

READING I

I/5

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.

New mom Kate Hudson plays the mother to three orphaned kids in the upcoming movie *Raising Helen*. She talked to *Newsweek's* Jac Chebatoris.

(0) – _____
– Yes, I'm making my first movie since giving birth to Ryder.

(1) – _____
– It's so much fun. It's really great.

(2) – _____
– I had a baby. I was eating all day every day. I put on some weight.

(3) – _____
– Nothing, we're used to it.

(4) – _____
– No. If a situation becomes complicated I get more focused.

(Newsweek, 07 June 2004)

- A What about your dramatic weight loss?
- B You fly your own planes. Ever get frightened?
- C Do you like answering questions?
- D Are you already working?
- E Are you filming a thriller? How is that going?
- F What do you say when people notice that you and your mother (Goldie Hawn) look so much alike?

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READING II

II/1

Read the information on four hotels. Match each of the statements 1–10 below with one of the advertisements. Put the letter of the hotel on the dotted line after the statement. An example (0) has been given for you.

SWEET DREAMS

A **Hotel Rome**

Hotel Rome is in the heart of downtown. Free parking. Everything is within easy reach: sidewalk cafés, night clubs, bars, boutiques and shopping centres. Rooms are cheap. Dine in our excellent restaurant. You receive delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner within your time expectations.

B **Hotel Versailles**

If you stay at Hotel Versailles you will be pleasantly surrounded by comfort: air conditioning, cable TV, Finnish sauna, steam bath, exercise room, adventure pool, indoor and outdoor pools with pool-side bar. Clients will appreciate our fax, PC hook-up and meeting rooms. We'll look after you.

C **Hotel Casablanca**

RURAL ... ROMANTIC ... RELAXING. A short bus-ride from the delightful town centre. A memorable stay on the shores of the St. Lawrence River. Lovers of gardens will be charmed by the terrace overlooking the river and the peace and serenity of the grounds. The hotel offers you a non-smoking environment.

D **Hotel Paris**

Our hotel is situated close to a subway station and a bus terminal. Our friendly multilingual (including Spanish and Portuguese) staff will be delighted to provide tourist info and make reservations for restaurants. We arrange off-site services (excursions, sporting activities, and so on) for guests.

(Montreal Official Tourist Guide)

This would be a good hotel to choose if you ...

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| (0) <i>liked luxury.</i> | ^B |
| (1) wanted to have a rest in a peaceful environment. | |
| (2) wanted to enjoy nightlife. | |
| (3) didn't want to spend much on accommodation. | |
| (4) could only speak Spanish. | |
| (5) wanted to stay at the hotel with the best facilities. | |
| (6) wanted to surf the Internet. | |
| (7) didn't want to pay for parking at all. | |
| (8) can't stand smoke. | |
| (9) needed help to organise programs. | |
| (10) were looking for a wide selection of health treatments. | |

READING V

V/5

You are going to read an article. Some words are missing from it. Write the missing words on the dotted lines after the text. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example (0) at the beginning.

LONDON ENTERTAINS

London is a truly 24-hour (0) with an excellent menu of late night bars, pubs, restaurants and department stores.

Bars and pubs offer a wide variety of evenings out across the capital. Many of them (1) live bands or DJs playing the latest songs until late. Drink cocktail and champagne mixes or (2) to the latest songs with fantastic audio systems.

With almost 250 places to choose from, the London club scene is more exciting than it has ever been with every taste and style. Every major band's world tour stops in London. Check out Wembley Arena for A-list megastars. Brixton Academy hosts rock and pop (3) every night of the week.

With over 7000 restaurants serving cuisine from more than 70 (4), London is a food lovers' paradise. Whether you want a plate of fish and chips, an authentic-tasting curry or modern European cuisine, London really has the world on plate. Fine dining is something of a tradition here. (5) about some good British classics? Many pubs serve an excellent full traditional roast dinner on Sundays.

When it comes to shopping, you'll find everything under one (6) in London's world-famous department stores. No trip to London would be complete without a visit to Harrods. With over 300 departments there is (7)..... that you could possibly want from international designer collections to food.

Last (8) not least you will find legendary musicals, Shakespearean classics, grand classical music festivals, world-famous opera, ballet and contemporary dance.

Whatever your pleasure, you will (9) it in London.

(London Map & Guide)

- (0) *city* (5)
- (1) (6)
- (2) (7)
- (3) (8)
- (4) (9)

READING VI

VI/1

You are going to read a text. Your task will be to decide if the statements 1-8 are **TRUE**, **FALSE** or **NOT STATED** according to what the text says. Mark your answer with an X in the table. An example (0) has been given for you.

MCCARRON'S STAND-UP COMEDY COURSE

The atmosphere in the Laughing Horse comedy club is extreme. A hundred or so excited students are waiting. They are here for a night of comedy delivered by students of Roehampton University.

The quality of the comedy is, to be honest, variable: it ranges from the offensive and totally unfunny to the charming. Some want to offend as many people as they can, but many try too hard to make people laugh. Woody Allen said that the biggest mistake is to think that everything depends on what you say. A great attitude is the most important thing. If the audience likes you, you don't need great material.

McCarron is not the average academic. He was born in New Zealand, left school with few qualifications and came to Britain to play in a rock band. Then he decided to go to university. But McCarron, who is 54, always kept a foot in the performing arts: he has been involved in stand-up comedy since 1979 and now runs the Laughing Horse club in London and acts outside London. "After watching so many comedians, I thought certain parts of this can be taught," he says.

His stand-up comedy seminar at Roehampton University is growing in popularity. There are now 35 students taking a course that lasts a 12-week semester and covers the history, theory and performance of stand-up.

Students have the option of writing and performing a five-minute performance for 50 per cent of their course marks, or they can write an essay. The performance is marked on its originality rather than the confidence of the performer. McCarron asked the help of professional comedians to tell the students not to be afraid to put themselves into their performances.

(The Times Education Supplement, 23 February 2007)

READING VI

- (0) *The students of Roehampton University perform comedy in the Laughing Horse club.*
- (1) There are different ways to be funny.
- (2) Some students are not able to make the patrons laugh.
- (3) In Woody Allen's opinion what you say is the most important thing on stage.
- (4) McCarron has been dealing with stand-up comedy since his school years.
- (5) McCarron doesn't think that every element of stand-up comedy can be taught.
- (6) This is the last semester when students can choose this course at the Roehampton University.
- (7) Students have to write and perform their own comedy at the end of the semester.
- (8) Besides McCarron some trained comedians help the students to learn how to perform.

	True	False	Not Stated
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USE OF ENGLISH I

1/5

Read this text about the heaviest person in the world. Choose the right words from the list (A-L) below to complete the sentences. Write the letters in the boxes. There is an extra word that you do not need. There is an example (0) for you.

THE HEAVIEST PERSON IN MEDICAL HISTORY

The heaviest person in medical history (0) Jon Brower Minnoch (USA, 1941–83), who had been overweight since (1) He was 185 cm tall and (2) 178 kg in 1963, 317 kg in 1966 and 442 kg in September 1976.

In March 1978, Minnoch was (3) to University Hospital, Seattle, where doctors calculated that Minnoch must have weighed (4) than 635 kg.

In order to get Minnoch to University Hospital, it took a dozen firemen to move him (5) his home to a (6) When he arrived at the hospital, (7) from heart failure, he was put in two beds. It took 13 people just to roll him over.

After nearly two years on a diet, doctors let him go home from the hospital at 216 kg the greatest weight loss for a human being. In October 1981, he was (8) to hospital (9) more after putting on over 89 kg. When he (10) on 10 September 1983, he weighed more than 362 kg.

(<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com>)

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| B taken | H sent |
| C died | I suffering |
| D ferryboat | J weighed |
| E childhood | K from |
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USE OF ENGLISH I

1/6

Read this text about David Beckham. Choose the right words from the list (A-L) below to complete the sentences. Write the letters in the boxes. There is an extra word that you do not need. There is an example (0) for you.

HERO WHO FELL TO EARTH

Like many women, I have never been interested (0) football, but I have the highest regard (1) David Beckham. He is handsome, talented and a devoted family man. Most of us think he is Mr Wonderful. I admire him because he (2) to be an example of all that could be good in the opposite sex. He allows us to believe in the fantasy of love. He is (3), strong, disciplined and faithful to his children and wife.

What I (4) hard to understand is his wife, Victoria, leaving Beckham on (5) own in Madrid. Beckham had no family or friends around him there, he didn't speak Spanish. I have never (6) Victoria and although she is unattractive Becks appears to love and honour her. Becks (7) patient, tolerant and always ready to defend her. Posh has a strange way of showing that she (8) Beckham back.

Everybody makes (9) Becks is not a bad guy. If he lost his honesty because of Rebecca Loos, he should be forgiven. We have to (10) Victoria too for not moving to Madrid.

(The Times, 29 June 2004)

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| A hard-working | G loves |
| B find | H forgive |
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USE OF ENGLISH V

V/5

Read this text about the Woodstock Festival. Complete the text by putting the words in brackets into the correct form. An example (0) has been given for you.

THE WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL

The Woodstock Music and Art Fair in 1969 (0) *drew* (draw) more than 450,000 people. It (1) (become) part of the cultural lexicon.

In 1967, John Roberts and Joel Rosenman were trying to figure out what they should (2) (do) with the rest of their lives. At the same time Michael Lang and Artie Kornfeld had the idea of organising the (3) (large) music festival ever held. They wanted (4) (find) money for the festival. Their lawyer recommended (5) (talk) to Roberts and Rosenman. The four men met in February 1969. By the end of their third (6) (meet), the little party in Woodstock had snowballed into a concert for 50,000 people. They (7) (form) a corporation in March, the company (8) (call) Woodstock Ventures Inc. They (9) (decide) that Woodstock really should be a rock concert.

Woodstock Ventures managed (10) (book) the biggest rock'n'roll bands in America (Jefferson Airplane, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Who). For four days minds were open, drugs were legal and love was free.

(<http://www.woodstock69.com/wsrprint1.htm>)

USE OF ENGLISH V

V/6

Read this text about Louis Armstrong. Complete the text by putting the words in brackets into the correct form. An example (0) has been given for you.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST JAZZ MUSICIAN

Louis Armstrong (0)^{was}..... (be) the greatest of all Jazz musicians. His amazing technical abilities and spontaneity still dominate Jazz to this day. Like almost all early Jazz

(1) (music), Louis was from New Orleans. He was from a very poor family and (2) (send) to reform school after (3) (fire) a gun in the air on New Year's Eve. At the school he learned to play the cornet (an instrument of the trumpet family). After being released at the age of fourteen, he worked (4) (sell) papers. He didn't have an instrument, but listened to bands at clubs.

Joe "King" Oliver was his favourite. The older man (5) (act) as a father to Louis, even giving him his first real cornet. In 1919 Louis left New Orleans for the first time to join Fate Marable's band in St. Louis. Before 1925 Louis played in many groups in Chicago, New Orleans, and New York. In 1925 Armstrong recorded his first Hot Five records. Now they (6) (consider) to be absolute jazz classics. Armstrong went on to play in Carrol Dickenson's Orchestra. By 1929 Louis had become a very big star. For years Armstrong was almost always on the road, and he (7) (become) one of the most (8) (fame) musicians in America. In the 1940s Be Bop wanted to challenge the status quo in the Jazz world. The Louis Armstrong Orchestra was beginning to look tired and record sales (9) (decline). In 1963 and 1968 Armstrong (10) (record) two number one hits ("Hello Dolly", "What A Wonderful World"). He continued playing and recording. On 6th July 1971 the world's greatest Jazz musician died in his sleep in New York.

(<http://www.redhotjazz.com/louie.html>)

LISTENING I

I/1

- In this section you are going to hear a short text about a cartoon figure, called Modesh.
- 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.

- (✓) *Modesh can be seen in many places ...* A B
(A) *in the Middle East.*
(B) *in Dubai.*
- (1) *Modesh is the ... A B
(A) rival of Mickey Mouse in the Middle East.
(B) symbol of Dubai.
- (2) At the Dubai Summer Surprises festival you can ... A B
(A) find various entertainments.
(B) buy goods for less money.
- (3) The cheerful colours of Modesh are supposed to ... A B
(A) attract people.
(B) symbolise the treasures of the city.
- (4) Modesh looks friendly because of ... A B
(A) his smile.
(B) the colour of his hair.
- (5) The mission of Modesh is to be a bridge between ... A B
(A) different cultures.
(B) parents and children.
- (6) Modesh is popular with parents because... A B
(A) he always smiles.
(B) he is like a model child.
- (7) The figure of Modesh is present in Dubai... A B
(A) all year round.
(B) only in the summer.

