

GRAMMAR

Read the article below and fill in each gap with the most appropriate word. Use ONE word in each gap. Write your answers in the spaces below the article.

Meet the Flintstones

Somewhere 0 _____ the world, every hour of every day, 1 _____ *Flinstones* is being broadcast. An incredible 300 million fans tune in to watch it regularly. 2 _____ you like it or not, Fred, Wilma and their neighbours, Barney and Betty Rubble, are impossible to avoid. Recently all 116 episodes were broadcast non-stop on television 3 _____ the USA. Not bad for a cartoon which was badly received by the critics on its first run 38 years 4 _____.

Cartoonists Bill Hanna and Joseph Barbera are the men responsible for the Flinstones. *Screen Gems* approached them in the late 1950s with the idea of producing an animated prime-time programme. It had never 5 _____ done before but the cartoonists gave it a go. It was a decision they were never to regret.

They decided to create a family and give them the same problems 6 _____ contemporary families. "Bill and I invented six different families. 7 _____, none of them pleased us," recalls Barbera. "We drew them as pilgrims, Romans, Eskimos, cowboys and 8 _____ imaginable. Then an artist came 9 _____ with a sketch using leopard skins on Neanderthal-type characters," says Hanna. "That was it. That's what we wanted 10 _____ to look like."

Then they threw an average married couple 11 _____ a Stone Age environment. Drawing the characters with everyday objects wasn't funny, 12 _____ they tried stone and other prehistoric materials. The result was a whole lot of clever Stone Age gadgets and endless jokes about rocks, which is also 13 _____ they all live in Bedrock.

Fred Flintstone's famous yell "yabba dabba doo" wasn't originally in the script. It was the man behind Fred's voice, Alan Reed, 14 _____ made it up. During the recording he said to Barbera, "Joe, where it says 'yahoo', can I say 'yabba dabba doo' 15 _____?"

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VOCABULARY

For sentences 1 to 10, circle the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes that sentence.

0. I need to ____ this pullover back to the shop. It's torn.
 A/ pay B/ bring C/ return **D/ take**
1. The twins, Tom and Steve, were ____ in different families.
 A/ risen B/ raised C/ grown D/ brought
2. When Annie was 16, she ____ a scooter from her parents.
 A/ received B/ had got C/ became D/ presented
3. Have you heard the ____ news? Peter's getting married.
 A/ previous B/ recent C/ last D/ latest
4. He's very ____ about his baldness, so don't mention it.
 A/ reasonable B/ rational C/ sensible D/ sensitive
5. I ____ that video to John but he never gave it back.
 A/ borrowed B/ took C/ lent D/ rented
6. Let me give you ____ .
 A/ an advice B/ an advise C/ a piece of advice D/ some advise
7. The police were able to prove his guilt, but he still ____ that he'd been involved.
 A/ denied B/ refused C/ regretted D/ avoided
8. She loves going ____ whenever she can because she loves learning languages.
 A/ abroad B/ away C/ in a foreign country D/ to the country
9. "What do you and your sister ____?" she asked.
 "Well," I said, "The first thing is our curly hair."
 A/ look like B/ resemble C/ have in common D/ have similar
10. At the cinema, Frank suddenly ____ his teenage sister sitting with an older man.
 A/ recognised B/ noticed C/ detected D/ realised

Total ____/10 pts

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the magazine article about companies that make take-away pizzas. There is one task to do on the next page.

TAKE-AWAY PIZZAS

We set out to test pizza firms around the country for the quality of their pizzas and their home delivery services. Our panel consisted of MADDALENA, a restaurant chef; the SPOONER family – Eva, Stephen and their daughters Joanna, 9 and Katie 7; and a student MICHELLE.

A – PIZZA PLUS

Maddalena felt that her double-decker, double cheese pepperoni pizza she ordered was “salty and greasy”. The amount of grease on the box exceeded that of all the other pizzas she tried.

Family-oriented marketing clearly works, as the film proved the overall winner with the Spooner children. They agreed with their parents that the Margharita with pepperoni pizza they had was “salty and greasy”, but insisted, with typical childish logic, that they liked Pizza Plus best “because they give you toothpaste and shower gel and they let you eat as much ice cream as you like” – even though the gifts aren't available with take-aways. The branch closest to the Spooners took 27 minutes to deliver the pizza, but it arrived hot and the Spooners found the telephone reception “friendly and helpful”.

Michelle judged her choice of pizza – with ham and pineapple topping – the best value and flavour of all. It was, she said, “filling and tasty, with just the right proportion of topping to base.”

B – PIZZA PARADISE

A “Mega Week” promotion at Pizza Paradise outlets meant that Maddalena was able to buy an enormous extra-large pizza with her own choice of pineapple, tuna and olives topping at a reduced price. She judged it “virtually tasteless; the only distinguishable flavour is that of the strongest ingredient – in this case, pineapple.”

The Spooners had their cheese, tomato and bacon pizza rushed around in 17 minutes. They found it “slightly tasteless but very fresh”, and though the base was tough, at least it wasn't greasy. The children thought it was better than most because it had “more topping.”

Michelle complained that her mixed grill pizza was delivered lukewarm after 40 minutes because they had taken down her address wrongly, and she couldn't spot any mushrooms.

C – THE PIZZA FACTORY

Maddalena thought the coloured peppers on her small, mixed pizza made it look “quite jolly”. The base was fine in texture but she pointed out that the meat had an unappetising appearance, although it tasted fine.

The Spooners thought their cheese, tomato and mushroom pizza had a good base, “which was just as well, as there wasn't much else to it. The topping was tasteless and we had no inclination to finish it.”

Michelle went back to her pineapple and ham theme by ordering the Tropicale, but it didn't have much flavour. “It wasn't greasy, but the pineapple tasted odd.”

READING COMPREHENSION (continued)

For statements 1-10, decide which company (A, B or C) is being talked about. Some companies are used more than once.

- 0/ A Michelle had no complaints about her pizza.
- 1/ The Spooner children liked that their pizza had more on top of it.
- 2/ The Spooners didn't want to eat all of their pizza.
- 3/ Maddalena took an advantage of a special offer.
- 4/ Michelle thought that something was missing from the pizza.
- 5/ Maddalena was unhappy about the state of the packaging.
- 6/ Maddalena felt that her pizza tasted better than it looked.
- 7/ The Spooner children already had a good impression of the company.
- 8/ Michelle was unhappy about the mistake made by the company.
- 9/ Michele noticed a strange taste when she ate her pizza.
- 10/ The Spooners were pleased by the way they were spoken to.

Total _____/10pts

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

You will hear an interview with Guillermo Quick. First read through the notes below and think about the type of information is needed in each gap. Then complete the text with the information you hear in the interview.

Guillermo was walking along a jungle path on his way to **1** (two words)

_____ when he heard a loud noise.

At first he thought someone was trying **2** (two words)

_____ him but then he realised the noise was coming from the tops of the trees.

The trees were covered with **3** (two words)

_____ and were impossible to climb.

Hard wooden shells were falling from the trees and they were **4** (two words)

_____, which made the noise.

The shells were shaped **5** (two words)_____.

Guillermo returned to Spain and told **6** (two words)

_____ about the shells.

He had to find a way of collecting 500,000 shells in **7** (two words)

He employed **8** (two words)_____ to help

him collect the shells and eventually reached his goal.

He uses the shells to make **9** (one word)_____.

He hopes that the proceeds from sales can be used to raise money for **10** (two words)

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Total ___/5pts