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2nd Partial exam 2020**READING COMPREHENSION**-(achievement test 1-(1-4) 2 (5-8) –Prepare 4)

Read the article. Are the sentences true or false?

Windsurfing

by John Marshall

I always dreamt of playing ice hockey or gymnastics or another really difficult sport – where the **crowd** is shouting your name to get you to win! But I've always been a bit **hopeless** at sport and I'm not in any of the school teams. So that's not going to happen any time soon!

So it was great to get the opportunity to join in with something when my school suggested a windsurfing trip for our year. I was a bit worried, though, that I had no equipment **suitable** for windsurfing, so Dad took me to get a few things, including trainers that wouldn't slip in the wet. By the time we got back from the shops, I was feeling really positive about the whole thing!

The day finally came and off we went on the school minibus to a lake just 15 minutes away from the town where we go to school. It was a sunny day, but quite windy too, so it was perfect for windsurfing – or at least that's what our teacher said! We met our **instructor** and he was really friendly. We all **rushed off** the minibus and into the training room, where we got some instruction before we set off. We got our **lifejackets**, too – some

people thought they didn't need them because they were really good swimmers, but I think secretly we all knew how important they were.

Then out we went to the lake! We each had our own small windsurfer at one end of the lake. I was really worried at first about crashing into another windsurfer – but then I quickly got the hang of it and it was fantastic! I could feel the wind in my face. I was going really fast ... and then suddenly – Splash!!

I still don't know how I **managed** to fall off the windsurfer, but I ended up in the water – and it was freezing! The instructor got to me really quickly and **pulled me out**. Everyone was laughing, including me – and it wasn't long before some of the others fell into the water, too! Nobody minded – we were all just having fun.

The day was over really quickly and we were soon back on the minibus. But I knew it definitely wouldn't be the last time that I went out on a windsurfer!

- 1 John thinks there's a chance that one day he will be in a school sports team.....
- 2 John was more **excited** about his windsurfing trip after he'd got **suitable** equipment.....
- 3 John's teacher was pleased with the weather conditions on the day of the trip.
- 4 Soon after John set off across the water, he hit another windsurfer.
- 5 John was **upset** that people **laughed** at him when he fell into the water.
- 6 John decided by the end of the trip that he wanted to go windsurfing again.....

Write the highlighted words with the correct definition.

- 1- to depart in a hurry.....
- 2- a piece of equipment, that is filled with air or light material and is designed to help you float if you fall into water.....
- 3- to leave or no longer be involved in an activity,event or situation.....
- 4- completely without skill at a particular activity.....
- 5- a person whose job is to teach people a practical skill.....
- 6- to succeed in doing or dealing with something, especially something difficult.....
- 7- a large group of people who have come together.....
- 8- acceptable or right for someone or something.....

Read the article. Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

My family holiday

by Sarah Green

Have you ever really looked **forward** to going on holiday – and then had such a horrible experience that that's all you can remember? That's exactly what happened to me and my family last month! In fact, whenever anyone mentions our holiday, do we talk about the hotel we went to and the sights we saw? No! We talk about how we nearly missed our trip **altogether**!

We were flying to stay near our relatives and have a lovely week on the beach. We all got up early on the day we were travelling, because our flight was leaving at 10 am. But then we were really late leaving the house because my mobile phone went missing, so everyone had to help **look for** it. In fact, my brother and I had a fight about it. I was sure it was his **fault** – but then it turned out the phone was actually in the bottom of my suitcase all the time ...

Then of course our taxi got **stuck** in a traffic jam on the way to the airport. It was **awful**. Dad didn't say anything, but I knew he was angry. Then just before we arrived at the airport, I realised one of my bags wasn't there. It was the one I wanted to take on the plane, with my music and books in it. That was really sad – but at least it wasn't the bag with my passport in!

Then we went to check in our bags at the desk. My brother had a backpack that **weighed** a lot and because we didn't want to pay extra for it, he had to take some clothes out and wear them. And my suitcase was really full so Dad put a kind of belt round it to keep it closed. I think by now, Mum was just desperate for Dad to take the bags to the check-in desk, then go through security and passport control and finally sit down at the **departure gate** and have a nice cool drink! But there was worse to come. The man at check-in asked for our tickets and Dad handed them over. 'Flight GE186,' said Dad. The man took one look at the tickets and made a face. 'I'm really very sorry sir,' he said to Dad. 'Your flight is indeed GE186 and your flight is at 10am – but it's tomorrow morning ...'

- 1 What do Sarah's family remember most about their holiday?
 - a the interesting places they visited
 - b the place they stayed in
 - c the fact that they almost didn't go
- 2 Sarah had a problem before leaving home because
 - a she got up very late to get ready.
 - b her brother took something that belonged to her.
 - c the family all needed to search for an item she lost.
- 3 On the journey to the airport
 - a Sarah was worried that her passport wasn't with them in the taxi.
 - b there were so many cars that their taxi couldn't drive fast.
 - c Dad said some angry things to their taxi driver.
- 4 What was the problem with their luggage?
 - a Her brother's bag was too heavy to check in.
 - b Her suitcase broke before she could check it in.
 - c Her dad had to carry all the bags himself to the check-in.
- 5 What mistake did they make with their plane tickets?
 - a They booked for the wrong flight.
 - b They arrived too late to catch their plane.
 - c They were supposed to travel the following day.

Write the highlighted words with the correct definition.

- 1- a mistake, especially something for which you are to blame.....
- 2- to search for someone or something.....
- 3- unable to move, or set in a particular position, place, or way of thinking.....
- 4- to have a heaviness of a stated amount, or to measure the heaviness of an object.....
- 5- extremely bad or unpleasant.....
- 6- towards the direction that is in front of you.....
- 7- (in a large airport) any of the numbered exits leading to the airfield or aircraft.....
- 8- considering everything.....