



READING COMPREHENSION AND WRITING TEST
INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE – MODULE 3 (6th Test)

I - READING COMPREHENSION.

Read the text below about Alex, and then, answer the questions 1 to 5

When Alex first started living by himself, he couldn't cook anything. Whenever he made breakfast for himself, he ended up eating burnt toast and runny eggs. One time, when he was trying to boil spaghetti, he cooked it for so long that all the water boiled away and the spaghetti burned. So, Alex didn't eat a lot of fresh food. He usually bought frozen food and warmed it up in the microwave. It was good, but it wasn't healthy or delicious.



Finally, after almost a year of avoiding his kitchen, Alex decided that he should teach himself how to cook. His favorite food was hamburger, so he bought some raw hamburger at the store, and found instructions on how to cook it. Alex put it on the grill and hoped for the best. The first burger that Alex made was dry, and a little bit burnt. But the second one was actually pretty good. Alex was so encouraged by his success that he roasted some chicken the next day. It wasn't perfect, but Alex knew his cooking would improve with practice.

Alex's cooking really improved, quite a bit. He found that every dish he tried to make got better and better each time he made it. Alex learned how to wait patiently for the food to cook, without forgetting about it. He also learned to barbecue, and his friends began to look forward to being invited over for a meal. Alex was very proud of his accomplishments. However, the greatest reward was that he no longer had to eat canned vegetables, peanut butter, and jelly every day.

Questions:

1. What was wrong with the breakfast Alex made?

2. What did Alex eat before he learned to cook?

3. What was wrong with Alex's first hamburger?

4. The verb "to barbecue" in line 12 is closest in meaning to

(A) to fry the meat

(C) to stew the meat

(B) to cook and smoke the meat over
the charcoal

(D) to boil the meat

5. How did Alex feel about being able to cook?

Choose one of the suggestions below and write about it. (15 lines at least)

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"Common sense is only a modification of talent"

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