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A-Reading Passage

Cristina Ronaldo-The Superstar of Football

Cristina Ronaldo, one of the world's best footballers today, plays as a forward for both the Spanish football club Real Madrid and the Portuguese national team. He has won many **awards** and holds many World records.

Ronaldo was born in 1985, in a poor neighbourhood of the city of Funchal in Madeira, Portugal. His parents were very poor, so he grew up in a tin-roofed **shack** with his elder brother and two elder sisters. He often played football instead of going to school and at age 11, he **dropped out** and joined a **local youth** team. At age 12, he moved to the capital city, Lisbon to play for Sporting Lisbon's youth team. This was a difficult change for him, as he was away from his family. He played his first game in the Portuguese Super League at age 17 and quickly became famous as a **promising** young footballer.

Cristiano's **talent** soon caught the attention of Alex Ferguson, manager of the English football club Manchester United. He **purchased** Ronaldo from Sporting Lisbon for \$20 million in 2003.

Ronaldo had great **success** in playing for both Manchester and Portugal. He made his international debut for Portugal on 20 August 2003 and has been the captain since then. He scored the opening goal for Manchester United in their 2004 FA Cup **victory**. He also helped Portugal reach the final at 2004 UEFA Euro Championship.

In 2009, Real Madrid paid Manchester United 80 million Euros for Ronaldo's transfer. This made Ronaldo the most expensive player in history. He is also one of the highest-paid footballers in the world today.

I. Match the words (1-5) with their definitions (a-e).

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|1.shack | a) to get points or goals in a game |
|2.local | b) likely to be excellent in the future |
|3.youth | c) located in or near one's area |
|4.promising | d) a small, simple house made of wood or metal |
|5. score | e) the time of life between being a child and an adult |

II. Match the words/phrases (1-5) with their synonyms (a-e)

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|1.award | a) ability |
|2.drop out | b) prize |
|3.talent | c) success |
|4.victory | d) to buy |
|5.purchase | e) to leave, to quit |

Comprehension- Answer the questions.

1. Why did Ronaldo go to Lisbon when he was 12?
2. When did Ronaldo play his first game in the Portuguese Super League?
3. How long did Ronaldo play for Manchester United?

Write what the following words refer to in the passage.

1. This:
2. then:
3. their:

Complete the sentences with the correct words -succeed(verb) success(noun) succesful (adjective)

1. After the game, the coach thanked the players for their performance.
2. After her in a TV series, the young actress was offered a role in a Hollywood film.
3. You must work hard if you want to in your career.

B) Use THE SIMPLE PAST or THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE to fill in the blanks(2x6)

1. The young man (never / be) to Paris, but he (read) a book about this city last year.
2. you (decide) where to go yet?
3. A: Have some tea, please. B: No, thank you. I (just / have) two cups of tea.
4. Susan (do) her homework before 10 o'clock but Jane (not / write) a word until now.
5. Her mother (buy) her a pair of new shoes yesterday.
6. The Prime Minister (leave) for the USA an hour ago.

C) Rewrite the sentences using SIMPLE PAST or PRESENT PERFECT TENSE(3x5)

1. I haven't seen her for a long time. *It's ages*
2. I last met George two weeks ago. I haven't
3. They have been here for three months. They arrived
4. We started living in Istanbul 12 years ago. We have
5. I last saw my girlfriend five days ago. I haven't

D) Rewrite the sentences by using suitable modals(3x3)

1. It isn't necessary to pay anything to use this tennis court.....
2. It is necessary for you to tidy your room before your friends come.....
3. It is forbidden to smoke in this room.

E) Combine the sentences by using suitable relative pronouns.(3x2)

1. Did you read the book? I bought it for you.
2. I saw a woman. She was wearing a funny hat.

F) Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect Simple and fill in the gaps with YET/JUST/ALREADY/EVER/FOR/SINCE.(2x10)

1. Alan (not write) the letter
2. We (shop) for new clothes _____ 2 hours! When will we go home?
3. She (not return) from England
4. you (be) to a concert?
5. I (drink) my coffee. Let's drink tea instead.
6. A criminal (hack) into the bank's computer. The police have been searching for him _____ Monday.
7. Alex (read) my story a minute ago.
8. they (answer) our question _____ ?
9. you (wait) here _____ 8:00?
10. I (search) for the key _____ days!

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