

# Pre – Test

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## Vocabulary and Grammar

### 1 Choose the correct answer.

- You ..... clean up. I'll do it later.
  - can't
  - don't have to
  - must
- I can't do it unless you ..... me.
  - don't help
  - help
  - will help
- What ..... when I called? It sounded very noisy.
  - did you do
  - will you do
  - were you doing
- I haven't seen Jill .....
  - for ages
  - last year
  - an hour ago
- Be careful! You .....
  - will fall
  - am falling
  - are going to fall
- Who ate all the food? There's ..... left.
  - something
  - anything
  - nothing
- My brother is ..... than me.
  - taller
  - tall
  - tallest
- The windows ..... yesterday.
  - were cleaned
  - cleaned
  - were cleaning
- What a surprise! I ..... you were coming.
  - don't know
  - didn't know
  - haven't known
- By the time Sam arrived, everyone .....
  - had gone
  - have gone
  - went
- Come ..... . There's something I want you to see.
  - quick
  - quickly
  - quickest
- I'm going on holiday next week. I'm so .....
  - exciting
  - excite
  - excited
- Here is the book ..... you asked for.
  - which
  - who
  - whose
- Please be quiet. I ..... to watch television.
  - try
  - am trying
  - tried
- He will come to the cinema if he ..... to leave work on time.
  - manages
  - manage
  - will manage
- It's so hot in here. I think ..... a window.
  - I will open
  - I'm going to open
  - I'm opening
- This is the house ..... I lived when I was a child.
  - which
  - who
  - where
- Penicillin ..... by Alexander Fleming.
  - is discovered
  - discovered
  - was discovered
- When I arrived at Dan's house, he ..... ready.
  - was getting
  - got
  - has got
- I ..... Wendy yesterday.
  - didn't see
  - wasn't seeing
  - haven't seen

## Reading

Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

### Travelling Readers

- I In today's world, the pace of life is very fast and people are often less likely to participate in activities that demand their undivided attention. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that fewer people are finding the time to read literature.
- II Advocates of reading claim that reading has important benefits for individuals and for society as a whole. They suggest that reading widens readers' vocabulary, leading to better communication skills. What is more, it increases world knowledge by exposing readers to different fields of interest and to different cultures. Finally, by allowing readers to access the thoughts and feelings of fictional characters, it improves their empathy and their ability to understand and work with others.
- III In recent years, there have been numerous attempts around the world to try to motivate people to read. In particular, a number of initiatives have tried to capitalise on the fact that there are many commuters and business travellers who spend a significant amount of time travelling.
- IV In Spain, for example, the Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya (Catalan Government Railways) put a specific barcode with links to the first chapters of popular novels on its trains. Commuters who had a smartphone with the barcode reader app could scan these barcodes and get free access to works of literature. The codes were put up as part of the Catalan Government's National Reading Plan, which aimed to encourage its citizens to read.
- V Australia's Qantas airline has also come up with a project to get its passengers reading. It has created a range of novels for its customers, selected to correspond with flight times. The programme is called "A Story For Every Journey" and provides passengers with a selection of books that are intended to match the length of their flight. The airline is hoping to attract passengers by offering these novels on its longer flights.
- VI It is still too early to tell whether any of these initiatives will succeed in influencing people's reading habits in any significant way. Yet, since reading has been shown to be a great way to reduce stress in addition to all its other benefits, it is certainly a pastime that is worth preserving, especially in today's world!

#### 1 Choose the correct answer.

The writer believes that .....

- reading has many benefits
- it is not a good idea to try to influence people's reading habits
- reading is no longer relevant
- there is no value in reading literature

#### 2 Decide if the following sentences are true (T) or false (F). Find evidence in the text to justify your answers. Indicate the number of line.

..... 1. Enthusiastic readers are more likely to be able to cooperate with other people.

Line .....

..... 2. Commuters on Catalan Government Railways need to pay to download reading material.

Line .....

..... 3. Passengers on Qantas flights are given the same selection of books.

Line .....

..... 4. Access to novels on trains will encourage people to read more.

Line .....

#### 4 Find words or expressions in the text that mean the same as:

- complete (paragraph I) .....
- increases (paragraph II) .....
- take advantage of (paragraph III) .....
- keeping (paragraph VI) .....