

**Read, answer**

Helen likes many subjects at school, but her favorite one is English. She likes the subject the best for many reasons. First her English teacher, Mr. Wilson, is kind and helpful. He always makes her feel comfortable in class second the lessons are always interesting, and she never gets bored in class. Besides, she learns how to speak English, so she feels more confident speaking English with her friends now. Also, she loves studying English because it helps her understand many English videos on the Internet. Finally English can help her get a good job in the future.

1. What's Helen's favorite subject at school?
2. What's her English teacher like?
3. How does she feel when she speaks English now?
4. Where can she find videos in English?
5. How can English help her in the future?

**Read, answer:** Hi. My name is Jack. I think everyone has a good friend in their life and I do too. One of my best friends is Finn and he's 12 years old. Finn and I live in the same neighborhood so we can play together every day we go to the same school, Greendale secondary school, which is near our place. We both study in class seven A1 and we also sit next to each other. Phan is really good at mass and I'm good at biology. We always have each other to do homework. We share the same passion for basketball. at the weekend and I often go to the post center near my house to play it with other friends Finn can play very well and I think he can become a professional basketball player in the future sometimes Finn and I participating in sports competitions in our school.

1. How old is Finn?
2. Where's Jack's school?
3. What subject does Jack learn well?
4. What do Finn and Jack often do at the weekend?
5. What do Jack and Finn sometimes take part in?

**Read, R/W/DS**

Hi Lucy. How is Australia? Are you enjoying your time there? I'm on a lovely beach in California with my family. It is quite far from my house. It takes us about seven hours to get here by car which day in a big hotel near the sea is a very nice and comfortable hotel. We get up at 7:30 in the morning and have breakfast then we walk around the beach and see a lot of beautiful spots here we take a lot of photographs and buy some gifts for our friends in the afternoon. We go swimming and play volleyball the weather is hot and sunny all day. The waves are great and we are excited to play on them. It's great fun. We have dinner at around 6 PM. The seafood here is quite cheap but delicious. We're here for two weeks. How about you? How long are you going to stay there? Hope to hear from you soon

Bye

Harry

1. Harry is having a holiday with his friends in California.
2. It takes him one day to go there.
3. The photos of the beach are great.
4. His family plays volleyball in the afternoon.
5. He has dinner at 6 PM.

### **Read, choose**

Hi, Sophia. Thanks for your email. It sounds like you are enjoying your time at your new school this year. We have a new science teacher. His name is Matt and he's really generous. He's tall and thin (1)..... short curly fair hair. He has got beautiful black (2)..... Mr. Matt is a really good mentor and has a great influence on my life. He supports us a lot when we have difficulty during his lessons. I like his good way of teaching. He always (3)..... the lesson interesting and easy to follow. He's also very (4)..... and lots of students like him. He always give us good advice and help to find out the best solutions to any problems we have in his free time he likes reading books and (5)..... TV series of the weekend he often play sports like football or volleyball with other teachers. He's a great teacher. What about yours?

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| 1. A. with     | B. on      | C. in     | D. at        |
| 2. A. feet     | B. nose    | C. hand   | D. eyes      |
| 3. A. has      | B. gives   | C. makes  | D. gets      |
| 4. A. selfish  | B. popular | C. bossy  | D. talkative |
| 5. A. watching | B. having  | C. making | D. playing   |

### **Read T/F THE DAILY LIFE OF A JAPANESE TEENAGER**

Akari is 13 years old. She lives in Osaka with her family. Every morning, she has breakfast at a low table which is called a 'kotatsu'. She often has steamed rice, miso soup and grilled fish, then she completes her breakfast with a cup of hot green tea. After breakfast, she walks to school. It only takes five minutes because her school is so close to her house. She goes to school from Monday to Friday and sometimes, Saturday mornings, too. Her favourite subjects are art and maths. When Akari has free time, she enjoys playing all kinds of sport. Table tennis is her favourite at the moment. She loves table tennis because it's an indoor sport, so she can play whether it's raining or snowing outside. Both her brothers love this sport too, so she usually plays against one of them. It really doesn't matter who wins because the most important thing is having fun. She says people don't need expensive equipment to play table tennis. All they need is a paddle, a ball and a table to play on.

33. 'Kotatsu' is a Japanese dish for breakfast.
34. It takes Akari five minutes to go to school on foot.
35. Akira doesn't study at the weekends.
36. Akira thinks it's fun when she wins her brothers.
37. The equipment for table tennis doesn't cost much money.



**Read, choose** Dear Hannah,

I'm in South Korea at the moment. The flight was fine, but it (38) \_\_\_\_\_ twelve hours, so I was really tired when I got there. I'm a student at the Changwon School of Taekwondo for one month. My routine is the same every day. I get up at 6 o'clock, have breakfast, and at 7 a.m., I start training. We train our legs, arms, stomachs and backs. We run up and down steps and do press-ups, (39) \_\_\_\_\_ we don't fight. We learn how to defend ourselves, not to hurt other people. The training is very, very (40) \_\_\_\_\_, so I feel exhausted at the end of the day. The training (41) \_\_\_\_\_ at 6 p.m. I have dinner, and then the evenings are free. I often play computer games or chat to my Korean friends. They have taught me some interesting things about Korean culture. For example, you should bow slightly when you greet older people. To ask someone to come to you, hold out your arm, palm down and move your fingers toward yourself. You (42) \_\_\_\_\_ call someone by curling your index finger, because it's very rude in Korea.

Tell me about your summer.



Write back soon.

Michael


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| 38. | A. flew          | B. took        | C. had      | D. spent    |
| 39. | A. But           | B. So          | C. then     | D. because  |
| 40. | A. Relaxing      | B. boring      | C. dull     | D. tiring   |
| 41. | A. are finishing | B. will finish | C. finishes | D. finish   |
| 42. | A. should        | B. shouldn't   | C. must     | D. wouldn't |

**Read, choose**




Gestures are a common way to communicate. However, the same gestures can express different meanings in different countries. For example, in the UK, the 'thumbs up' sign means everything is good. But in France, it can mean number 1. Another example is the 'come here' sign. You curl your index finger to ask somebody to come to you in the UK while Asian people use it for calling pets. Asians call other people with a similar hand movement but with their palm downward. Moreover, tapping the nose means 'It's a secret' in England but 'Watch out!' in Italy. In the USA, you can say 'I'm OK' or 'All is well' by touching the thumb and index finger to make a circle, with the last three fingers up. But, this gesture means 'zero' in France, and in some European countries such as Brazil or Turkey, it is totally rude.

33. When do French people use this gesture ?
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| A. to say that 'It's OK'  | B. to show the number 1 |
| C. to ask someone to come | D. to give a thumbs up  |
34. Where do people use this gesture  for calling animals?
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| A. in the UK | B. in France |
|--------------|--------------|

- C. in some Asian countries      D. in Europe
35. Italian people tap their nose \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. to ask somebody to be careful      B. to greet somebody  
C. to call somebody      D. to tell somebody to keep a secret

36. What does this gesture  mean in the USA?  
A. Come here!      B. Watch out!  
C. You are number 1!      D. Everything is okay.

37. Which gesture is impolite in some European countries?

- A.       B.   
C.       D. 