

READING COMPREHENSION

Ingles



1 Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct option.

Coffee is popular **around** the word. (0) **over** the past centuries, **few** subjects have **been** as **carefully** studied as coffee. Its (1) **most** important component is caffeine and it has **lots** of benefits. Coffee has been **well-known** (2) **since** the **beginning** of the 14th century, (3) **when** Sufi Yemenis started using coffee to stay alert during special activities. It **became** a popular medicine (4) **among** Europeans in the 1600s. Caffeine was first (5) **described** in the 1800s by Ferdinand Runge, a doctor that **found** out some effects that coffee has on people. Some people say (6) **drinking** coffee isn't good, but doctors say you (7) **shouldn't** believe this. Thanks to caffeine you **don't get** hungry. Coffee can also reduce **headaches** and **blood** problems. (8) **while** many people believe coffee is bad, studies show it is good for your heart.



0. a. over

1. a. much

2. a. during

3. a. when

4. a. among

5. a. describe

6. a. drink

7. a. mustn't

8. a. while

b. by

b. more

b. until

b. which

b. about

b. described

b. drinking

b. couldn't

b. if

c. across

c. most

c. since

c. who

c. along

c. describes

c. drunk

c. wouldn't

c. because

2 Read the text

JAMES SALTER'S DAYS IN FILM

James Salter was a pilot in the United States Air Force. He abandoned the military profession in 1957 after the publication of his first novel, *The Hunters*. He is best known as a novelist, but during the sixties and seventies, he worked in film making. Salter made documentaries, wrote texts for films, and even was the director of a film called *Three*, starring Charlotte Rampling and Sam Waterston. In *Passionate Falsehoods*, which was adapted from Salter's book *Burning the Days*, published in *The New Yorker* in 1997, Salter tells the story of his life in film. Salter's time in the film world is both good and bad. In Rome, he met directors and stars. In New York, he explored the city with Robert Redford

and **enjoyed being** famous. Deborah Treisman and Michael Agger have talked about Salter. Nick Paumgarten in *The Last Book*, describes Salter's opinion about his film **career**: "Of sixteen texts for movies, only four were popular. There was money, attractive women, and entrance into rooms where there were stories more for the dinner table than for the page." Salter thought he was wasting his time. **Perhaps** he **wasted** his time in a larger artistic way, but it **still** makes for attractive reading. *The Last Book* is **available** to **everyone** in online stores.

1. James Salter is famous for

- a. his books b. his movies c. his plays

2. James Salter played an important part in the making of movies from

- a. 1960 to 1979 b. 1960 to 1970 c. 1960 to 1985

3. Passionate Falsehoods is

- a. a newspaper b. a play c. a movie

4. Salter had nice and difficult times in his

- a. acting years b. big screen work c. visit to one city

5. The Last Book was written by

- a. James Salter b. Deborah Treisman c. Nick Paumgarten

Read the text and answer the questions.

Swift Pizza and Sandwich House

Today we have the pleasure of showing you the best letter written by our customer Mark. He wins £25 for writing about us this week. He is so happy with the orders at Swift Pizza and Sandwich House that he wants to declare a holiday to celebrate his experience here: "Happy burgerday and Merry Sandwichmas to everyone!" he wrote.

Wednesday May 18, 2011. One typical day I was too tired after working all day long to cook for myself, and I was very hungry. I really wanted something to eat, so I decided to find a burger.

I ordered a half-pound burger and a lamb and chicken sandwich. I also made some special orders for extra cheese and vegetables.

Food arrived very fast (less than twenty minutes) and was hot and fresh. The burger was delicious, and left me wanting more - fortunately I had the sandwich left. It felt as if it had been cut just a minute before I opened it - juicy, fresh, and great.

Every single special request I made was completely satisfied, 100%!

And the best thing was that all of the above and some drinks cost me ONLY 10 dollars! If that doesn't say value for money, I don't know what does.

It certainly feels great to find new excellent food delivery companies for whenever you don't feel like cooking yourself. I recently had a sad experience with my usual take away restaurant, so I decided to change to something else - and on my first try I got what I wanted! Order now from Swift Pizza and Sandwich House.

Mark



1. According to the text, the customer

- a. left a £25 tip to the waiters who work there.
- b. celebrated Christmas and New Year at this restaurant.
- c. found this great restaurant after many attempts.
- d. posted an excellent review about this restaurant.

2. It can be inferred from the text that Mark

- a. does not like cooking food for himself.
- b. almost always eats hamburgers.
- c. enjoys eating fast food sometimes.
- d. is tired of going to restaurants.

4

Read the following text and answer the questions.

My Artistic Adventure

When I was a child in Ireland, I went to bed late, and I could not sleep past six. One morning, I found a Spanish television show with a French man who was painting a beautiful countryside with oil paints.

Right then, I began watching this show. With his quiet voice he explained his natural way of painting, and he quickly made trees and rivers, simply by moving his hand across the paper. He made it look simple and easy, so I thought I could do it by myself.

Every Sunday morning, I would try to paint what he was painting on the screen, but I needed oil paints to make my paintings as beautiful as his. I could not buy oil paints; I was only seven, and my parents would not buy them for me. Then I decided to use my mother's cosmetics and paper for my painting. I was ready to paint my first picture.

After my mum saw what I did with her things, I was told I could not paint again. This put an end to my idea of using food the next time to make a picture. After a while, I stopped watching the French painter. It was difficult for me to simply watch him when I was unable to paint my own picture.



1. When she was seven, she slept
 a. for some hours b. very well c. a lot
2. Where was the painter from?
 a. Ireland b. Spain c. France
3. She was mostly excited by the
 a. painter's ability b. painter's voice c. painter's show
4. How often did she watch the show?
 a. three times a week b. once a week c. twice a week
5. She could not get oil paints because she
 a. didn't speak Spanish b. was too young c. always watched TV
6. Stopping painting was
 a. the painter's idea b. her mother's order c. her own decision

Reading comprehension Vocabulary

Around: alrededor

been: estado

Few: pocos

Carefully: Con cuidado

well-know: bien saber

beginning: comenzando

lots: lotes

Sufi Yemenis: Sufi Yemenis

became: convirtió

found: encontro

head aches: dolor de cabeza

blood: sangre

don't get: no

conseigas

James Walter's days in film

Hunters = Cazadores

Making = haciendo

Known = Conocido

wrote = escribió

both = ambas cosas

falsehoods = falsedades

which = cual

tell = contar

Burning = incendio

starring = protagonizando

enjoyed = disfrute

being = ser

career = carrera profesional

Perhaps = quizás

wasted = desperdiciado

still = todavía

available = disponible

everyone = todos

still = todavía

wasted = desperdiciado

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Scribe

Buying pizza and sandwich house

Pleasure	Pleacer
Something	Alguna cosa
slowing	decelerando
arrived	llegado
completu	completamente
thing	cosa
feels	siente
away	fuera
I wanted	quise

my artistic Adventure

went se fue
bed cama
found encontrar
who OMS
right derecha
trees arboles
rivers rios
across a través de
would habría
oil petróleo
would habría
food comida