

SIMON MURRAY(I)

Soldier, businessman, adventurer – Simon Murray has been all of these in his life. Now in his seventies, he is looking for more adventures. Simon was born in 1940, in Leicester, England. In the 1950s as a teenager, like many teenagers, he suffered a broken heart. Unlike most teenagers, he dropped out of school and went to join the French Foreign Legion - a special unit of the French Army that allows foreigners to join. In the 1960s he fought in the Algerian war and rose to the rank of Chief Corporal, before leaving in 1965 to go and live in Hong Kong.

In 1978 Murray published a memoir of his years in the French Foreign Legion, called *Legionnaire: An Englishman in the French Foreign Legion*. In 2002 the memoir was made into a movie called *Simon: An English Legionnaire*. He worked for or ran some of the world's most successful companies in South East Asia, including Jardine Matheson in the 1970s, Deutsche Bank in the 1990s, and the Vodafone Group PLC.

1. Find the synonym to the word “teenager”
 - A) foreigner
 - B) adventurer
 - C) soldier
 - D) youngster
 - E) businessman
2. When did Simon join the French Army?
 - A) in the 1960s
 - B) in the 1950s
 - C) in 1978
 - D) in 1940
 - E) in 1965
3. What is TRUE?
 - A) Simon was a French Foreign Legionnaire.
 - B) He made a film about the French Foreign Legion.
 - C) Simon wrote books about his success.
 - D) Simon is tired of his adventures.
 - E) Simon did business in Germany.
4. Choose the sentence with the correct word order:
 - A) Some successful companies worked for Simon in South East Asia
 - B) Simon worked in some successful companies South East Asia.
 - C) South East Asia successful companies for Simon worked in some.
 - D) Simon worked for some successful companies in South East Asia.
 - E) In Some South East Asia successful companies worked for Simon.
5. Find the definition to the word “rank”
 - A) the state of being formed
 - B) a material object
 - C) something done
 - D) a position in the armed forces
 - E) a heroic act

SIMON MURRAY(II)

Simon Murray has been a soldier, businessman, adventurer in his life. Now in his seventies, he is looking for more adventures. Simon began his career in business in Hong Kong. He worked for or ran some of the world's most successful companies in South East Asia, including Jardine Matheson in the 1970s, Deutsche Bank in the 1990s, and the Vodafone Group PLC.

In 2004, when he was in his sixties, Simon looked for a new challenge. His wife, Jennifer, was the first woman to fly a helicopter solo around the world, and so her suggestion for a challenge came as no surprise. At the age of 63, Simon became the oldest man to walk to the South Pole. Simon lived in Asia for 40 years. Now he and Jennifer live back in England. They have been married for 43 years. Simon says that his marriage has been his longest and greatest achievement. These days their three children are trying to stop their parents from having more adventures, but the couple simply say: 'We're not listening!'

1. Find the definition to the word "adventurer"
 - A) a person who serves in an army;
 - B) a person engaged in military service
 - C) trained and armed for war
 - D) a person who enjoys adventures
 - E) any human being
2. When did Simon walk to the South Pole?
 - A) in the 1970s
 - B) in 2004
 - C) in the 1990s
 - D) when he was 43
 - E) in his seventies
3. What is TRUE?
 - A) Simon lived in England for 40 years.
 - B) His wife went back to England.
 - C) Simon flew a helicopter around the world
 - D) Simon lives with his wife and their parents.
 - E) Simon did business in South East Asia
4. Choose the sentence with the correct word order:
 - A) Simon have been married for Jennifer and 43 years.
 - B) Simon and Jennifer have been married for 43 years.
 - C) Simon and Jennifer for 43 years have been married.
 - D) For 43 years Simon and Jennifer have been married.
 - E) Simon and Jennifer married have been for 43 years.
5. Find the synonym to the word "achievement"
 - A) suggestion
 - B) opinion
 - C) success
 - D) marriage
 - E) couple

ROCKING AROUND THE USA! (I)

Noburu Hideki and Roku Ito come from Tokyo. They became best friends at school when they discovered they were both crazy about American music. When they were 16 they started going to concerts all over Japan. It was their dream to one day visit America - the home of the music they love. The boys are now 22, and they're planning a trip to the US. They're going to travel from one home of jazz to another - from Louisiana in the south to New York in the north.

They're beginning their trip in New Orleans, where it's Jazz Fest week. Last year about 400,000 people attended the festival. Noburu and Roku are going to stay in the French Quarter of the city. 'It's so exciting,' says Roku. 'We're staying near Bourbon Street. It's famous for its jazz clubs and nightlife, and it's only a 30-minute-walk from the festival.'

1. What is TRUE?
 - A) Noburu and Roku know each other 22 years.
 - B) Noburu and Roku love American music.
 - C) They're beginning their trip in New York
 - D) Bourbon Street is in New York
 - E) It takes 30 minutes to get from Louisiana to New York.
2. Find the definition to the word "trip"
 - A) a journey between two points
 - B) a stage of development
 - C) the result of moving
 - D) staying in a hotel
 - E) a place or locality
3. Where does the Jazz Fest take place?
 - A) in New York
 - B) in New Orleans
 - C) in Louisiana
 - D) in French Quarter
 - E) in Bourbon Street
4. Find the synonym to the word "famous"
 - A) exciting
 - B) natural
 - C) well-known
 - D) expensive
 - E) outdoor
5. Choose the sentence with the correct word order:
 - A) They both have a music for American passion.
 - B) American have a passion for they both music.
 - C) Both music American a passion have for they.
 - D) A passion have they for both music American.
 - E) They both have a passion for American music.

ROCKING AROUND THE USA! (II)

Noburu Hideki and Roku Ito are planning a trip to the US. From New Orleans they're going to drive north to Memphis, Tennessee, the home of Elvis Presley. They're going to visit Elvis's house, Graceland, which has over 600,000 visitors a year - only the White House gets more visitors. 'I can't believe we're going to see Elvis's house: says Noburu. 'We're staying in a hotel, and there's a 24-hour Elvis movie channel in every room! Isn't that fantastic!'

Then they're going to listen to live country music in Nashville, but they're only staying there two days. 'Roku doesn't like country and western music much, so we're moving on to Cleveland, Ohio,' says Noburu. 'Did you know that Cleveland is where rock 'n' roll got its name? A DJ there named it on his radio show in 1951. Amazing!' They are finishing their trip in New York because that is where so many musicians love playing. They are hoping to visit a lot of jazz clubs in Harlem and Greenwich Village.

1. Choose the synonym for the word "visitor"
 - A) driver
 - B) musician
 - C) businessman
 - D) foreigner
 - E) guest
2. What is TRUE?
 - A) Noburu and Roku are not going listen to live country music.
 - B) They don't have time to visit jazz clubs.
 - C) Roku doesn't like country music.
 - D) They don't know who Elvis Presley was.
 - E) From New Orleans they're flying to Memphis.
3. Find the definition to the word "trip"
 - A) a stage of development
 - B) the result of moving
 - C) staying in a hotel
 - D) a place or locality
 - E) a journey between two points
4. Noburu and Roku are NOT going to visit...
 - A) the home of Elvis Presley
 - B) Nashville
 - C) New Orleans
 - D) the White House
 - E) Greenwich Village
5. Why are they finishing their trip in New York?
 - A) They don't want to wait for the flight home.
 - B) New York is a place where many musicians love playing.
 - C) They hope to live in Greenwich Village
 - D) They are going to play rock 'n' roll music.
 - E) New York is the home of Elvis Presley.

CHEF CAN'T EAT HIS OWN FOOD

Andrew Forster is a chef in an Italian restaurant in the north of England. He makes delicious food – fish dishes, sauces, pasta, and desserts – but he can't eat any of it. He has a fear of food. This fear makes life difficult for Andrew and his girlfriend, Caroline Lister. 'We can't go out for meals with friends,' she says. 'And we can't go to friends' weddings either.'

Andrew would like to eat everything like other people, but it's not possible.' He eats two packets of biscuits a day and sometimes some toast, some crisps, and some cereal for breakfast. Andrew appeared on a TV programme called Freaky Eaters. He is now getting help from a psychologist and a food expert to help him try different foods.

1. Choose the synonym for the word "chef"

- A) commander
- B) manager
- C) waiter
- D) chief cook
- E) cooker

2. What is TRUE?

- A) Andrew likes to eat everything.
- B) Andrew's girlfriend is a psychologist.
- C) Andrew works at an Italian restaurant.
- D) They go out for meals with friends.
- E) Andrew has a fear of TV.

3. Find the definition to the word "fear"

- A) physical injury
- B) the same as heroism
- C) a material object without life
- D) the process of thinking
- E) the feeling of being afraid

4. What can Andrew eat?

- A) fish dishes
- B) biscuits
- C) sauces
- D) pasta
- E) desserts

5. Why cannot Andrew eat food?

- A) He makes delicious food
- B) He has a fear of food.
- C) Life is difficult for him
- D) He appeared on a TV programme
- E) He tries different foods.

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ROME AROUND THE YEAR 100 AD

Poor people lived in blocks of flats sometimes more than three stories high. These flats had no heating, and no running water, so they were not very comfortable.

Each flat only had one room. The typical home for wealthier people was the town house. These houses usually had a courtyard, as well as bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. The wealthiest people even had baths or libraries in their houses.

Romans usually ate three times a day. They had a very small breakfast, sometimes only a slice of bread with milk or wine. They had a small lunch. The most important meal of the day was dinner. Many poor people only had bread with some vegetables. Rich people often had dinner parties with three-course meals. They had meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and sweet desserts. They made their desserts with honey because there was no sugar in those days. They drank wine with water. But everybody in Rome, both rich and poor, used their hands to eat.

1. Match the word “dessert” with its definition.

- A) a sandwich
- B) a slice of bread
- C) sweet food
- D) a small lunch
- E) some vegetables

2. Rich people lived in:

- A) blocks of flats
- B) one room flats
- C) town houses
- D) courtyards
- E) libraries

3. People used to eat.

- A) forks
- B) spoons
- C) knives
- D) bread
- E) hands

4. What is TRUE?

- A) Blocks of flats had no running water.
- B) Blocks of flats had baths
- C) Blocks of flats had heating.
- D) Blocks of flats had a courtyard.
- E) Blocks of flats were comfortable.

5. The text is mostly about...

- A) Eating habits in Rome
- B) Places to live in Rome
- C) Rich people in Rome
- D) Poor people in Rome
- E) How people lived in Rome

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ROME 2000 YEARS AGO

2000 years ago Rome was at the centre of the Roman Empire, and its people enjoyed city life. Streets in Rome were always busy, with a lot of people walking to

work to do business in the forum, which was the main square of a town or city. People also went shopping, visiting the different shops along the streets. There were also colourful markets, temples, and public baths in the city. Rome had amazing architecture!

In their free time, Romans went to see chariot races and gladiator fights at the amphitheatre. The most famous amphitheatres in the city were the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum. People also often visited the theatre. Men played all the roles on stage – even the parts of women. The theatre was free for all Roman citizens! Public baths were also popular – they were like fitness centres or gyms today. Men, women and children all visited the baths. Many baths had restaurants, shops, libraries or museums inside. People could spend a whole day in a bath.

1. The text is mostly about ...
 - A) public baths
 - B) city life
 - C) traffic
 - D) gladiator fights
 - E) chariot races
2. You could do your shopping in...
 - A) public baths
 - B) theatres
 - C) amphitheatres
 - D) temples
 - E) chariot races
3. What is TRUE?
 - A) There were no libraries public baths.
 - B) There were shops in public baths
 - C) There were fitness centres in public baths
 - D) There were gyms in public baths.
 - E) There were no museums in public baths.
4. What did people do in the forum?
 - A) reading
 - B) architecture
 - C) walking
 - D) business
 - E) gladiator fights
5. Choose the synonym for the word “busy”
 - A) free
 - B) empty
 - C) full of people
 - D) expensive
 - E) cheap

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THE HISTORY OF TEA

British people drink 165 million cups of tea every day. But where did their favourite drink come from? Legend says, the history of tea started in 2737 BC. Chinese emperor Shen Nung was sitting under a tree. His servant was boiling some water when a leaf fell into the water. Shen Nung decided to try the new drink. He liked it, and so, tea was born! Is the story true? No one really knows. But we know that tea became a popular drink in China in the 7th century – and it became China's national drink. A writer named Lu Yu wrote an important book about tea in the 8th century which made tea drinking even more popular.

Now tea is popular all over the world – people drink mint tea in North Africa, green tea in China and Japan, rooibos tea in South Africa and maté in South America. Some people drink tea with sugar, others drink it with sugar, honey, lemon or milk, and some people don't add anything at all to their cup of tea.

1. Tea became China's national drink in the century

- A) eighth
- B) seventeenth
- C) seventieth
- D) seventh
- E) sixth

2. What is TRUE?

- A) Shen Nung was an emperor's servant
- B) Shen Nung was lying under a tree.
- C) Shen Nung was boiling water
- D) Shen Nung tried the new drink.
- C) E) Shen Nung drank boiling water.

3. What kind of tea do people drink in South Africa?

- A) mint tea
- B) green tea
- C) rooibos tea
- D) mate
- E) black tea

4. Give the synonym to the word "favourite"

- A) beloved
- B) expensive
- C) difficult
- D) lovely
- E) fashionable

5. are different kinds of tea.

- A) Mint tea and green tea
- B) Rooibos tea and leaf
- C) Sugar and black tea
- D) Honey and rooibos tea
- E) Black tea and milk

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THE EUROSTAR TRAIN DRIVER

Brian Law is a train driver for Eurostar. He drives high speed trains in England and in Europe. Brian works four days a week. Sometimes he's free at the weekend, but usually he works on Friday and Saturday. Friday and Saturday are very busy days for Eurostar because everybody wants to go on holiday or go home for the weekend.

Eurostar runs every day (but it doesn't run on Christmas Day). The first train to Paris leaves London at 5.25 in the morning, so Brian starts work at 4.30. In one day he does two or three journeys between London and Paris. He finishes work at 12.00 noon. Sometimes he starts late - at 4.00 p.m. - and works until 11.30 at night. Sometimes he doesn't go home at the end of the day, he stays in Paris.

1. Match the word "journey" with its definition.
 - A) talking about something
 - B) a place where people live
 - C) travelling from one place to another
 - D) a kind of transport
 - E) the city in Europe
2. Complete the sentence. He never works ...
 - A) on Christmas
 - B) on Saturdays
 - C) on Fridays
 - D) on Mondays
 - E) on weekdays
3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.
 - A) he doesn't of the Sometimes end go home at the day.
 - B) at the end of he doesn't go the day home Sometimes.
 - C) Sometimes he doesn't go home at the end of the day.
 - D) he doesn't Sometimes go end of the day home at the.
 - E) he doesn't go home at Sometimes the end of the day.
4. What is TRUE?
 - A) He never drives high speed trains.
 - B) The first train to Paris leaves London at 5.25.
 - C) Brian Law lives in Paris.
 - D) Sometimes his train runs on Christmas Day.
 - E) There are very few passengers on Eurostar on Fridays and Saturdays.
5. This text is mostly about...
 - A) a high speed train
 - B) Christmas in London
 - C) Brian Law's family
 - D) transport system between London and Paris.
 - E) Brian Law's work

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MIRANDA HART: MY PERFECT WEEKEND

I go to bed at 10.00 and sleep for ten hours. On Saturday morning, when I get up at 8.00, I'm very hungry, so I have breakfast in a cafe. After breakfast I do exercises, and then go for a long walk next to the sea. In the afternoon I go out on my boat and have a picnic. I watch birds and enjoy the quiet - just me, the birds, and the sea. In the evening I read. I don't have a TV in the cottage.

On Sunday morning I listen to music then go for a really long walk to a pub, where I have lunch - a real Sunday lunch with a roast and lots of vegetables. I leave the cottage at about 5.00 because I don't like driving in bad traffic. Back in London on Sunday evening I go to the cinema. I like my job, but it's difficult. After a lovely, relaxing weekend I don't really want to go back to work on Monday morning. But it's fine - I work with nice people.

1. Answer the question. Why does she leave the cottage early in the afternoon?

- A) Because she enjoys the quiet.
- B) Because she works with nice people.
- C) Because she wants to go to the cinema.
- D) Because she doesn't have a TV.
- E) Because the traffic is heavy.

2. Complete the sentence. She doesn't ...

- A) work with nice people.
- B) go to the cinema at all.
- C) go out in the morning.
- D) have TV in the cottage.
- E) eat in a pub.

3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) my job it's difficult, but I like.
- B) I like my job, but it's difficult.
- C) I my job like, difficult but it's.
- D) my job it's difficult, I like but.
- E) but it's difficult I like my job.

4. What is TRUE?

- A) She goes to the cinema on Saturdays.
- B) She likes her job because it isn't difficult.
- C) She walks her dog along the sea in the morning.
- D) She reads in the evening.
- E) She doesn't eat vegetables.

5. This text is mostly about...

- A) seaside cottage
- B) woman's work
- C) woman's favourite films
- D) picnic
- E) woman's weekend

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JOHN LENNON (1940-1980)

John Lennon was one of The Beatles. With Paul McCartney he wrote some of the greatest songs of the 20th century. John Lennon had an unhappy childhood. His father left home when he was five. His mother couldn't bring him up, so John lived with his aunt Mimi until he was 19. When he was 17, his mother died in a car crash. He went to Quarry Bank High School in Liverpool. He met George Harrison and Paul McCartney, and in 1960 they started a band called The Beatles. The Beatles recorded their first single 'Love Me Do' in 1962. They became famous in 1963, when they played more than 200 concerts. In 1964 they went to the United States for the first time and played on American television.

1. Answer the question. Why did John live with his aunt Mimi?

- A) Because he wrote some great songs
- B) Because his father died in a car crash.
- C) Because he met George Harrison.
- D) Because his mother couldn't bring him up
- E) Because they started a new band.

2. Complete the sentence. He didn't ...

- A) live with his mother.
- B) lose his mother in a car crash
- C) know Paul McCartney
- D) study in Liverpool
- E) become famous in 1963

3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) Mimi lived with John his aunt until he was 19
- B) John he was 19 lived with his until aunt Mimi
- C) John lived with his aunt Mimi until he was 19
- D) John until lived he was 19 with his aunt Mimi
- E) Mimi John his aunt until he was 19 lived with

4. What is TRUE?

- A) John lost his mother when he was 5.
- B) John lost his mother when he was 19.
- C) John lost his mother when he was 15.
- D) John lost his mother when he was 9.
- E) John lost his mother when he was 17.

5. This text is mostly about...

- A) unhappy childhood
- B) famous musician
- C) life in the United States
- D) High School in Liverpool
- E) John's aunt Mimi

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THE BEATLES: END OF CONCERTS

The Beatles stopped playing live concerts in 1966 because the audience made so much noise that nobody could hear the music. But they continued to record songs, and in 1967 they made the album Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. The last album they recorded together was Abbey Road. John Lennon married the artist, Yoko Ono, in 1969, and in 1970 The Beatles broke up.

John and Yoko moved to New York. John wrote and sang his most famous song 'Imagine' in 1971. In 1980 he recorded a new album, Double Fantasy. He was killed a month later. An American, Mark Chapman, shot him outside his New York apartment near Central Park. Two days before his murder John Lennon told an interviewer, 'I feel safe in New York. I can go anywhere. It's my home.'

1. Match the word "*to record*" with its definition.

- A) to enjoy something
- B) to remember a fact
- C) to create something
- D) to store music
- E) a piece of music

2. Complete the sentence. He died ...

- A) in 1971.
- B) because Mark Chapman shot him.
- C) because he couldn't write music any more.
- D) because Yoko Ono left him.
- E) in 1970.

3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) The Abbey Road last album they together was recorded.
- B) they recorded together was Abbey Road The last album.
- C) The last Abbey Road album together they recorded was.
- D) The last album they recorded together was Abbey Road.
- E) The last album together they recorded was Abbey Road.

4. What is TRUE?

- A) John Lennon married his doctor.
- B) John Lennon never married.
- C) John Lennon married the artist.
- D) John Lennon married the waitress.
- E) John Lennon married the dancer.

5. This text is mostly about...

- A) How to become a famous musician
- B) The end of a legendary band
- C) John Lennon's personal life
- D) John Lennon's childhood
- E) the album "Double Fantasy"

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HIGHER THAN THE CLOUDS

The world's tallest building opened in January 2010. It is Burj Khalifa in the Gulf emirate of Dubai, and it is 828 metres high. It took six years to build. The tower has 160 floors and more than 500,000 square metres of space for offices and flats. It has the fastest lift (64 km/h), the highest mosque (on the 158th floor), and the highest swimming pool (on the 76th floor).

Burj Khalifa is taller than Taipei 101 in Taiwan, which was the world's tallest building at 508 metres. The Burj Khalifa tower can be seen 95 kilometres away. Mohamed Ali Alabbar, the developer of Burj Khalifa, said that there were a lot of problems with the design. The most difficult parts weren't because of the height but because of the winds', he told journalists. The top of the building moves 1.5 metres in high winds.

1. Match the word "*tower*" with its definition.
 - A) a strong construction
 - B) to design something
 - C) a tall, narrow building
 - D) an empty area
 - E) a place for swimming
2. Complete the sentence. The most difficult part in building Burj Khalifa was ...
 - A) it's cost.
 - B) the swimming pool.
 - C) to find a good architect.
 - D) the mosque.
 - E) the wind.
3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.
 - A) Burj Khalifa took six to build years.
 - B) took Burj Khalifa six to years build.
 - C) Burj Khalifa took six years to build.
 - D) to build Burj Khalifa took six years
 - E) six years to build Burj Khalifa took.
4. What is TRUE?
 - A) Taipei is as tall as Burj Khalifa.
 - B) Burj Khalifa is shorter than Taipei
 - C) Burj Khalifa is as tall as Taipei.
 - D) Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in Taiwan.
 - E) Taipei is shorter than Burj Khalifa
5. This text is mostly about...
 - A) how to build towers.
 - B) the tallest building in the world.
 - C) Mohamed Ali Alabbar's works
 - D) The tallest building in Taiwan.
 - E) The tallest building in Taipei.

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DOROTHY AND EDWARD

Dorothy is 65. Her husband, Edward, is 68. She's retired. She doesn't work. Edward is retired, too. Edward usually goes out in the morning and buys the newspaper. He reads it with his breakfast. He has toast and tea. Dorothy often has cereal and coffee. Sometimes Edward watches the news on TV. Dorothy never watches TV in the morning. Edward has a nice garden and sometimes works in the garden.

Dorothy has a lot of hobbies. In the morning she sometimes paints and she sometimes goes to French lessons. Sometimes they watch TV in the afternoon. They like TV game shows. In the evening they have dinner at 7.30 and Dorothy sometimes drinks a glass of wine. Edward never drinks wine, but he sometimes drinks beer. They never eat pizza because they don't like Italian food. They usually eat English food. They never go out in the evening. They watch TV or play cards.

1. Match the word "morning" with its definition.

- A) A morning meal
- B) A male spouse
- C) A drink from the leaves of a plant
- D) An alcoholic drink
- E) An early part of a day

2. Complete the sentence. They never go ...

- A) watch TV in the afternoon
- B) eat English food
- C) out in the evening
- D) work in the garden
- E) play cards

3 Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) often coffee cereal has and Dorothy.
- B) cereal has Dorothy often and coffee.
- C) coffee Dorothy has often cereal and.
- D) has cereal and coffee Dorothy often.
- E) Dorothy often has cereal and coffee.

4. What is TRUE?

- A) Edward, is sixty.
- B) Edward, is sixty-five.
- C) Edward, is eighty-six.
- D) Edward, is sixty-eight.
- E) Edward, is fifty-eight.

5. This text is mostly about...

- A) Edward's breakfast
- B) Dorothy's breakfast
- C) Edward's work
- D) Dorothy's work
- E) Dorothy and Edward's life

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DANIEL AND EMILY

Daniel is 67, he's retired. Emily, his wife, is 64. She's retired too. Daniel usually goes out in the morning and buys the newspaper. He reads it with his breakfast. He has toast and tea. Emily often has a toast and coffee. Sometimes Daniel watches the news on TV. Emily sometimes watches TV with Daniel in the morning. Daniel has a nice garden and sometimes works there. Emily has a lot of hobbies. In the morning she sometimes paints and she sometimes goes to Spanish lessons.

Sometimes they watch TV in the afternoon. But they don't like TV game shows. In the evening they have dinner at about 8 o'clock and Emily sometimes drinks a glass of wine. Daniel sometimes drinks wine, but he usually drinks beer. They sometimes eat pizza because they like Italian food. They sometimes go out in the evening. They like to meet with their friends and play cards with them.

1. Match the word "garden" with its definition.
 - A) A piece of land for growing vegetables and fruit
 - B) A part of a day
 - C) A female spouse
 - D) Italian food
 - E) A male spouse
2. Complete the sentence. Emily sometimes...
 - A) have a lot of hobbies
 - B) like TV game shows
 - C) watch TV in the afternoon
 - D) watches TV with Daniel the morning
 - E) like Italian food
3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.
 - A) Emily goes to sometimes lessons Spanish.
 - B) Emily sometimes goes to Spanish lessons.
 - C) Spanish goes sometimes to lessons Emily.
 - D) Emily goes Spanish to sometimes lessons.
 - E) lessons sometimes Emily to goes Spanish.
4. What is NOT true?
 - A) Daniel usually buys the newspaper in the morning.
 - B) Daniel usually goes out in the morning and buys the newspaper.
 - C) Daniel never buys the newspaper.
 - D) Daniel reads the newspaper in the morning.
 - E) Daniel reads the newspaper with his breakfast.
5. This text is mostly about...
 - A) Daniel and Emily's life
 - B) Emily's Spanish lessons
 - C) Daniel's hobby
 - D) Playing cards
 - E) Gardening

BELINDA AND LUCAS

Belinda and Lucas live in Oxford. They are married, but they like different things. Last Saturday they went to London. In the morning they went on a tourist bus. They saw a lot of interesting and famous places. They went to an Italian restaurant for lunch. Belinda said the lunch wasn't good. Lucas said it was excellent. In the afternoon they went to the National Gallery. Lucas saw a lot of beautiful paintings. Belinda bought some nice postcards in the shop.

Then they went shopping in Oxford Street. Lucas bought a new CD player and Belinda bought some books. The CD player was very expensive. The books were very cheap. In the evening they went to the theatre. Lucas said it wasn't very good. Belinda said it was excellent. They went home on the 11 p.m. train. Lucas and Belinda both said it was a lovely day!

1. Match the word "*famous*" with its definition.
 - A) Unknown
 - B) Widely known
 - C) Never known
 - D) Wonderful
 - E) Understanding
2. Complete the sentence. Belinda bought...
 - A) some food for dinner in the shop
 - B) any nice paintings in the gallery
 - C) something in the chemist's
 - D) some nice postcards in the shop
 - E) nothing
3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.
 - A) CD player expensive was very The.
 - B) The expensive player very was CD.
 - C) CD was The very player expensive.
 - D) The was player CD expensive very.
 - E) The CD player was very expensive.
4. What is NOT true?
 - A) Belinda and Lucas don't like different things.
 - B) Belinda and Lucas don't like the same things.
 - C) Belinda and Lucas are married.
 - D) Belinda and Lucas buy things they like.
 - E) Belinda and Lucas sometimes go out together.
5. This text is mostly about...
 - A) Oxford
 - B) the National Gallery
 - C) One day of Belinda and Lucas
 - D) Shopping together
 - E) Having lunch together

A NEW FILM

In his interview to Mitch Forman actor Russ Sparks, the star of a new independent film, speaks about his new film, *The University of Life*. I play a young lawyer. He lives in the centre of New York City, he's rich, he has a great apartment, he has a lovely family but he isn't happy. He has trouble sleeping, and he often works very late. Then, one day, his life changes when he becomes friends with an old man at the city hospital. Then he gives up his job at the law firm, and he becomes a songwriter and jazz pianist.

The title of the film is *The University of Life* because the old man tells him simple stories about his life. The lawyer learns a lot from these stories – things he didn't learn at expensive private schools and university. These stories help him to understand himself and be happy. At the end of the film the lawyer loves his new job. He also has time to enjoy his family again, thanks to the help of the old man. Saleh al-Ghaoui plays the old man. I love working with him. I learn a lot from him about acting, too.

1. Match the word “*rich*” with its definition.
 - A) Living in poverty
 - B) Possessing great material wealth
 - C) Being poor
 - D) Possessing no material wealth
 - E) Being sick
2. Complete the sentence. At the end of the film...
 - A) the lawyer hates his new job.
 - B) the lawyer loves his old job.
 - C) the lawyer loves their new job.
 - D) the lawyer loves his new job.
 - E) the lawyer loves his new wife.
3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.
 - A) I young play a lawyer.
 - B) I play a young lawyer.
 - C) I lawyer a young play.
 - D) I a lawyer young play.
 - E) I play young lawyer a.
4. What is NOT true?
 - A) A young lawyer lives in the centre of New York City, he's rich.
 - B) A not old lawyer lives in the centre of New York City, he's rich
 - C) A young lawyer lives in the centre of New York City, he has a lot of money.
 - D) A young lawyer lives in the centre of London.
 - E) A young lawyer lives in the centre of New York City, he has got a lot of money.
5. This text is mostly about...
 - A) An old lawyer
 - B) University life
 - C) New York City
 - D) The City hospital

E) A new film

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LIONEL MESSI – FOOTBALL HERO

Lionel Messi is an Argentinean footballer. Many people say he's the best player in the world today. He was born on 24 June 1987 in Rosario, Argentina. He has two brothers, Rodrigo and Matías, and a sister, María Sol. Messi started playing football when he was five. The family moved to Europe, and young Messi started playing for the famous football team FC Barcelona. He played his first game for the senior team in October 2004 and he scored his first goal on 1 May 2005. He was only seventeen years old. In his first six years, he scored more than a hundred goals for FC Barcelona, and helped them win the championship trophy four times, and the European Champions League twice.

Messi played in the 2006 and 2010 World Cups for Argentina, but without much success. He helped his national team win the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. In 2007, he started to help children with their education and healthcare. He said in an interview 'Being a bit famous now gives me the opportunity to help people who really need it, especially children.' UNICEF made Messi its goodwill ambassador for children's rights in 2010.

1. Complete the sentence. Messi helped his national team win....

- A) the silver medal in the 2008 Olympics in Moscow.
- B) the gold medal in the 2009 Olympics in Beijing.
- C) the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics in Mexico.
- D) the silver medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing
- E) the gold medal in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing

2. Find the antonym for the word "*best*".

- A) good
- B) worst
- C) better
- D) stupid
- E) better

3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) He only years seventeen old was.
- B) was seventeen only years He old.
- C) He was only seventeen years old.
- D) was seventeen old only He years.
- E) He seventeen old was only years.

4. Choose the correct answer: Where was Lionel Messi born?

- A) In Africa
- B) In Asia
- C) In Europe
- D) In North America
- E) In South America

5. This text is mostly about...

- A) Lionel Messi's basketball career
- B) Lionel Messi's football career

- C) Lionel Messi's tennis career
- D) Lionel Messi's hockey career
- E) Lionel Messi's rugby career

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THE FIRST AIR JOURNEY

On July 25, 1909, a Frenchman, Louis Bleriot, became the first man to complete an air journey from Calais, in the north of France, to Dover, in the south of England. People thought that such a journey was impossible. The flight wasn't easy. Mr. Bleriot, a 37-year-old engineer, couldn't swim, so he didn't want to come down in the Channel. He couldn't walk very well because of an injury to his leg, and he didn't have a compass.

On the morning of the 25th, he took off from a field at the edge of a cliff. It took 37 minutes to complete the 22-mile journey. The plane flew at 40 miles per hour at an altitude of 250 feet. Everything went well until he flew into fog. 'I continued flying for ten minutes, but I couldn't see the land. It was the most dangerous part of the flight. Finally, I saw the land,' he told reporters.

When he got to Dover, he saw a French journalist waving a flag. He landed on a field. The news quickly went round the world, and Mr. Bleriot's flight was celebrated in London and Paris. He won a prize of £1,000. The crossing was the start of modern aviation.

1. Complete the sentence. The 22-mile journey ...

- A) took 47 minutes.
- B) took 37 minutes.
- C) took 37 hours.
- D) took 37 days.
- E) took 22 minutes.

2. Find the antonym for the word "easy".

- A) early
- B) well
- C) difficult
- D) high
- E) possible

3. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) thought such that a people was impossible journey.
- B) journey thought that a was impossible such people.
- C) People thought that such a journey was impossible.
- D) People impossible that thought a journey was such.
- E) People that thought such a impossible journey was.

4. Choose the correct answer: Why couldn't Louis Bleriot walk very well?

- A) Because he didn't have a compass
- B) Because the journey was difficult
- C) Because the journey was possible
- D) Because his leg was injured
- E) Because he flew into fog

5. This text is mostly about...

- A) Louis Bleriot's life
- B) Louis Bleriot's injury
- C) Louis Bleriot's meeting with journalists
- D) Louis Bleriot's landing in England
- E) Louis Bleriot's air flight from France to England

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1. Match the word "*land*" with its definition.

- A) The early part of the day
- B) The solid ground of the earth
- C) A device to determine geographic direction
- D) Travel from one place to another
- E) A piece of cloth

2. Complete the sentence. Everything went well until ...

- A) Mr. Bleriot couldn't walk very well.
- B) Mr. Bleriot he saw a French journalist waving a flag.
- C) Mr. Bleriot flew into fog.
- D) Mr. Bleriot went round the world.
- E) Mr. Bleriot got to Dover

3. Find the synonym for the word "*easy*".

- A) not difficult
- B) difficult
- C) early
- D) late
- E) uneasy

4. Choose the sentence with the correct word-order.

- A) Louis saw Bleriot a journalist French flag waving a.
- B) Louis Bleriot saw a French journalist waving a flag.
- C) Louis journalist saw a French waving a flag Bleriot.
- D) Bleriot Louis saw waving a French a flag journalist.
- E) French Louis Bleriot saw waving a flag a journalist.

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