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Reading Comprehension Part 1

Read the text and decide if the sentences 1 - 6 are true (T) or false (F).

Today, many computer experts claim that traditional language learning methods used in classrooms will gradually be replaced by newer methods.

On the Internet there a great number of sites dedicated to language learning. These include worksheets you can download, interactive games, puzzles, quizzes and so on.

It is also claimed that a day may come when we will no longer have to go to class. Instead, we will sit in front of the computer, log on from home, and 'meet' our teacher and other learners in a 'virtual' classroom.

Another new method of language learning is tandem e-mail. Tandem learning means learning with a partner who is a native speaker of the language you are learning, but who is also learning your native language. In tandem e-mail, you and your partner exchange e-mails written half in the one language and half in the other.

1. At the moment, there are not many sites on the Internet for language learning.
2. A teacher will still be needed in virtual classrooms.
3. In tandem e-mail, both students are learning the same language.

Robots have helped humans on earth for many years. This is because they are often faster and more precise than humans. They don't need food or drink and they don't complain about being bored or tired. As a result, robots are regularly used to do repetitive tasks in factories, to help surgeons in operations and explore places that might be dangerous for people.

In recent years the importance of robots in space has also grown. A space robot can be used for all kinds of things including taking measurement or collecting samples for examination. But one of the most useful things about space robots is that because there are zero gravity in space and everything weighs less, a small robot can move huge objects.

One of the most common types of space robots is the Eurobot. It's designed to do tasks on the International Space Station. It can climb onto the outside of a space station and be operated by a crew inside. It can perform inspections and do heavy work such as transporting tools. It makes life much easier for astronauts in space.

4. Earth robots need a lot of care.
5. Space robots can transport large loads.
6. Eurobots do operations on the astronauts.

Reading Comprehension Part 2

Read the text and answer the questions 7 - 12. Choose *a*, *b* or *c*.

'Go shopping in the markets of London', advises travel writer Thomas Robson.

This week, I wandered around London's markets. After a few days I decided - I'm going to stop going to the supermarkets. I'm going to use local shops and markets and I'm going to use the internet less. Let me explain why.

In markets you'll find all kinds of bargains and original things to buy. Another advantage is that you can walk around the city instead of hiding away on the underground train or going around on tour buses and missing all the real places with real people.

Borough market is the oldest and dates back to medieval times. Of course it's changed a lot since then and now sells organic fruit and vegetables.

If it's variety you're looking for, try Camden Town.

Camden Town in North London is one of London's top attractions, especially for young people. It's full of colorful markets, shops, restaurants, bars, clubs, theatres and cinemas. The markets have always been at the centre of the alternative fashion scene and many new fashion designers sell their clothes there. But you can buy almost anything in the markets: music, antiques, art and of course, all kinds of food and drink.

If you want something a bit more trendy, go to Covent Garden. This used to be an old fruit and vegetable market but today it's a piazza with boutiques, cafes, restaurants and pubs.

Covent Garden is famous for its street entertainment such as jugglers, clowns and mime artists. It's also close to lots of other attractions such as the London Transport Museum and the Royal Opera House. Theatre land is nearby too, so after a great shopping trip you can relax at an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical!

Another market to visit is Portobello in Notting Hill. It's ultra-fashionable and full of young people. You'll find plenty of really original things from antiques to designer clothes. Notting Hill is expensive, but if you don't want to spend money, you can spend time hanging out, looking at the people and the amazing houses.

7. The writer is planning to:

- a) give up using the internet,
- b) go to supermarkets less often,
- c) shop in various places.

8. The writer thinks the best way to get round London is:

- a) by bus,
- b) by underground train,
- c) on foot.

9. Borough market:

- a) hasn't changed,
- b) is older than the other markets,
- c) has stopped selling food.

10. Camden Town in North London:

- a) is well-known for its fashionable clothes,
- b) is closed during the weekend,
- c) is generally visited by older people.

11. After a trip to Covent Garden, the writer recommends:

- a) watching a musical,
- b) having a meal,
- c) going to a museum.

12. One of the disadvantages of Portobello market is that:

- a) it's far from other attractions,
- b) things cost a lot there,
- c) it only sells antiques.

Reading Comprehension Part 3

Choose from the headings A-H the one which best fits each text (13 – 18). There are two extra headings which you do not need to use.

- A. THE LIFE AND WORK OF ANTHONY POWELL
- B. SNAPSHOTS FROM ASIA
- C. A CRIME AGAINST NATURE
- D. NOT ONLY FOR MUSIC LOVERS
- E. THE FORGOTTEN EMPIRE
- F. THE PRE-HISTORIC CREATURE COMES TO LIFE
- G. THE PRINCESS' WARDROBE
- H. ON THE COAST

13. See the many rare instruments and original manuscripts by famous composers. The most interesting exhibits include Stradivari's 1696 'Archinto' viola and a selection of traditional English pianos.

14. Come to see the dramatic return of the *T.rex.*. Watch the newest animated model of the famous dinosaur and remember to be careful not to attract its attention; with its new electronic senses the model will be able to see the visitors.

15. In a week the V&A opens a display of the clothes of the British Princess. The collection includes some 50 outfits from royal robes to sporting clothes with the oldest dating back to 1896 and the latest purchased in 1938. The collection will be open for six months.

16. They ruled over the largest ever empire in the Ancient Near East. Their kings created fantastic architecture and laws rivaling those of most European civilization. Now you have a chance to learn more about the forgotten empire from the British Museum's exhibition.

17. All photography lovers can see the first comprehensive survey of Chinese photography and videos from the past decade. Featuring 80 works by 40 artists this exhibition reflects the energy of younger Chinese artists.

18. An exhibition of photography by the National Trust and Magnum Photos presents pictures cliffs and seabird colonies as well as families having seaside fun.

Language elements (part 1)

Fill in the gaps with the correct alternative *a*, *b* or *c*.

Levi Strauss

In 1853, Levi Strauss (19) to San Francisco from New York. His brothers ran a business there selling pillows, blankets and clothes and Levi went (20) help them. He worked (21) and, over the (22) twenty years, he expanded the business.

(23) day in 1872, Levi (24) a letter from Jacob Davis who made men's clothes. In (25) letter Jacob (26) Levi about a difficult customer. He kept on tearing the pockets of his trousers. Jacob had found an answer – he had added some metal to the corners of the pockets. Levi recognized a business opportunity so the two men started working together. They decided to (27) some trousers out of denim, a material (28) was suitable for working clothes. The first pair of denim blue jeans (29) produced in 1873. Today people all around the world (30) Levi jeans every day.

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| 19. a) travelled | b) visited | c) took |
| 20. a) for | b) because | c) to |
| 21. a) strong | b) heavy | c) hard |
| 22. a) next | b) last | c) final |
| 23. a) A | b) One | c) When |
| 24. a) realised | b) gave | c) got |
| 25. a) a | b) the | c) some |
| 26. a) discussed | b) told | c) read |
| 27. a) make | b) making | c) makes |
| 28. a) which | b) who | c) where |
| 29. a) is | b) did | c) was |
| 30. a) wearing | b) wear | c) wore |

Language elements (part 2)

Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

A lucky picnic

When I was a child we (31) to go to my grandmother's house. We often had a picnic in a wood which was (32) of wild flowers. We always went to the (33) place. One day when we had finished our picnic, my mother noticed that she had lost her ring, (34) had her initials inside it.

We looked (35) for it and we carried on until it was dark and we had to give (36) Thirty years later, I was on holiday with my own children and we found the same wood. We (37) to have a picnic there. It was my son who made it a lucky day. He was (38) with the picnic so he started digging a hole under a tree. (39), he took up a ring. It had some writing inside it and we all agreed it was my mother's ring. She was really happy when we gave it (40) to her!

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| a) full | b) up | c) comfortable | d) suddenly | e) down |
| f) which | g) all | h) everywhere | i) bored | j) unfortunately |
| k) back | l) used | m) decided | n) found | o) same |

Listening Part 1

Listen to five people and decide if the sentences 41 – 45 are true (T) or false (F).

41. Speaker 1 wants to be a professional website designer.
42. Speaker 2 wants to move to the city.
43. Speaker 3 has an interesting but badly-paid job.
44. Speaker 4 dreams of becoming a fashion designer.
45. Speaker 5 would like to live and work in the country.

Listening Part 2

Listen to an interview with a volcanologist. For questions 46 – 52 choose the best answer *a*, *b* or *c*.

46. The most amazing thing about volcanoes is the fact that:

- a) they have enormous power
- b) they can kill a lot of people very quickly
- c) they can erupt at any time

47. The idea that the moon affects volcanic eruptions is:

- a) old
- b) recent
- c) impossible

48. Mount Etna is called the 'Friendly Giant' because:

- a) it's big
- b) everyone has heard of it
- c) it seldom kills people

49. Mount Etna has killed:

- a) 73 people
- b) 3,000 people
- c) 69 people

50. Mount Fuji in Japan is the:

- a) 5th volcano on that site
- b) 1st volcano on that site
- c) 3rd volcano on that site

51. Mount Fuji:

- a) isn't very popular for Japanese tourists
- b) has about 400 visitors a day
- c) has about 400,000 visitors a year

52. The first volcano to have the name 'Vulcanus' was:

- a) Vesuvius
- b) Mount Etna
- c) Mount Fuji.

Writing

Imagine you're going to study at a language school in the UK for three weeks. You receive an email from your home-stay family asking some questions about your lifestyle. Reply to their email and include the following information: (100–150 words)

- thank them for email
- your age, family, work / study
- what you usually eat / your likes and dislikes
- sports you do / interests you have

ANSWER KEY - B1**Reading Comprehension Part 1**

1. F
2. T
3. F
4. F
5. T
6. F

Reading Comprehension Part 2

7. c
8. c
9. b
10. a
11. a
12. b

Reading Comprehension Part 3

13. D
14. F
15. G
16. E
17. B
18. H extra headings: A, C

Language elements (part 1)

19. A (travelled)
20. C (to)
21. C (hard)
22. A (next)
23. B (One)
24. C (got)
25. B (the)
26. B (told)
27. A (make)
28. A (which)
29. C (was)
30. B (wear)

Language elements (part 2)

31. l (used)
32. a (full)
33. o (same)
34. f (which)
35. h (everywhere)
36. b (up)
37. m (decided)
38. i (bored)
39. d (Suddenly)
40. k (back)

Listening Part 1

41. F
42. F
43. F
44. T
45. T

Listening Part 2

46. b
47. a
48. c
49. a
50. c
51. c
52. b