



Rainbow Institute – 4th Senior

Real Life Pre-Intermediate Unit 8



A. LISTENING

1. Listen to an interview with the Singer Kate Nash and answer the questions

1. Where was the restaurant where Kill Bill was filmed? _____
2. How many hours did the flight to New York take? _____
3. Who did Kate go to Mexico with? _____
4. How many cameras does Kate take with her on her trips? _____
5. How does Kate prefer to travel? _____
6. What's Kate favourite city? _____
7. What does she visit there? _____
8. What's the most beautiful place on earth for Kate? _____



B. READING COMPREHENSION

Basketball

What is the most popular sport in the world? Most people would probably say soccer, because of the many millions who play it and the even larger number who watch it on television. There are some, however, who say the correct answer is basketball – not because of its TV audience, which is certainly smaller than that for soccer, but because the number of people who regularly play the game might be higher (at least 300 million, according to most estimates).



their heads.

In China, for example, which has a population of 1.3 billion, more people play basketball than soccer, and it is becoming more popular all the time. Basketball has existed for less time than some of the world's other major sports. It was invented in the early 1890s by a Canadian, James Naismith, working at a college in the state of Massachusetts in the United States. Wanting to create a game that could be played indoors during the long winters but would also be active enough to keep people in shape, he had the idea of two teams of players trying to throw a ball into a basket that was above

Early basketball looked different from the game today: for example, the basket didn't have a hole in the bottom, so every time a player threw the ball in, someone had to go up to get it out again! Another difference is dribbling, which is when a player in modern basketball bounces the ball off the floor while moving across the court: it didn't exist in early basketball because the balls didn't bounce well enough. One thing that hasn't changed, though, is the height of the baskets: James Naismith put the first one 10 feet (3.05 meters) off the floor, and that's where they've stayed.

The biggest international TV audiences in modern basketball are for games in the National Basketball Association (NBA) in North America, a league of 30 teams (29 from the United States and one from Canada), including famous names such as the Chicago Bulls, Boston Celtics, and Los Angeles Lakers. Most of the players in the NBA are American, but there are also some foreign stars such as Yao Ming from China and Dirk Nowitzki from Germany.

The United States has usually been the strongest team in international basketball competitions. In the last Olympic Games, in Beijing in 2008, the US men's and women's teams both won gold medals – the men beat Spain in the final, and the women beat Australia.



Exercise 1 Here are some simple definitions for words that appear in the text on Worksheet A. Find the words they refer to and fill in the gaps.

1. A **p** _____ (adjective) thing, place, or activity is one that many people like.
2. A **c** _____ (noun) is an area marked with lines where some sports (e.g., basketball or tennis) are played.
3. **_ t _ _** (noun): someone very famous and popular (e.g., an actor or sports player).
4. An _____ **ce** (noun) is a group of people who watch or listen to something (e.g., a movie or a sports game).
5. **B** _____ (verb): to hit the surface of something and then move away (e.g., a ball moving through the air, hitting the ground, then moving through the air again).
6. **_ _ _ m** (noun): a group of people who play a sport or a game against another group.
7. **_ _ _ _ l** (noun): a small flat piece of metal, often circular, that you might get for winning a competition.

Exercise 2 Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), or if the text doesn't say (D).

1. Basketball was invented after tennis ____
2. The height of the baskets in basketball has changed many times ____
3. More people watch basketball on TV than soccer ____
4. There are some players in the NBA who are not American or Canadian ____
5. Basketball was invented before 1900 ____
6. Australia was in the men's basketball final in the 2008 Olympic Games ____
7. The best team in the NBA is the Los Angeles Lakers ____
8. The baskets in early basketball were different from those in modern basketball ____



C. **COMMUNICATION**

Match (↗) the beginning of the phrase with the ending.

- What's your favourite snack?
- We had a horrible time on holiday!
- What about going to the cinema tonight?
- People should be allowed to drive at the age of 14.
- Are you free on Friday night?
- What's the best way to get there?
- How was your holiday?

- It was terrible! It rained every day.
- Really? What happened
- I'm sorry. I'm afraid I've got an appointment.
- Don't fly. Go by train.
- Really? We love them!
- Chocolate bars.
- That would be lovely. Is 8 p.m ok?
- Really? I'm not sure about that.

D. USE OF ENGLISH

D1. Choose the best word to complete the sentence

1. What sports do you _____ in your free time?
2. You're a very good tennis player. I'm sure you'll _____ your next opponent.
3. You need a _____ to play hockey.
4. Golf is an _____ game.
5. To play _____ you need a net

D2. Press the microphone icon and say the word that fits in each space

1. How many players are there in a basketball _____?
2. You play ice- hockey in a special ice _____.
3. To play table tennis you need a _____. Not a racket.
4. You're really fast. How many races did you _____?
5. Kelly Holmes won her first gold _____ at the Athens Olympics.
6. How many _____ did you score in your football match yesterday?

D3. What has just happened? Look at the pictures and write sentences with the verbs below

break an arm

send a message

cook dinner

get married

wake up



1. _____



4. _____



2. _____



5. _____



3. _____

D4. In your life, what have you already done? What haven't you done yet? Use the ideas below and write 3 sentences using "already" and 3 sentences using "yet"

ARGUE WITH A FRIEND - FALL IN LOVE - CHEAT IN AN EXAM - TRAVEL ALONE - MISS A PERSON - WIN A PRIZE - HAVE AN OVERNIGHT MOVIE MARATHON - MAKE A CARD FOR A FRIEND OR FAMILY - TAKE A NAP UNDER A TREE - WRITE A POEM OR SONG - WATCH THE SUNRISE - HELP SOMEONE - READ MANY BOOKS - WRITE YOUR DIARY - VISIT A MUSEUM - BUY A GIFT FOR YOUR GRANDPARENTS - DECIDE TO PICK UP A NEW GOOD HABIT - MAKE SOME JEWELLERY - GROW SOME PLANTS - SEE A LOCAL BASKETBALL GAME - ORGANIZE A SURPRISE PARTY - BREAK A BONE - CRY IN PUBLIC - GO SKIING

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



Pensá detenida y honestamente en tu proceso de aprendizaje personal. Siendo 1 el puntaje menor y 5 el máximo, ¿Qué puntaje te pondrías en cada uno de estos ítems? **THANKS FOR BEING HONEST!**

- Aprovecho el tiempo y hago mi tarea sin apuros: _____
- Disfruto las clases: _____
- Muestro interés: _____

- Dedico tiempo para estudiar o repasar: _____
- Me esfuerzo lo suficiente: _____
- Pregunto y resuelvo mis dudas: _____
- Me interesan los temas que aprendo: _____
- Participo activamente en las clases: _____
- Siento que puedo usar lo que aprendo en clase: _____
- Entiendo las explicaciones de clase: _____
- Tengo una Buena pronunciación: _____
- Me siento a gusto en la clase: _____
- Practico lo suficiente: _____
- Siento que podría mejorar en algo: _____