's a teacher.

D) He's an actor.

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Neanderthals

When we think of Neanderthals — people who lived about 200,000 years ago — we think of cavemen hunting animals and fighting. But maybe Neanderthals were more boring than that. Most Neanderthals' right arms were bigger than their left arms. People once thought it was because they held weapons, and killed animals with heavy stones. But now scientists know it's because they spent a lot of their time making clothes from animals. Today, people with one arm bigger than the other are sports people who play games like tennis.



3 Why were most Neanderthals' right arms bigger than their left ones?

- A) They made clothes.
- B) They played sports.
- C) They hunted lots of animals.
- D) They enjoyed fighting.

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Message	
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to	magthompson@gmail.com
Subject	Tonight

Hi Maggie,

I won't be here when you get home. I'm buying a present for Bob's birthday party, and I need to go to the bank first. After the bank, I have to get the car from the garage. When I went there today, the mechanics were having lunch and told me they needed another few hours. It looked like a big lunch. I'm meeting Ralph for a beer before the party. I haven't seen him for ages. Let's meet at the party? See you there.

Love,
Nigel

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4 Where has Nigel been today?

- A) To the bank.
- B) For a beer with Ralph.
- C) To a garage.
- D) For lunch with Maggie.

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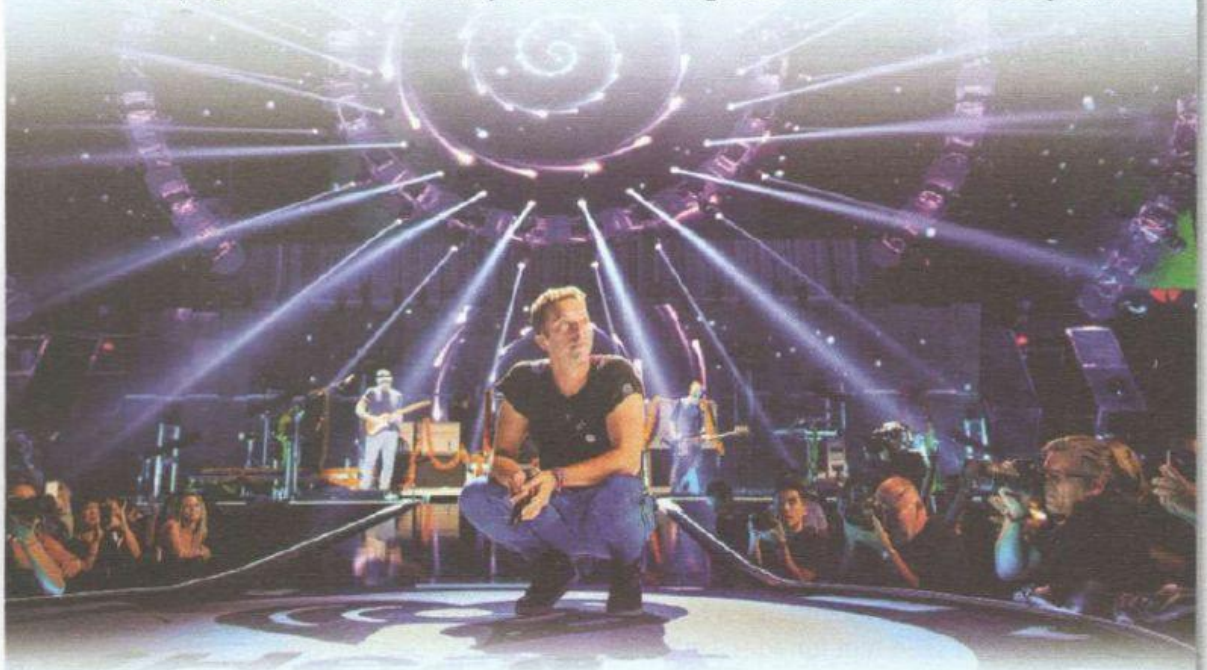
Read the interview with the band Coldplay and questions 1-4. Then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question. There is one task for each paragraph in the text.

The Coldplay mystery

1 Interviewer: Today we have with us Coldplay, who were recently called the 'mystery band' by CBS news. This is because the band's last recorded album sold eight million copies, at a time when people aren't buying records. But eight million isn't so much for Coldplay. Their first album, Parachutes, sold ten million, followed by their A Rush of Blood to the Head album, which sold an amazing 15 million copies. Their third album, X & Y, sold 13 million.

2 Interviewer: How did you sell 50 million records around the world?

Chris Martin: We don't know why so many people like us. We can't dance like Madonna, we can't sing like Beyonce and we don't write songs as good as Elton John's. Maybe it's because U2 don't play so much now that they're older. But it might be because we work really hard.



3 Interviewer: And who does the work?

Johnny Buckland: Well, Chris writes songs all the time. He sends himself text messages with ideas, or writes them on his hands. Our studio is also full of pieces of paper with music written on them, and we have to repaint the piano because Chris writes on it. But at least we don't have to repaint the walls; Chris doesn't write on them.

Guy Berryman: But the whole band likes working hard. Our studio has a list of rules written on the wall. One of the rules is that we must all like the songs and try hard to make them better.

4 Interviewer: And when will you stop playing live music?

Chris Martin: Not when we're old or even when we're super rich. I'll never stop writing songs, but I'll stop being a rock star when my hair falls out. That's when I'll no longer want to go out on stage and play live music.

(Amended from www.cbsnews.com)

1 How much did Coldplay's second album sell? (paragraph 1)

- A) 10 million.
- B) 13 million.
- C) 15 million.
- D) 8 million.

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2 What does Chris Martin say about the band? (paragraph 2)

- A) They can't dance like Beyonce.
- B) They can't play as well as U2.
- C) They can't sing like Madonna.
- D) They can't write songs like Elton John.

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3 What doesn't Chris Martin write ideas for songs on? (paragraph 3)

- A) His hands.
- B) The studio wall.
- C) His telephone.
- D) The band's piano.

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4 When will Chris Martin stop being a rock star? (paragraph 4)

- A) When he stops wanting to write songs.
- B) When he's too old.
- C) When he doesn't have hair anymore.
- D) When he has enough money.

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Read Ronda's diary pages and questions 1-4. Then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question. There is one task for each paragraph in the text.

Ronda's diary



1 Tuesday: I got to work really late. I missed a meeting and my boss was angry. My train was late because, a different train had broken, down. I'll try to be early all week to make, my boss happy! ... Oh, no! Just met Pierre for lunch, and got back late! My boss is really angry now. I need to find a new job!

2 Wednesday: I wrote to ask about some new jobs today. One's to work in a cake shop. I Love cakes, but the job doesn't pay enough money. Then there's a job working for a fashion magazine. I love clothes! I don't think I'm good enough for the job, but I hope I get it. There's also a job to be a secretary, but it's boring. Maybe

I can keep my job if I don't get the one I want.

Thursday: I met Tony for dinner. He's back from Rome. Now he wants to go to New York with me at the weekend. That's great, but it's too far to fly. We'll just go to London for the weekend. I would love to go to Paris, but Tony hates France, and he really hates my friend Pierre!

Friday: What a crazy day! I went to see the fashion magazine and they gave me a job there. I was really happy telling my boss I'm leaving. Then I met Pierre for lunch and he asked me to marry him! I can't believe it! Oh, no! How can I tell Tony I can't go away with him for the weekend?

1 Why was Ronda late on Tuesday morning? (paragraph 1)

A) Her train was late.

B) She missed her train.

C) She met Pierre.

D) She had a meeting.

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2 Which job does Ronda really want? (paragraph 2)

A) The job she has now.

B) To work for a fashion magazine.

C) To be a secretary.

D) To work in a cake shop.

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3 Where did Tony want to go for the weekend? (paragraph 3)

A) To London.

B) To Paris.

C) To New York.

D) To Rome.

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4 Which of these didn't happen to Ronda on Friday? (paragraph 4)

A) She got a new job.

B) She went away with Tony.

C) A man asked her to be his wife.

D) She had a meal with Pierre.

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