

Unit 14 Reading Practice

Przeczytaj tekst, z którego usunięto cztery zdania. Wstaw w każdą lukę (1–4) literę, którą oznaczono brakujące zdanie (A–E) tak, aby otrzymać spójną i logiczną wypowiedź. Uwaga: jedno zdanie zostało podane dodatkowo i nie pasuje do żadnej luki.

- A They buy the magazines and then sell them on the streets, making a profit.
- B Both the magazine and the foundation have been a great success story, but we all need to be aware that the problem of homelessness has not been completely solved.
- C Some are appalled at the conditions many rough sleepers have to experience.
- D Unfortunately, some people just give the money and don't take the magazines – they think of it as a donation, and that's not right.
- E However, a project that started at the end of the 20th century has proved that it can be done collectively.

THE BIG ISSUE

The problem of homelessness provokes different reactions in different people. (1)

Others consider such people unwilling to make any effort to improve their living conditions and only looking for handouts from the government and charities. Unfortunately, the needs and problems of those experiencing homelessness or using food banks and soup kitchens are more complex than some might think and it is almost impossible for them to solve those problems individually. (2) In 1991 a newspaper, sold on the streets of New York, inspired John Bird and Gordon Roddick to start a similar project in the UK. They called it *The Big Issue*.

The Big Issue is a weekly magazine that features articles about interesting and sometimes controversial topics, and is sold on the streets by people who experience homelessness or are in financial difficulty. (3) The idea was to encourage those in poverty to take some responsibility for their lives, and give them opportunities to improve their financial situation and recover self-respect.

In 2021 *The Big Issue* celebrated its 30th birthday. Since its 1991 launch it has helped more than 92,000 people and raised about 115 million pounds. As well as this, it has inspired similar magazines in thirty-five countries all over the world, for instance in Australia, Ireland and Kenya. However, providing jobs is only the first step to helping people experiencing homelessness back into society. Therefore, *The Big Issue* Foundation was set up to address the complex issues that they still face. (4)

And it's our responsibility as a society to show tolerance and support to all people in need so that they can reintegrate into mainstream society.

Przeczytaj ponownie tekst z ćwiczenia 3. Uzupełnij luki 1–4 zgodnie z treścią tekstu tak, aby jak najbardziej precyzyjnie oddać jego sens. Luki należy uzupełnić w języku angielskim. W każdą lukę można wpisać maksymalnie dwa wyrazy.

The Big Issue is a business venture that has been going for (1) years now! An idea that came from the US inspired two British businesspeople to start a charity in the UK. Currently, thirty-five other countries are also trying it out. So how does it work? People experiencing homelessness (2) on the streets. This job helps them to earn money and to feel more (3). As they obviously need (4), The Big Issue Foundation was set up to work alongside the magazine distribution network.