

GE6 UNIT 9 AMAZING ART 1

A. Listening

You will hear a conversation between a father and his daughter, Sonia.

Decide if each sentence is **correct** or **incorrect**. If it's **correct**, tick **A**. If it's **incorrect**, tick **B**.

	YES	NO
20 Lisa disliked the book when she first started reading it.	A	B
21 Sam and Lisa felt sorry for Paul, the main character in the book.	A	B
22 Sam was interested in the mystery about Paul and his brother.	A	B
23 Lisa thought the author helped the reader to understand Paul.	A	B
24 Sam wished there was more information about football in the book.	A	B
25 Lisa liked the way the author developed Paul's character.	A	B

B. Vocabulary and Grammar- Read and choose the correct answer:

The lizard stood up on its , balancing on its thick tail.

He's put on _____ since he gave up smoking.

The salamander climbed up her arm, toward her face and peered at her.

The dog _____ its legs against the tree.

The girl has sat in the _____ for hours to wait for her mother.

It took them two weeks to paint the _____ on this street.

'Don't walk on the _____ until it has set.'

My father's company produces _____ that are used in high-quality sportswear.

- a. pattern
- b. textiles
- c. spray paint

Stainless _____ is the most commonly used material for the production of kitchen utensils.

- a. steel
- b. mosaic
- c. concrete

Noah spent 2 months to carve this horse _____ out of wood.

- a. mosaic
- b. sculpture
- c. pattern

I chose this curtain because it has a beautiful floral _____.

- a. pattern
- b. mosaic
- c. textiles

Hanoi Ceramic _____ Mural was made by both national and international artists.

- a. Mosaic
- b. 3D
- c. concrete

I think you'll need more _____ to complete this huge mural.

- a. paper
- b. spray paint
- c. metal

A lot of plastic bottles _____ into the river by the tourists.

- a. have thrown
- b. threw
- c. have been thrown

The mural _____ 5 minutes ago.

- a. was being painted
- b. been painted
- c. was painting

I haven't seen Kate _____ ages.

- A. for
- B. since
- C. in

William hasn't left for school _____.

- a. yet
- b. already
- c. ever

I've known her _____ we were six.

- a. for
- b. in
- c. since

Charles _____ for my company for 3 years, from 2019 to 2022, then all of a sudden, he left.

- a. have worked
- b. has worked
- c. worked

We _____ to the cinema last Friday.

- a. have gone
- b. go
- c. went

Mary _____ her homework yet.

- a. did
- b. hasn't done
- c. has done

We have _____ eaten dinner. We don't want anything else.

- a. already
- b. ever
- c. yet

Luke met Jack 3 years _____.

- a. already
- b. yet
- c. ago

Have you _____ watched this movie before?

- a. ever
- b. yet
- c. just

D. Reading

Jon Leverson talks about working in comedy

At school I was always the one with the funny comment, the class clown who never took things too seriously. I enjoyed making my friends laugh, and to be honest, I seemed to be quite good at it. This was why, at university, I decided to join a comedy club, a small group of people who wanted to practise their joke-telling in front of a live audience. Once a week I would go on stage in front of a small group of people and tell my jokes. This was my introduction to becoming a comedian.

Over the past few years I've continued with my hobby. Instead of jokes I like to talk about things that I experience in life that I find amusing. I'm a dad to a young son and a lot of my act is about some of the funny things he does or about being a father. The events I perform at only attract small audiences, but you get a lot of support and people do at least try to laugh, even if they don't like your act.

I work in an office 9-5 and I perform at the weekend. But don't think for one minute that it's just a few hours' work. Thinking of ideas is difficult. And you need to test these ideas and see what makes people laugh and what doesn't. You then throw some things out completely or change them a bit and try again the next week. In addition to the content it's about finding your style -what makes you special – and that only comes with practice.

Some people say doing what I do must be quite scary. I'm not sure about scary, but it's certainly true that standing in front of an audience and trying to make them laugh is quite a challenge. But it's worth it when you're successful. It's great to make people feel happy and to know that all the time you've spent in preparation has worked. This will always be a hobby rather than a career for me, but one that will hopefully give me a great deal of pleasure for years to come.

1 What does Jon say about his time at university?

- A It was where he discovered he could make people laugh.
- B He started a comedy club.
- C He performed in front of people.
- D He enjoyed watching other people tell jokes.

2 At the events he performs at

- A the audience think he is funny.
- B people laugh even if they don't find him funny.
- C he gets support from other fathers.
- D he tells jokes.

3 Jon explains that

- A his act doesn't last very long.
- B he often repeats his act but with changes.
- C the audience make him feel special.
- D he sometimes feels he has failed a test.

4 What does Jon say about performing?

- A He finds it very scary.
- B He's not good enough to make a career out of comedy.
- C Making people laugh isn't easy.
- D It means he spends less time at work.

5 What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A In this article, Jon Leverson explains the difficulties of trying to make a career out of comedy.
- B Do you think you're funny? Jon Leverson tells us the steps to take to become a comedian.
- C In this week's personal story, Jon Leverson tells us about his unusual hobby – making people laugh.
- D Life doesn't always go as planned, and Jon Leverson explains how he took a career change at university.