

READING I

I/4

In this interview every question has been removed. Match the questions from the list below with the answers, and put the letters in the boxes at the bottom of the page. There is an extra question that you do not need. There is an example (0) for you.

Alanis Morissette is back with her new album *So-Called Chaos*. She talked to *Newsweek's* Lorraine Ali.

(0) – _____
– I'm a lot more comfortable now.

(1) – _____
– Yeah, honey, fur and diamonds.

(2) – _____
– I swear a lot. It shows an enormous lack of vocabulary.

(3) – _____
– I have a low tolerance for pain. If I had a high tolerance, I probably wouldn't be writing the songs I'm writing.

(4) – _____
– I recently hosted a comedy night in L. A.

(5) – _____
– I don't want people to come in and point – Hey, it's her!

(Newsweek, 21 June 2004)

A Have you been doing comedy?

B Do you like swearing?

C Do you wear more girl clothes nowadays?

D Tell me something about your dreams.

E Why do you make painful and personal songs?

F Why did you cut your hair off?

G Why don't you publicise it?

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READING III

III/3

Read this article about prefabricated houses, then read the questions that follow it. Your task is to choose the answers that are nearest in meaning to what the article says. Write the letters in the boxes as in the example (0).

THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE

Cars and computers have improved dramatically in recent decades; they have become more sophisticated at lower cost. Homes are just the opposite; they have changed only a little.

“The house of the future should be like a computer or a car, built mostly in a factory, and with parts that are easy to repair or replace,” says architect Kent Larson of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. “You should design your own home online, just as you can today a Honda minivan.”

You can buy virtually any printer or mouse on the market, and it will work with the computer you already have. Now imagine a building industry that worked the same way. Every new house would have a structural frame that lasts 200 years. The roofs, the floor, the walls, the toilet, cables and lights could be chosen.

Larson has teamed up with homebuilder Tedd Benson to construct four prototype houses. The first was completed in July. It is to test the concept, and is intended to demonstrate how a house can be adapted to the needs of its owners.

The builders prefabricated the house from 40 sections. All the walls and the wires were built in at the factory. “You take it off the truck and stick it to the frame,” says Reid, the company’s marketing manager. Building the house took less than a month. Normally, building a home this size would take 10 months.

Three more prototype homes are planned, one every 18 months. The next prototype will be focused on movable walls. “You can move all the pieces around like Lego,” Benson says. “We are trying to make a system that is variable.”

“We have got an opportunity to create new systems and maybe radically transform the whole industry,” says Larson. Just as IKEA sells furniture components at low cost, other manufacturers could offer finished windows and walls in all shapes and size. “This is an opportunity to improve the quality of buildings in North America,” Benson says.

(Popular Science, November 2006)

READING III

- (0) *The future technology would give people the chance*

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A) *to design their homes online.*
B) *to transform a Honda minivan into a home.*
C) *to be able to repair their own homes.*
D) *to live in houses which look like a computer or a car.*
- (1) The structural frame

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A) would be constructed with the help of a computer.
B) would include the roofs, the floor, the walls, the toilet, cables and lights.
C) has been the part of every new house in the last 200 years.
D) would be the only part of the house that is not variable.
- (2) Larson and Benson constructed the first prototype house

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A) to demonstrate the needs of the owners.
B) to test it.
C) to test the needs of the owners.
D) to adapt to the needs of the owners.
- (3) All the walls

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A) contained built-in wires.
B) were made up of altogether 40 parts.
C) were made in a factory.
D) were put together on a truck first, then the complete structure was fixed to the frame.
- (4) Building the prototype house took

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A) 18 times less than building a traditional home.
B) a bit more than a month.
C) a month less than building a traditional house.
D) 10 times less time than building a traditional home.
- (5) Kent Larson wants to

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A) cut the price and improve the quality of future buildings.
B) furnish his houses with IKEA furniture at low cost.
C) change the furniture industry radically.
D) persuade IKEA to sell windows and walls in all shapes and size.

READING IV

IV/1

Read this article about African football. Some words have been left out from the text. Choose the right words from the list below to fill the gaps. There is an extra word you do not need. An example (0) has been given for you.

THE PROBLEMS OF AFRICAN FOOTBALL

The Demba Diop Stadium in Dakar was beginning to fill up. Thousands of Senegalese (0) wearing green, red and yellow national football (1) waited patiently, while a band played West African tunes and groups of young boys sold bags of drinking water in the heat. Less than two hours later, after enjoying their country's 6-1 (2) over Liberia, the happy fans poured out of the (3) After all, their team seemed headed to another World Cup final. That was March 2005. And like many other teams, Senegal failed to (4) for Germany.

Every four years an African team (5) the traditional football powers – Cameroon in 1990, Nigeria in 1994, Senegal in 2002. The African continent is said to be the (6) of football: South Africa will host the next World Cup, the continent's first, in 2010.

The problems that (7) African football are the problems of Africa. Corruption is widespread, and despite new investment, football infrastructure remains underdeveloped. European managers take away players before they have had a (8) to establish themselves in Africa. More and more players like Ghana's Michael Essien and the Ivory Coast's Didier Drogba are now important members of European groups.

Due to this lack of stability at home, Africa simply hasn't been able to (9) national teams capable of consistent play from one tournament to the next. In 1977, Pele confidently (10) that an African nation would win the World Cup by the end of the millennium. When that didn't happen, he pushed the deadline forward to 2010.

(Newsweek, 8 May 2006)

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| B victory | H face |
| C declared | I shirts |
| D chance | J future |
| E produce | K stadium |
| F plan | L surprises |

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READING IV

IV/2

Read this article about the European economy. Some words have been left out from the text. Choose the right words from the list below to fill the gaps. There is an extra word you do not need. An example (0) has been given for you.

A REASON TO SMILE IN EUROPE?

Take a drive around Munich or Frankfurt, fly into any German airport or cruise the Rhine, and you will see the same thing – new buildings. Germans are building everything from (0) houses to factories.

The economy of the euro (1) grew 1.5 percent last year, and it will likely grow about 3.5 percent this year. What’s more, Europe –especially Germany– is now (2) new jobs at a fast rate. Since Germany is every European country’s biggest export market, this is good (3) for everyone.

On the other hand, the United States is threatened by (4) inflation and slower growth. Now that the U.S. is slowing (5), Europe is outperforming the U.S. for the first (6) in recent history.

European consumers – not just companies – are helping growth. Thanks to falling (7) Europeans are spending their (8) People are less afraid to lose their (9) than they were two years ago, and so they are less willing to save.

Of course, the big (10) is, “Will it last?” 2007 will be a challenging year for Europe as well. Much depends on the interest rates, on the strong euro, on whether Europe can continue to reform. The signs are mixed.

(Newsweek, 4 September 2006)

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| A private | G down |
| B jobs | H unemployment |
| C economy | I rising |
| D time | J question |
| E news | K creating |
| F money | L zone |

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LISTENING I

I/3

- In this section you are going to hear a report about two celebrities of Hungarian origin.
- Your task will be to circle the letter(s) of the correct answer(s) in the boxes on the right. Please note that in this task both answers may be correct. However, there is always at least one correct answer. This means you might have to circle one or two letters.
- First, you will have some time to study the task, and then you'll hear the recording in one piece.
- Then, after a short pause, listen to the recording again in three shorter sections.
- The end of each section is marked with a signal. When you hear this signal, stop the CD for 30 seconds and write down your answers.
- At the end, you will have some time to check your answers.
- An example (✓) has been given for you.

- (✓) *Tony Curtis's father was ...* A B
(A) *an Oscar-nominated actor.*
(B) *a poor Hungarian immigrant.*
- (1) During World War II Tony... A B
(A) served in the armed forces.
(B) studied acting.
- (2) It was after the war that he became a popular A B
(A) film star.
(B) stage actor.
- (3) Tony Curtis is not only an actor but also ... A B
(A) an acknowledged painter.
(B) a famous director.
- (4) Drew Barrymore's father ... A B
(A) came from a Hungarian family.
(B) and mother split up.
- (5) Drew got her first work ... A B
(A) before she was one year old.
(B) in a TV commercial.
- (6) After her initial success Drew ... A B
(A) had some really tough years.
(B) didn't make any films.
- (7) In 1997 Drew was chosen as ... A B
(A) the most beautiful person in the world.
(B) one of the most beautiful people in the world.

LISTENING II

II/1

- In this section you are going to hear about the famous Orange County Choppers.
 - Your task is to write the missing word into each gap in the script of the recording.
 - First, you will have some time to study the task, and then you'll hear the recording in one piece.
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ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPERS

Paul Teutul's love of riding and fabricating motorcycles (✓)^{dates}..... back to the 1970's. He has been running his steel manufacturing (1) for more than 30 years now. In the late 1990's he began fabricating motorcycles and in 1999 founded *Orange County Choppers*. The company's first Chopper *True Blue* was built in Paul's basement. Since then, Teutul has (2) his small steel manufacturing enterprise into a highly profitable and world famous company producing Choppers of all kinds.

The company has designed and built a wide (3) of motorbikes for many huge corporations, organizations, among them the United States Air Force, and also for athletes. Their motorbikes are famous for their (4), style and incredible design. One of their most popular bikes is the *Fire Bike*, that was designed to commemorate the (5) who lost their lives on 11 September. The fame of the Choppers has spread like wildfire; you can often see them on the (6) of various magazines worldwide. The Teutul family and the company are also featured on *American Chopper*, a reality television (7) on the Discovery channel.

Today Paul's three sons all work in (8) the steel factory or in the shop. Danny, the eldest son, is the general manager of the company, Paul, the middle one, is the chief fabricator. From the age of 12, he spent his summers in his father's (9) learning all the skills of fabrication that he would later use building motorcycles. Mikey, the youngest brother, answers phones, orders parts and (10) out the waste.

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Listening I/3

FAMOUS HUNGARIANS

Did you know that Tony Curtis, the Oscar-nominated actor and Hollywood legend is of Hungarian origin? His father was a poor Hungarian tailor and amateur actor who emigrated to the US. Tony was born in New York. In his childhood he was the member of a street gang with a very bad reputation. During World War II he served in the navy and got injured. After the war he returned to New York and started his acting career. He quickly became hugely popular and was called by critics "The World's Favourite Movie Actor." He starred in 106 films, including *Some Like it Hot* with Marilyn Monroe and *Spartacus*.

Besides being an actor, he has also won international fame as a talented painter. His works of art are exhibited in private collections and public museums all over the world.

Hollywood's sweetheart, Drew Barrymore is half Hungarian too from her mother's side. Drew's father was an actor and came from a famous Hollywood acting dynasty. Her parents separated soon after her birth and Drew was raised by her mother.

Before her first birthday, Drew had already appeared in her first TV commercial. At the age of 2 she made her first TV movie. At 7 she was starring in E.T.

However, Drew had to pay a high price for success. She dropped out of school, at the age of 9 started drinking and smoking and later started using drugs as well. It took her a while to overcome her problems but finally she managed to get clear from all her addictions and she settled down.

She appeared in hits like *Batman Forever* and *Charlie's Angels* and is a successful film producer. In 1997 she was chosen by *People* magazine as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world.

(<http://www.traveltohungary.com>, www.netglimse.com, <http://movies.yahoo.com>)

Listening II/1

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(<http://www.bikermatchmaking.com>, <http://en.wikipedia.org>)