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CHOOSING A LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Today, there are language schools on practically every street (well, it seems like that sometimes, especially in the bigger cities here in Vietnam). How do you decide which school is right for you? Here are a few things to think about when you are looking through flyers, leaflets and brochures from different schools.

Before you visit a school:

- If you are going to study English in the UK, contact the British Council to see which schools are accredited by them. If a school is accredited, it means that their inspectors regularly check it to make sure that it is good enough. If a school isn't good enough, it loses its

accreditation. So, if you choose an accredited school, you will probably be happy with it.

- Talk to people you know who are doing language courses at different schools. What do they think about the schools and courses? If you choose the same school or same course as them, you may have the same opinions later.
- Ask yourself what you want to learn English for. Do you have any specific goals, like passing an exam or going to work in an English-speaking country? If you have, make a list of them. Think about whether it would be better for you to have private lessons with a teacher or lessons in a group. Then look at the courses that local schools are offering to see what might be right for you.

While you're visiting a school:

- Take a look around the building. Does it look tidy? Does it look well-organised? Do you feel comfortable in it?
- Ask about the teachers that work at the school. Remember, you have a right to see copies of their qualifications.
- Ask about whether you can watch a class for free before signing up for a course. A good school will be happy to arrange this for you.

Found a good place? Great! Now go away and study!

1. Nowadays there are a lot of language schools ____
 - A. in big cities in Poland.
 - B. in big and small cities in Poland.
 - C. in countries other than Poland.
 - D. all over Europe.
2. The school is accredited if ____
 - A. it is not on the British Council list.
 - B. it is checked by experts.
 - C. its teachers have contact with the British Council.
 - D. its teachers are trained by the British Council.
3. Before choosing a school you should ____
 - A. talk to the school manager.
 - B. talk to the teachers.
 - C. talk to people who study there.
 - D. discuss your choice with your family.
4. Before choosing a school you should ____
 - A. go to an English speaking country.
 - B. have private lessons first.
 - C. decide what you want to study English for.
 - D. pass an exam

5. While visiting a school you should pay attention to _____

- A. other students.
- B. equipment.
- C. furniture.
- D. how you feel about the school.

6. While visiting a school you may _____

- A. check if the teachers have proper qualifications.
- B. check if the teachers have proper qualifications and watch a class.
- C. watch a class.
- D. check what textbook is used.



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Angelina Jolie is a talented actress who has been in many films. Even though not all of her films have been good ones, many people say that she is a good actress. In fact, she won an Oscar for her role in *Girl, Interrupted* in 2000. She is now one of the highest-paid actresses in Hollywood. Many people also respect her for her work as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations. She has visited poor people in many different countries and has even adopted two children, one from Cambodia and the other from Ethiopia. She has been married twice and now lives with Brad Pitt, the father of her biological child.

She is the daughter of Jon Voight, who starred in *Midnight Cowboy* with Dustin Hoffman. Her parents divorced when she was a baby. Angelina and her brother were brought up by their mother. When she was a child, she often watched movies with her mother. She later said that this inspired her to become an actress, not her father. In fact, she blamed him for the break-up of her parents' marriage.

When she was 11 years old she decided that she wanted to be an actress and trained for 2 years. She was not happy when she was a student at the Beverly Hills High School. Her mother did not have much money, so she often had to wear second-hand clothes. She felt lonely among the richer kids. Other students were horrible to her because of the way she looked: she was very thin and wore both braces on her teeth and glasses. When she was 14, she stopped going to acting classes and became a rebel. She wore black clothes, dyed her hair purple and went out to punk concerts a lot. In the end, however, she went back to theatrical classes and back to high school.

She has said that she is "still at heart just a punk kid with tattoos". And she has a lot of them! All of her tattoos have a special meaning. She has removed some of them over the years. For example, she used to have a tattoo of a window on her lower back. She says she used to spend all of her time looking out of windows and wanting to be outside, but now she's outside all the time. That's why she doesn't have that tattoo any more.

1. Angelina Jolie gained respect by _____.
 - A. being a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations.
 - B. being a good actress.
 - C. being a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations and a good actress.
 - D. winning an Oscar.
2. Her father is _____.
 - A. a film director
 - B. an actor
 - C. her manager
 - D. Dustin Hoffman's manager
3. Angelina Jolie comes from _____.
 - A. an intellectual family.
 - B. a rich family.
 - C. a musical family.
 - D. a broken family.
4. The inspiration to become an actress came from _____.
 - A. the films she watched as a child.
 - B. her father.
 - C. other directors.
 - D. her school teacher.
5. When she was a teenager _____.
 - A. she had a lot of friends.
 - B. she was very pretty.
 - C. she suffered because of her appearance.
 - D. she was constantly on a diet.
6. She became a rebel _____.
 - A. after she had stopped going to acting classes.
 - B. because she didn't want to go to acting classes.
 - C. because she wanted to dye her hair and go to punk concerts.
 - D. after she had returned to school.
7. Her tattoos _____.
 - A. are very small
 - B. haven't changed since she started making them.
 - C. cover only her lower back.
 - D. are very important to her.



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I remember a holiday of mine being completely ruined one late autumn by our paying attention to the weather report of the local newspaper. "Heavy showers, with thunderstorms, may be expected today," it would say on Monday, and so we would give up our picnic, and stay indoors all day, waiting for the rain. Meanwhile people would pass the house, the sun shining brightly, and not a cloud to be seen.

"Ah!" we said, as we stood looking out at them through the window, "won't they come home soaked!" And we chuckled to think how wet they were going to get. By twelve o'clock, with the sun pouring into the room, the heat became quite oppressive, and we wondered when those heavy showers and thunderstorms were going to begin.

"Ah! They'll come in the afternoon, you'll find," we said to each other. "Oh, won't those people get wet." At one o'clock, the landlady would come in to ask if we weren't going out, as it seemed such a lovely day.

"No, no," we replied, "not we. We don't mean to get wet - no, no."

And when the afternoon was nearly gone, and still there was no sign of rain, we tried to cheer ourselves up with the idea that it would come down all at once, just as the people had started for home. But not a drop ever fell, and it finished a great day, and a lovely night after it.

The next morning we would read that it was going to be a "warm, fine day; much heat;" and we would go out, and, half an hour after we had started, it would start to rain hard, we would come home with colds and aching all over from rheumatism, and go to bed.

The weather is a thing that is beyond me altogether. I never can understand it.

(Adapted from *Three Men in a Boat* by Jerome K. Jerome)

1. The author describes a situation when he gave up on a picnic because of _____.
 - A. the weather.
 - B. what someone told him.
 - C. the weather forecast he heard.
 - D. the weather forecast he read.
2. The other people _____.
 - A. ignored the weather forecast altogether.
 - B. dressed for rain.
 - C. stayed indoors.
 - D. laughed at the author.
3. The landlady was surprised because _____.
 - A. the weather was good.
 - B. the author didn't go out.
 - C. the author was alone in his room
 - D. the author told her about the forecast.
4. In the afternoon _____.
 - A. it finally rained.
 - B. the weather was still great.
 - C. it rained a little.
 - D. the author and his friends went out.
5. The newspaper forecast was _____.
 - A. wrong.
 - B. right.
 - C. impossible to understand.
 - D. easy to predict
6. The weather forecast for the next day was _____.
 - A. the same.
 - B. much worse.
 - C. better.
 - D. just as the author expected.
7. The next day the author _____.
 - A. was prepared for rain.
 - B. got wet.
 - C. stayed at home.
 - D. thought it was going to be rainy again.