TEENS 3

Prepare 3 2nd edition – units 13 to 16

READING

Read the text about different languages and choose between Haresh, Miguel or Wen.

Different languages

Haresh

I live in a city called Jaipur in India. Hindi is my first language but I've always spoken English too. People speak a lot of different languages in India. A lot of people speak English, but as a second language. Some of our languages are very old and not many people understand them now. I really like English – I think it's quite easy! I would love to learn another language, but at the moment I'm too busy studying!

Miguel

I live in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil with my parents. Rio is one of the biggest cities in South America. Everyone in Brazil speaks Portuguese of course. I've been studying English at school for seven years, and I can also speak a bit of Spanish. I'd like to visit Spain one day and learn more of the language! The hardest thing for me about English is the grammar; I can understand what people say but I'm not very good at writing!

Wen

I'm from a small village in China. I speak Mandarin and a little English. My mother and father speak Cantonese. I can usually understand what they say, but I can't talk to them in Cantonese! Luckily they have both learned English for many years and are really good at it. I've only been having English lessons for three years, but I love it! I'd like to study it at university when I'm older.

Who can speak three languages?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Who has his parents that speak a different language to him?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Who says he has a lot of school work?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Who would like to go to another country?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Who lives in the place with the fewest people?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Who has been learning English the longest?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Who finds some things about learning English difficult?

A Haresh **B** Miguel **C** Wen

Read Adam's blog about a course. Are sentences 'Right' (a) or 'Wrong' (b)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right (a)' or 'Wrong (b)' choose 'Doesn't say' (c).

Hi!

My parents say that my brother and I text and surf too much on the internet so they sent us on a weekend course where we had to camp in a forest without our phones or any internet connection. I thought it would be impossible not to check my phone or a social media site every hour or so. Since going on the course, I've learnt I can live without my phone for three whole days and things have really changed.

My brother and I didn't know anyone else on the course before we went but at least we had each other and that made it a bit easier. There were twelve other boys and they all came alone.

There were lots of different activities and we were successful at most of them. We had to build a bridge out of chairs and newspapers, which was really hard. Doing the washing-up and the cooking was probably the least fun. I also hated not having TV at first. But things like collecting wood to make a fire to keep us warm and the walks in the dark were okay. I learnt I could actually do lots of things alone even if I was a bit afraid at times.

The day after we got home, Mum asked us to turn off the computers and to cut the grass and wash Dad's car. We didn't mind doing that! I feel much more grown up somehow.

If a course like this interests you, go to www.turnitoff.net to find out more.

1 Adam's parents worried about how much time their sons spent online.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

2 Before the course, Adam checked his phone more than once an hour.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

3 The boys on the course couldn't receive texts for three days.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

4 Adam found it more difficult to be on the course with his brother.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

5 The boys needed a lot of help to build the bridge.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

6 Adam enjoyed collecting wood more than doing the cooking.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

7 The walk in the dark was the worst activity they did.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐

8 Adam complained about having to cut the grass.
a Right ☐ b Wrong ☐ c Doesn't say ☐