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READING EXAM

I_ READ THE TEXT AND WRITE T (true), F (false) or NM (not mentioned).



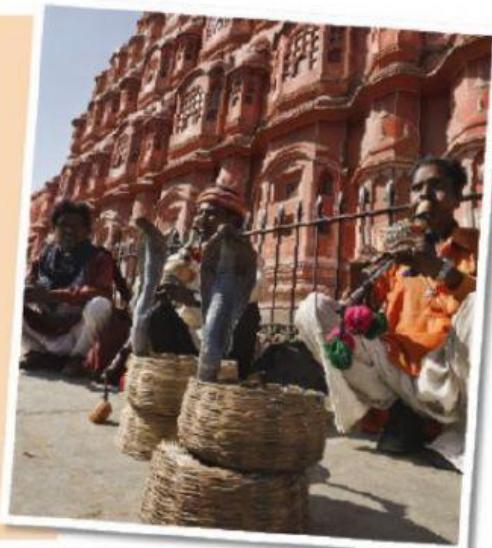
I was a teenager when I went to India for the first time. I spent three weeks there with my family and it was definitely one of the best experiences of my life.

One day while we were going to the Taj Mahal, we decided to stop at a marketplace. I was walking through the market, looking around when, suddenly, I saw something amazing. A man was lying on a bed of nails, but he didn't seem to feel any pain at all. I just stood there looking at him, expecting to see blood. But I didn't see anything. As I continued walking, I saw a man playing the flute and, to my surprise, there was a snake coming out of a basket. The snake was moving to the music, almost like it was dancing! When the music stopped, the snake stopped too and went back into its basket. 'How do they do these things?' I thought.

It wasn't until some years later that I got an answer to that question, as I was reading an article about India. According to the text, anyone can sit on a bed of nails and not feel much pain. However, the nails should be close together. As for the snakes, well they don't hear anything. The snake charmers play music and move from side to side and the snake moves in the same way.

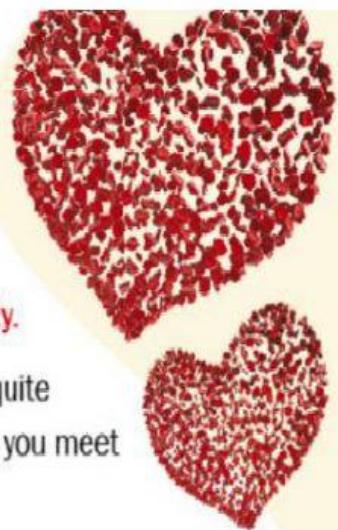
So, that's how they do it. Was I disappointed? Well, a little. But I still think India is an exciting place to go on holiday.

1. The writer didn't go to India alone.
2. He went to the Taj Mahal before going to the marketplace.
3. The man on the bed of nails wasn't hurt.
4. The charmers' snakes are very dangerous.
5. Snakes dance when they hear music.
6. The writer was very upset when he learnt the truth.
7. The writer wants to go and live in India.



What Type Are You?

Some people believe your Zodiac sign determines your personality. In Japan, they believe that a person's blood type says a lot about their personality. They even think that certain blood types get along better with other types. So, do you know your blood type? Read and check if your blood type matches your personality.



♥ **TYPE: O** You are outgoing, confident, and you love meeting new people. You are quite creative, but you do not always finish what you start. You are popular with everyone you meet and you love to be the centre of attention.

♥ **TYPE: A** You want everything to be perfect, and you get nervous when things go wrong. You can be very shy, and sensitive, but you are also honest and creative. Many artists are type A.

♥ **TYPE: B** You always finish the things you start. You are very independent, and like doing things your own way. You are a positive person and try to have a good sense of humour, even in a bad situation.

♥ **TYPE: AB** You can be both shy and outgoing. You are very responsible, but sometimes you are too responsible, and can be bossy! You are also helpful and very kind.

Betty: I love making things and starting new projects, and I get upset when I can't finish something. My friends say they like how confident I am, but sometimes it's a problem because I don't want them to help me do my work. Still, whenever they are in a bad mood, I can always make them feel better.

Laura: I think I'm a really happy person. At least, that's what my friends say! I like talking to people wherever I go because I just love meeting new people. I like going out with my friends and I love telling jokes.

Rick: My flatmate always tells me I'm like Jekyll and Hyde. I guess it's because I can be very moody. One minute I'm really happy and talkative, the next minute I'm shy and quiet. Someday I think I want to have my own business because I like being in charge.

Greg: I get very upset when things don't work out the way I want. I love coming up with new ideas, and making things. In my free time, I love painting and taking pictures. My friends say that I'm really talented!