



PRUEBA DE NIVEL

INSTRUCCIONES

- ✚ No es necesario completar **TODAS** las secciones, sino las que entendéis. Eso nos ayudará a detectar vuestro nivel. Colocar **SÓLO LA LETRA**
- ✚ Al terminar de hacer los ejercicios presiona el botón **FINALIZAR / FINISH**. Ahí debes seleccionar la opción: **ENVIAR LAS RESPUESTAS A MI PROFESOR**. De esta manera se guardarán las respuestas automáticamente.
- ✚ Una vez que podamos ver vuestra prueba de nivel, nos pondremos en contacto, por lo que es muy importante colocar el e-mail y teléfono de forma correcta.

Nombre: _____

Teléfono: _____

E-mail: _____

READING COMPREHENSION

OBJETIVO: Evaluar tu comprensión lectora.

Deberás leer textos cortos y contestar a las preguntas.

WHAT'S YOUR ROUTINE DURING THE WEEK?

Sam: I have classes every afternoon. In the mornings I work in the college cafeteria. I usually do my homework in the evenings. On the weekends, I go out with my friends.

1. On weeknights, Sam usually _____.

- a. studies
- b. works in the cafeteria
- c. sees her friends
- d. has classes

AN E-MAIL, SUBJECT: BACK HOME!

Hi Mandy,

I just got back from my trip to Spain. It didn't rain at all! We ate at some great Spanish restaurants - delicious! I learned to do flamenco! It's a kind of dance. We went to the beach every day, and we went snorkelling. I'd like to do this every year.

Max

2. Max _____.

- a. didn't like Spanish food
- b. was bored on his trip
- c. enjoyed his trip
- d. never wants to visit Spain again

DO YOU HAVE "VACATION DEPRIVATION"?

The average amount of time off in the United States is only 11 days a year. But in Europe, workers get 26 to 37 days off. Researchers say vacations are important for good health. They say the kind of vacation you take makes a difference, too. When people travel to sunny places, have lots of free time, sleep a lot, exercise, and make friends, they enjoy better health.

3. The article suggests that _____.

- a. busy vacations are better for your health
- b. Americans need more vacation time
- c. Europeans don't like to travel
- d. Americans take enough vacation

MINOR BURNS

Leon Caplan was watching television when his sister burned herself in the kitchen. He immediately ran to the refrigerator to get some ice and butter for her hand. Did he do the right thing? What should you do for a burn?

Many people think you should put ice, oil, or butter on a burn. Actually, these can damage the skin and make the burn worse. Always cool a minor burn as soon as possible with cold water - preferably running water.

4. The main idea of this reading is to _____.

- a. tell a story about Leon.
- b. give advice about burns.
- c. describe types of burns.
- d. stop people from burning themselves.

5. If you have a burn, the reading says you should _____.

- a. put the burnt area into the refrigerator.
- b. avoid cold water.
- c. put oil on it.
- d. never put butter on it.

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST: FLY A PLANE!

Have you ever flown a plane? probably not. But if you like excitement and don't get stressed easily, you might want to try flying a jumbo jet simulator - the same one pilots use in training. I haven't taken many plane rides, but last Sunday I decided to try a day at Pilot School.

It's open to the public on Sundays. I got a full lesson on how to fly before I climbed into the simulator.

Then the instructor let me take off, fly at 914 meters (3,000 ft), and land. It was the scariest 30 minutes I've ever had "in the air" - and totally realistic.

6. Jumbo-jet simulators _____.

- a. are real planes.
- b. aren't open to the public.
- c. are something pilots use to learn to fly.
- d. aren't like real airplanes.

7. The writer _____.

- a. has never been on a plane.
- b. has taken classes at Pilot School before.
- c. has flown a plane.
- d. has flown in a simulator.

SOMEONE YOU CAN LOOK UP TO: CHRISTINA MORIN

Christina Morin is an amazing young woman with an inspiring story. When she was 17, Christina went on a safari to Kenya with her parents. During her trip she spent four days with the local Samburu tribespeople, who were suffering from a devastating drought after several months without rain, and had very little food. Christina wanted to help. She started by teaching art classes to the Samburu children, who had never painted before. Christina was amazed at their wonderful drawings, and began to think. If she made their pictures into note cards, would she be able to sell them when she went home, and raise money for food? She bought samples of the children's artwork with her own vacation money, which paid for two weeks worth of food for the tribe. Soon after she got home, the Samburu project was born. Christina has been selling tribal arts and crafts for several years now, with all profits going to the tribespeople in Kenya. So far, she has been able to build a dam, which was her original goal, as well as build several wells, buy animals and food, buy medical bills, and build a crafts center.

- 8. Christina wanted to help the samburu tribes people because _____.**
- a. they didn't have an art teacher
 - b. they were suffering from a food shortage
 - c. they didn't know how to run a safari trip
 - d. their homes were flooded
- 9. Christina got her idea to sell the children's artwork _____.**
- a. after she was able to sell some of the pictures
 - b. after she returned back home
 - c. before she started teaching them art classes
 - d. after she saw pictures they painted
- 10. Christina's samburu project _____.**
- a. bought 2 weeks of food for the tribe
 - b. lasted just three or four years
 - c. hasn't made a profit yet
 - d. is still making money for the tribe
- 11. Christina's original goal was to _____.**
- a. pay for medical bills
 - b. raise money for a dam
 - c. build a crafts center
 - d. go back and see the tribe again

MODERN CRIMES: IMAGE THEFT

Personal blogging is the new form of Journal writing - only better, because more people can reach your entries online! Nowadays, most travellers are expected to post their photographs, in addition to their commentary, on blogs for friends and family to see.

But imagine finding your vacation photos in an advertisement, copied from the internet without your permission. As an amateur photographer, you thought they were just pictures, but someone else decided they had value and used them to make money. That person stole your property.

Photo theft, or image theft, is a growing problem, especially for professional photographers who advertise on the Web. Any photo can be easily be copied and used illegally, and often the people who do it don't realise they are committing a crime. The ones who do probably know they won't be caught.

So how can you protect yourself and your images? Professional photography associations recommend using photo editing programs to add text to your photos. For example, write the word SAMPLE on the pictures.

More sophisticated software allows you to make the pictures "flash" or add moving images that can't be copied. Finally, give your photo files unusual names so that people won't find them easily when they search the Internet for common subjects like "the beach".

12. The article tells photographers how to ____.

- a. make money from pictures.
- b. become a professional.
- c. put their pictures on the internet.
- d. stop people from using their photos illegally.

13. The writer says amateur photographers ____.

- a. might not realize their photos are valuable
- b. travel too much to worry about image theft.
- c. shouldn't find image theft frustrating.
- d. can also use other people's pictures illegally.

14. Everyone who uses an image without permission ____.

- a. knows it's illegal.
- b. will be caught.
- c. is doing something illegal.
- d. should be protected.

15. One way of protecting your pictures is to ____.

- a. give them value.
- b. use software to change them.
- c. join a professional association.
- d. hide them on the Internet.

WHAT ARE BUSINESSES DOING ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING?

The issue of climate change has been discussed in scientific and business circles for two decades. However, it's only in recent years that there has been agreement that something needs to be done to reduce the carbon emissions that cause global warming, and that businesses, as well as governments and individual citizens, must act. The main problem is the rising level of carbon dioxide, which has been shown to warm the earth's atmosphere and which is still being produced in damaging quantities by power plants and motor vehicles.

A few forward-thinking companies are investing in renewable energy, reducing their use of oil and coal, recycling more, and consuming less in order to reduce their carbon footprint. Although companies like these are preparing to live in a reduced carbon world, most businesses have been slow in reducing their negative impact on the environment.

What might encourage them to finally start changing their environmental policies will probably be a combination of legal, political, and business pressures.

Laws on carbon emissions are likely to be affected by changes in government policy. In addition, the effects of new weather patterns such as high winds, hurricanes, fires, and floods are making insurance companies look seriously at climate change, as they pay out more and more money for the damage caused by these events. Insurers are now forcing companies to think of such damage as an important business risk.

- 16. The main idea of the article is that ____.**
- a. businesses will have to be more environment-friendly in the future
 - b. it's the government's responsibility to do something about climate change
 - c. nothing has been done about climate change
 - d. there are some environment-friendly companies
- 17. The article says that scientists and business leaders ____.**
- a. have always agreed about the causes of climate change
 - b. have been talking about climate change for a long time
 - c. have never agreed about what causes climate change
 - d. have not discussed climate change enough
- 18. ____ companies are trying to be more environment-friendly.**
- a. A lot of
 - b. A small number of
 - c. All the major
 - d. None of the big
- 19. Companies might change their environmental policies ____.**
- a. because it costs less to be environment-friendly
 - b. because of the nice weather
 - c. for political, legal, and business reasons
 - d. to reduce their insurance providers
- 20. Insurance companies are interested in climate change because ____.**
- a. it's the right thing to do.
 - b. the law says they have to be.
 - c. it's important to be environment-friendly.
 - d. it's costing them money.