

SUMMER BOOKLET

- Complete with the verbs in the correct tense

1. A- Supermarkets _____ (open) at 8 o'clock and _____ (close) at 9.
2. Yesterday I _____ (buy) a T-shirt and cargo shorts.
3. They _____ (have) dinner when the tornado _____ (strike).
4. By next summer Jayden _____ (complete) the beginner's computer course.
5. I _____ (lie) on the beach in Ibiza this time next week. Lucky me!
6. Every morning Jackson _____ (turn) on his computer and _____ (check) his Facebook for updates and news.
7. Sophia and Isabella _____ (not/finish) their power point presentation on African animals yet.
8. Tonight Evan _____ (play) a game of singles with his best friend, Christopher.
9. This summer I _____ (read) 10 classic novels for school.
10. Ethan and Noah _____ (already/wait) for 2 hours, when the bus finally _____ (arrive).
11. What _____ (you/do) this weekend? I think I _____ (start) a new jigsaw puzzle.
12. Mia looks very pale. It looks like she _____ (faint).
13. My cousins, Logan and Jackson, _____ (live) in Barcelona since 2006.
14. My Uncle Landon _____ (work) in Dublin from 2002-2008.
15. My mother and father _____ (paint) the kitchen all morning.
16. Right now Cameron _____ (play) his favorite computer game.
17. What _____ (you/do) at the moment? Oh, nothing.
18. This is the first time I _____ (ever/try) snails.
19. Fortunately Abigail _____ just/ (put up) her umbrella when it _____ (start) to rain.
20. Last night my family and I _____ (watch) an interesting documentary on Ancient Greece.
21. Andrew _____ (never/be) on a safari before and he is so excited.
22. Tomorrow morning I _____ (see) my dentist for my yearly checkup.
23. Real Madrid _____ (play) against Barcelona tonight.

24. Our school _____(usually/have) breaks in the morning and afternoon.
25. That girl with the red hair _____(talk) on the phone right now.
26. Natalie _____(sleep) over Chloe's house last Saturday night.
27. I _____(not/often go) to the cinema these days. _____ you _____ (go) to the cinema once a month?
28. Guess what I _____ (wear) to the party last night? A vampire costume.
29. By next June, they _____(graduate) from high school.
30. What _____(you/do) while the ground _____(shake) during the earthquake?
31. We _____ (drive) on Main Street when a dog _____ (run) in front of our car.
32. Our flight _____(leave) at 9 in the morning.
33. Bad weather _____ (delay) our flight to Madagascar last summer.
34. School _____(start) in September and _____ (finish) in June.
35. Where _____ (go) this summer? I _____(go) on a trek in the Himalayas.
36. It's ages since we last to the cinema.(go)
37. -Where is Robert ?
 -He is in the garden
 -What he? (do)
 -He the lawn.(mow)
38. Ithe newspaper every day.(read)
39. you ever to Japan? (go)
40. He said he never a girl.(kiss)
41. you some photos during your stay in London? (take)
42. I always to be a vet.(want)
43. Dan a new car last month.(buy)
44. She her boss at 2pm.(meet)
45. It was a long time since we last Ron.(see)
46. I from Paul for two weeks.(not / hear)
47. Look! It(snow)

48. you any good books lately? (read)
49. Tom at school this morning.(be)
50. It was the first time they alcohol.(drink)
51. It's our anniversary next week. We a party. (have)
52. I don't think he(come).
53. Sarah to the supermarket, the fridge is full now.(go)
54. Bog and Fiona cards since the beginning of the afternoon.(play)
55. They there since they were children.(live)
56. Look at these gray clouds, it(rain).
57. How long is it now since it last? (rain)
58. It usually a lot in March.(rain)
59. - I am so hungry.
-I a sandwich.(prepare)
60. She me last night.(not / phone)
61. How long was it since you your hair cut. (last / have)
62. Paul at the moment.(not / work)
63. Sarah in London? Yes, she does. (live)
64. -There is no orange juice left
-I and get some.(go)
65. Shakespeare "Romeo & Juliet", he? (write)
66. This is the best book I(ever / read)
67. How long she in Paris? (live)
68. -What you of Paul? (think)
-Well, I he is a nice person. (think)
69. the police the burglars yet? (arrest)
70. -The grass need cutting
-Yes, I know; I the lawn tomorrow.(mow)
71. Who youat the meeting yesterday? (see)
72. Robert and Tricia each other for over 25 years.(know)
73. Stop talking! I my lessons.(learn)
74. I my homework.(already / finish)
75. I am sure you this book, it's really interesting.(enjoy)
76. How longshe there when you met her? (work)
77. Mr. Dawson in Detroit yesterday? (be)

78. I Jim a couple of days ago.(meet)
79. He is the most stupid man I(ever / meet)
80. How long ago they? (leave)
81. I to the theater tonight (go); Ithe ticket yesterday (buy).
82. They their summer holidays in Italy when they were children.(spend)
83. How long theybefore it started to rain? (run)
84. I when he rang me last night.(sleep)
85. I a tire before.(never / change)
86. She her homework by 5 o'clock.(finish)
87. While I to work I met an old friend of mine.(go)
88. Jill a car for a week.(have)
89. How long they English? (learn)
90. They to our party. (probably / come)
91. When I got home, they dinner.(have / already)
92. I am sweating because I the whole house.(clean)
93. -Is the house clean?
-Yes, I it.(clean)
94. He with matches when he burnt himself. (play)
95. The plane (just / land)
96. Bob dancing.(not / like)
97. Bob dancing.(never / like)
98. John F. Kennedy in 1963.(die)
99. That was the worst film I (ever / see)
100. My family the castle for over two centuries. (own)
101. I for you for three hours.(wait)
102. Henry to Sam two hours before. (talk)
103. Yesterday I met Dan; I him for ages.(not / see)
104. We on a school trip next Tuesday.(go)
105. I promise I lies anymore. (not / tell)



• **VERB PASSAGE: Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets:**

Jane Smith is a lawyer who(live) in Buenos Aires. Everyday she(get up) very early,(have) breakfast and(go) to work by bus because she(not like) driving in the city. Her children(be) at university. They(study) Medicine. They usually(study) a lot. They(not work) because they(want) to finish their career quickly.

At the moment Jane(work). She(sit) at her desk and she(read) some important papers. She(not use) her computer because it is broken. Her secretary(make) some coffee for Jane and some other lawyers because they(have) a meeting in Jane's office.

Yesterday it(be) Sunday so Jane(not go) to work. She.....(watch) T.V. and then she(eat) lunch with her family. Later, she(go) to the cinema with her husband. They(have) a very nice time.

Next week Jane(travel) to Mendoza to visit her mother. They(go out) together and they.....(have) lunch at the club. They(not take) the bus. They(go) walking because the club is near their house. They(enjoy) themselves a lot!!

• **Ask questions for the following answers:**

1-?

My father goes to work in the morning.

2-?

The children are playing football in the garden.

3-?

My favourite food is pasta.

4-

Today it is sunny and cold.

5-

Mary gets up at seven o'clock in the morning

6-

My mother cooks chocolate cakes on Sundays

7-

Jane took the plane for Mendoza last week.

8-

The boys usually go to school on foot.

9-

My mother goes to gym classes twice a week.

10-

Tom arrived at the airport at 10 o'clock last night.

• **PRESENT PERFECT**

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Fill in with **for, since, just, already, yet**

- 1.- My son went to the supermarket but he hasn't come back
- 2.- Leonard has made his bed but he hasn't called his girlfriend
- 3.- Miriam has lived in Morocco she was ten years old.
- 4.- We have met the new teacher at the high school.
- 5.- The waiter has brought me some coffee and biscuits.
- 6.- Have they visited London? No, they haven't gone there.
- 7.- That man has come late again. His boss is very angry with him.
- 8.- Has the girl lived in France five years? Yes, she arrived five years ago.
- 9.- The plane has flown twelve hours.
- 10.- The businessman has worked in the same office he was twenty-five years old.

- 11.-There has been many accidents on this road last year.
- 12.-John has performed the same play a long time.
- 13.- The woman hasn't sold her car, but she wants to sell it.
- 14.- I have known my boyfriend we were at primary school.



WRITE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN PRESENT PERFECT USING THESE WORDS

- 1.- How long/you/be/ in Africa?
- 2.- I /be/ there/three years.
- 3.- How long/ he/ live/ in Berlin?
- 4.- He / live/there/ 2002
- 5.- How long /she/ wear/ that coat?
- 6.-She/ wear/it/ last winter.
- 7.-Where/ you/be/ today?
- 8.- I /be/ at the hospital
- 9.- How long/ the detective/ look/ for the man?
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- 10.- He/ look/ for him two months.
- 11.-Why /she/take/my money?
- 12.- She / travel/ round the world /for four years
- 13.- Where /you/ put/ my keys?
- 14.- She /move/to a new house /in the country
- 15.- How long/your friend/study/ German?
- 16.- She/study/German /1999
- 17.- you/play/golf/ ever?
- 18.- The documentary /already/ finish
- 19.-My teacher/not/explain/ that lesson/yet
- 20.- Kevin /give/ his mother/ a nice present

• **Answer these questions about yourself and your family:**

- 1- Have you ever been to Europe?
- 2- Which provinces from Argentina have you visited?
- 3- Has your mother ever ridden a motorbike?

- 4- Have you already brushed your teeth?
- 5- Has your sister/brother ever played a musical instrument?
- 6- Which sports have you practised in your life?
- 7- Have you ever read a long book?

• Fill in the blanks with "for" or "since"

- 1- I've known him _____ we were at school.
- 2- I've worn contact lens _____ five years.
- 3- We've lived in France _____ over ten years now.
- 4- They've been here _____ 5 o'clock.
- 5- She's had this dress _____ Christmas.
- 6- The children and thier parents have been in Asia _____ seven years.
- 7- I've worked at this school _____ 1970.
- 8- Haven't you been to America _____ July, 1999?
- 9- Mike has been ill _____ a long time.He's been in hospital _____ October.
- 10- "How long have you known Ann?" " _____ we were at school together."
- 11- Terry has worked in London _____ two months.
- 12- He hasn' seen Amanda _____ September.
- 13- She has been at college _____ 1 September.
- 14- Jackie has been in America _____ a year.
- 15- Paul has had six driving lessons _____ his birthday.
- 16- David has only known Joe _____ last Friday.
- 17- Jones has lived in Hartfield _____ 1974.
- 18- They've only been in the coffee bar _____ a few minutes.
- 19- Casey has been at the centre _____ three hours.
- 20- I've been here _____ nine o'clock.
- 21- She's been in London _____ Monday.
- 22- He's been in France _____ four days.
- 23- My aunt has lived in Australia _____ 15 years.
- 24- Nobody lives in thise houses.They have been empty _____ many years.
- 25- Mrs.Harris is in her Office.She's been there _____ 7 o'clock.

- 26-India has been an independent country _____ 1947.
- 27-The bus is late.We've been waiting _____ 20 minutes.
- 28-We waited _____ half an hour, but they didn't come.
- 29-"How long have you been here?" " _____ half past eight."
- 30-We haven't invited Auntie Joan _____ years.

- **Past Perfect**

- **Complete the following sentences using Past Perfect and Simple Past:**

1.Helen ever (try) sushi?
2. you (go) to the wedding last night?
3. I never(be) to Paris.
4. This year I (travel) to Athens 3 times so far.
5. Paul and Judith(be) married since 1998.
6. you(finish) your homework yet?
7. Last night aunt Betty(come) by. She(tell) us that this summer they are going to Hawaii.
8. I(visit) many different countries so far. Last summer I(go) to Italy and 3 years ago I(be) in Spain. I(not/visit) Germany yet.
9. Whenyou(come) to Greece?
10. I.....(come) in 2007.
11.you(watch) the film E.T. yesterday?
12. They..... already(leave) the train station.
13. How long you(know) Jonathan?
14. I (meet) him in 2009, so I(know) him for 3 years.
15. What(happen) to Lucy last night?
16. you (read) "Harry Potter" when you were on holidays?

- **Complete the sentences using Past perfect tense.**

17. 1.- The fire (already/reach) the roof by the time the firemen arrived.
18. 2.-Joe Smith went to prison because he (steal) a lot of money.
19. 3.-Helen went to bed after she (watch) her favourite TV programme.
- 20.4.-My father bought the new car after he (try) it a few times.
21. 5.-By the time Sonia got to the party, everyone (begin) dancing.
- 22.6.-Lorenzo (eat) all the ice cream before I opened the fridge.

- 23.7.-There was a lot of snow outside because it (snow) earlier in that day.
- 24.8.-Beatriz didn't pass the test because she (not study) at all.
- 25.9.-Look! Somebody (leave) the windows open.
- 26.10.-By the time the police arrived, the burglar (break)into my neighbour's house.
- 27.11.-The girl felt guilty because she (drink) all the milk.
- 28.12.-Our flat was robbed because we (not lock) the front door.
- 29.13.-My father couldn't find the money because he (hide) it in a drawer.
- 30.14.-Leonard didn't have money for the bus because he (forget) to ask his mother.
31. 15.- My cousin (never/visit) a mine until his father took him one day.
- 32.16.-Her bicycle wasn't there because a friend (take) it without asking her.
- 33.17.-Daniel was arrested after he (escape) from prison.
- 34.18.-When Kathy met Jonathan, he (join) the Navy.
- 35.19.- Before they arrived at the airport, they (pay) the taxi driver.
- 36.20.-His dog (die) two weeks ago. He was very sad.

•**Rewrite the sentences in : 1- negative form; 2- interrogative form.**

- a) Jason had studied German last year.
1. _____

- b) Carol had bought a new dress for the party.
2. _____

- c) I had lived in that house for three years.
3. _____

- d) It had rained all night.
4. _____

- e) They had been to Saudi Arabia before.
5. _____

- f) We had met our friends at the club.
6. _____

- g) He had wasted his money playing cards.
7. _____

h) I had read that book before.

8.

• **Past Simple vs. Past Perfect**

1. Complete the sentences with either the *past simple* or *past perfect* of the verbs in brackets.

- a) When I _____(come)home my mother _____(already/cook) dinner.
- b) By the time she _____(get) to the cinema her boyfriend _____(already/buy) the tickets.
- c) She _____(already/ study) German before she _____(move) to Berlin.
- d) When they _____(enter) the room the concert _____(already / begin)
- e) My son only _____(play) computer games after he _____(finish) studying.
- f) I _____(send) a message to my friends before I _____ (meet) them.
- g) They _____(not have) much fun by the time Lauren _____(arrive).
- h) He _____(call) her four times before she _____(answer) the phone.
- i) Jason _____(find) a new job when he _____(go) to London.
- j) After we _____(pay) we _____(leave) the restaurant.
- k) She _____(lose) the handbag her mother _____(give) her for her birthday.
- l) Julia _____(go) to the doctor because she _____(not eat) well for five days.
- m) When he _____(reach) the station the train _____(already / leave).
- n) When the plane _____(land) they _____(already/ arrive) to the airport.

• **CONDITIONAL SENTENCES Types 0, 1 and 2**

- 1- If Mary(have) got a headache, she(go) to the doctor.
- 2- The doctor(see) Mary if she(has) got a strong headache.
- 3- He(give) her some aspirins if she(not-feel) very well.
- 4- Mary's mother(phone) the Chemist's if she(need) aspirins.
- 5- Mary(not-go) to work if she(has) got a strong headache.

- 6- If Mary(not-go) to work, she(watch) t.v.
- 7- If Mary(watch) t.v., she(watch) a soap-opera.
- 8- If she(not-watch) a soap-opera, she(listen) to music.
- 9- If she(not-listen) to music, she(read) a book.
- 10-If she(not-read) a book, she(phone) her best friend, Anne.
- 11-If Anne(not-answer) the cell phone, Mary(phone) her boyfriend, Paul.
- 12-Mary(talk)to Paul if she(find) him.
- 13-If she(not-find) him, she(look) for another friend.
- 14-Mary(go) out for dinner if she(find) another friend.
- 15-After dinner, Mary(invite) her friend to the cinema if she(have) got enough money with her.

2- MATCH A AND B

- | A | B |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1- If I /win/ a lot of money | the dogs /bark/ loudly. |
| 2- If I / have/ a lot of clothes | we /watch/ some new movies. |
| 3- If they /be/ more confident | she /eat/ lots of cup-cakes |
| 4- If he /know/ how to speak Italian | I /travel/ around Europe. |
| 5- If she /know/ how to cook | I /change/ my image |
| 6- If Liza/go/ on holidays to Brazil | they/take/the exam tomorrow |
| 7- If my mother /get/ a better job | he /prepare/ Italian food for
Dinner |
| 8- If Meg / be/ thinner | she /get/ married soon. |
| 9- If the teacher /buy/ some new dvds | she / meet/ Ricky Martin |
| 10-If the thieves /come/ | she /buy/ a new house. |

• Complete with conditional sentences Types 0, 1 and 2

- 1. If I get home late tonight, I _____ (not eat) dinner.
- 2. If you add two and two, you _____ (get) four.
- 3. If Jan could run 100 metres in 10 seconds, he _____ (be) an athlete.
- 4. If Simon catches a fish today, we _____ (eat) it.
- 5. She _____ (buy) a Porsche if she won the lottery.

6. If it _____ (rain) in the Sahara desert, everyone would be very surprised.
7. If it rains tonight, we _____ (go) to the cinema.
8. If your dog spoke, you _____ (can/sell) it to the circus.
9. If we play football on Saturday, I _____ (be) tired on Sunday.
10. You _____ (become) fat if you eat too much.
11. 10. If I _____ (be) you, I wouldn't accept that job. It sounds terrible.

• **These sentences express real conditions and consequences. Use FIRST TYPE CONDITIONALS:**

1. If I _____ (see) John, I _____ (tell) him your news.
2. He _____ (be) very pleased if it _____ (be) really true.
3. If you _____ (go) to town on Monday, you _____ (meet) my brother.
4. If you _____ (need) help, my father _____ (help) you.
5. We _____ (have) a picnic lunch if the day _____ (not be) cold.
6. If you _____ (see) a policeman, he _____ (tell) you the way.
7. I _____ (finish) the job tomorrow if I _____ (work) a lot today.
8. I _____ (not need) an umbrella if it _____ (not rain).
9. If you _____ (not wash) the dishes, I _____ (not cook) dinner tonight.
10. If my dad _____ (have) time next week, we _____ (paint) my room.

• **These sentences express less probable or improbable situations. Use SECOND TYPE CONDITIONALS:**

1. Her health _____ (improve) if she _____ (sleep) longer.
2. If she _____ (want) to talk to me, she _____ (ring up).
3. I _____ (understand) Tom if he _____ (not speak) so fast.
4. If you _____ (give) him some medicine, he _____ (not be) ill.
5. You _____ (make) a fortune if you _____ (take) my advice.
6. If I _____ (think) that about him, I _____ (say) so.

7. If he _____ (promise) to behave better, his mother _____ (not be) so angry with him.
8. If we _____ (come) here on Sunday, we _____ (ride) on horses.
9. If he _____ (need) help, I _____ (give) it.
10. If I _____ (have) more time, I _____ (learn) to play the guitar.
11. If she (study) _____ harder, she _____ (not get) so bad marks.

• **Complete the following CONDITIONAL SENTENCES:**

- 1- If you(not study) hard, you won't pass the English exam.
- 2- Susan will come to my house if it(be) sunny tomorrow.
- 3- If you(mix) red and yellow, you get orange.
- 4- If I won the lottery, I(travel) around the world.
- 5- Helen won't buy new shoes if she(not have) enough money.
- 6- Our teacher..... (not get) angry if we do the exercises.
- 7- If they (have) enough money, they will buy a new car.
- 8- If you (heat) water, it boils.
- 9- Tom would play tennis well if he.....(train) harder.
- 10- We(not go) to the party if he doesn't invite us.
- 11- If I(have) time, I will call Tom
- 12- Water becomes ice if it(get) cold enough.
- 13- What would you do if you(find) \$1000 on the street?
- 14- I(be) very angry with Nick if he forgets my CD again.
- 15- You will get very wet if you (walk) in this rain.
- 16- If it(rain), I will stay at home.
- 17- If I(be) you, I would go to the dentist soon.
- 18- If you sum up two and two, you(get) four.
- 19- If Tina(train) hard, She will win the tennis match.
- 20- I would speak Chinese very well If I(live) in China.

Relative clauses

1. This is the CD. I bought it for Jane.
This is.....
2. Jenny's brother looks like her. He's about her same age.
Jenny's brother.....
3. Grand Avenue was the best place to buy clothes. I used to go shopping there.
Grand Avenue,
4. I'll call the students. I went to London with them last year.
I'll call
5. Tim's shoes don't match his jacket. They're brown .
Tim's shoes,
6. My friend Claudia used to be a top model. She was extremely thin.
My friend Claudia,.....
7. In 1999 I was working in Dublin. I met Sally there.
I met.....
8. Nail-biting is a bad habit. You should really try to stop it.
Nail-biting.....
9. Eileen is a wonderful person. Her husband is very unfriendly.
Eileen,
10. Pete may bring us something. We want it.
Pete
11. "Rolling Stone " is the magazine. We told them about it yesterday.
"Rolling Stone" is the
12. The girl he was looking at was really pretty.
The girl at which.....
13. The company she was working for was one of the biggest in the country.
The company for.....
14. Paul's brother won the first prize in the contest.
Paul has.....
15. We spend our holidays in this village every summer.
This
16. Tom became a vegetarian. That made him happier.
Tom became a

• **Complete the following non-defining relative clauses using *who* or *which*:**

- a) Robert's parents, are retired now, live in Spain.
- b) Sydney, has a population of more than 3 million, is Australian's largest city.
- c) Peter's sister, goes to school with me, is a very nice person.
- d) My uncle John, lives in London, is coming to visit me next week.
- e) I saw the film 'Casablanca', won an Oscar in 1942.



• **Combine the following sentences using relative pronouns.**

- a) Al Gore gave a long and boring speech. He won the Nobel Prize.
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- b) Starbucks wants to open new stores in China. It does business all over the world.
.....
- c) Social network sites will definitely change business. They are very popular.
.....
- d) Scientists are working with stem cells. Stem cells will revolutionize medicine.
.....
- e) Last week, Jim Taylor interviewed Sally Thomson. She is my neighbour.
.....
- f) Mr Brown has been invited to join our club. He enjoys going to the theatre.
.....
- g) Whiting House is an important local monument. It was built in 1856.
.....
- h) Bono signed autographs at Tower Records yesterday. He's a famous musician.
.....
- i) John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. He was president of the USA.
.....
- j) The Queen will open a new hospital. It is in Jarvis Street.
.....

• **Relative Clause: Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences.**

1. Neil Armstrong is the Astronaut _____ was the first to walk on the moon.
2. A surgeon is a doctor _____ performs operations.
3. California is a state in America _____ governor is the famous actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.
4. The Volga is a river _____ is the longest river in Europe.
5. J.K. Rowling is an author _____ “Harry Potter” series of books are very popular.
6. A dictionary is a book _____ gives us the meaning of words.
7. Is there a restaurant around here _____ I can try Fugu?
8. Shakespeare was an English author _____ wrote “Romeo and Juliet”.
9. A hospital is a place _____ sick people go to become healthy again.
10. New Zealand is a country _____ has more sheep than people.
11. Graduation is an event _____ you celebrate graduating school or university.
12. Carnivores are animals _____ only eat meat.
13. A dentist is a person _____ checks and helps take care your teeth.
14. Ringo Starr is the drummer in the Beatles _____ name was Richard Starkey when he was born.
15. Stefani Germanotta is a singer _____ stage name is “Lady Gaga”.
16. August is the month _____ many Japanese return to their hometown for Obon.
17. To celebrate John’s Birthday they went to a restaurant _____ served his favourite food.
18. My car, _____ is very expensive, is a Mercedes Benz.
19. Brazil is the country _____ hosts the next Soccer World Cup in 2014.
20. I like movies _____ have happy endings
21. I dislike people who _____.
22. I like places where _____.
23. I don’t like it when _____.
24. I like animals that _____.

• **An interesting story - Rewrite the story using *who, which, that where or and.***

I was sitting in a café. I often go there for a drink after work. I called the waiter. I know him quite well. I asked for a cup of coffee. While I was waiting I looked at a newspaper. It was lying on the table. I started reading an article on the front page. It said: ‘Police are looking for a woman, Catherine. She has been missing from her home for two weeks.’ I looked at the photo. It showed a woman with dark curly hair, she had a round face. I recognized it at once. She was my new neighbor. She had moved in just 2 weeks before.

- Read the passage and do the activities

Basketball

What is the most popular sport in the world? Most people would probably say soccer, because of the many millions who play it and the even larger number who watch it on television. There are some, however, who say the correct answer is basketball – not because of its TV audience, which is certainly smaller than that for soccer, but because the number of people who regularly play the game might be higher (at least 300 million, according to most estimates).



In China, for example, which has a population of 1.3 billion, more people play basketball than soccer, and it is becoming more popular all the time. Basketball has existed for less time than some of the world’s other major sports. It was invented in the early 1890s by a Canadian, James Naismith, working at a college in the state of Massachusetts in the United States. Wanting to create a game that could be played indoors during the long winters but would also be active enough to keep people in shape, he had the idea of two teams of players trying to throw a ball into a basket that was above their heads.

Early basketball looked different from the game today: for example, the basket didn’t have a hole in the bottom, so every time a player threw the ball in, someone had to go up to get it out again! Another difference is dribbling, which is when a player in modern basketball bounces the ball off the floor while moving across the court: it didn’t exist in early basketball because the balls didn’t bounce well enough. One thing that hasn’t changed, though, is the height of the baskets: James Naismith put the first one 10 feet (3.05 meters) off the floor, and that’s where they’ve stayed.

The biggest international TV audiences in modern basketball are for games in the National Basketball Association (NBA) in North America, a league of 30 teams (29 from the United States and one from Canada), including famous names such as the Chicago Bulls, Boston Celtics, and Los Angeles Lakers. Most of the players in the NBA are American, but there are also some foreign stars such as Yao Ming from China and Dirk Nowitzki from Germany.

The United States has usually been the strongest team in international basketball competitions. In the last Olympic Games, in Beijing in 2008, the US men's and women's teams both won gold medals – the men beat Spain in the final, and the women beat Australia.



women



- Here are some simple definitions for words that appear in the text on Worksheet A. Find the words they refer to and fill in the gaps.

1. A **p** _____ (adjective) thing, place, or activity is one that many people like.

2. A **c** _____ (noun) is an area marked with lines where some sports (e.g., basketball or tennis) are played.

3. **_ t _ _** (noun): someone very famous and popular (e.g., an actor or sports player).

4. An _____ **ce** (noun) is a group of people who watch or listen to something (e.g., a movie or a sports game).

5. **B** _____ (verb): to hit the surface of something and then move away (e.g., a ball moving through the air, hitting the ground, then moving through the air again).

6. _____ **m** (noun): a group of people who play a sport or a game against another group.

7. _____ **l** (noun): a small flat piece of metal, often circular, that you might get for winning a competition.

8. **_ _ d _ _ s** (adverb): inside a building (e.g., a house).

- Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), or if the text doesn't determine (D).

1. Basketball was invented after tennis.

2. The height of the baskets in basketball has changed many times.

3. More people watch basketball on TV than soccer.

4. There are some players in the NBA who are not American or Canadian.

5. Basketball was invented before 1900.

6. Australia was in the men's basketball final in the 2008 Olympic Games.

7. The best team in the NBA is the Los Angeles Lakers.

8. The baskets in early basketball were different from those in modern



basketball.

The Packet of Biscuits



A woman was shopping one day. She was tired, hungry and thirsty so she decided to buy a packet of biscuits and a coffee and find a comfortable place to sit in the sun. She sat on a bench, took out a magazine and started to drink her coffee.

A few minutes later, a teenage boy wearing punk clothes came and sat down next to her. Then the woman realised that the punk boy was taking biscuits and eating them slowly.

The woman was angry but she didn't say anything. She took a biscuit herself. The boy looked at her, smiled and took another biscuit. The woman thought "I'm going to have to eat these biscuits quickly, before this boy eats them all". She took another biscuit, and ate it fast. There was only one biscuit left. The boy picked it up, broke it in two and gave her half, smiling. The woman smiled but inside she was furious!

The boy got up, said goodbye and went away. "Young people today just have no respect," she thought to herself. She opened her bag to put her magazine away, and what did she see? Her packet of biscuits! "Oh, no! I was eating the boy's packet of biscuits!"

Read the story and put the pictures in order.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____

Read the story again and answer the questions.

- Why did the woman buy coffee and biscuits?
- How did the woman feel when she saw the boy eating biscuits? Why?
- Why did the woman start eating the biscuits quickly?
- What did the boy do with the last biscuit?
- How did the woman feel at the end of the story? Why?

Put the events of the story in the right order.

- a) The woman got a magazine out and started to read.
- b) The woman started to eat the biscuits quickly.
- c) A punk came and sat next to the woman.
- d) The punk shared the last biscuit.
- e) The punk went away.
- f) The woman did some shopping.
- g) The woman realised she was eating the boy's biscuits.
- h) The woman found a bench and sat down.
- i) The punk started eating biscuits.
- j) The woman bought a snack.

- **WRITING**

Dear Trevor,

I'm really excited to hear you're coming to stay with me in England for a few days. Tell me when you're coming, how long you will stay and some things you want to do here.

Write a postcard to tell him what he wants to know.

Write 25 to 35 words.

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- **WRITING TASK: INFORMAL LETTER**

- You are studying English in the USA for two months and you're staying with an American family. Write a letter to a friend telling him/her about the family you are staying with, your new school and the free time activities you are doing there. Write your letter in about 100 words.

Dear _____,

