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LEVEL 3

PART 2 - READING COMPREHENSION

Estimated time needed: 35 minutes

Exercise 1 – Ouestions 1-5

Read the following magazine interviews with people talking about work experience, and say if the sentences below are TRUE or FALSE:

1- ALI HUMAIDI, receptionist

"I applied for work experience in a primary school but they couldn't take me. I got aplacement in a library instead.

Work experience taught me about myself and skills I didn't know I had, such asworking with other people and meeting members of the public. I liked listening to people and helping them. Perhaps that's why I became a receptionist."

2- MEL OLIVER, TV chef

"I was quite good in class but I never did well in exams.

Towards the end of school I developed negative attitudes. I thought work experience was going to be a waste of time. I didn't think it would help me to decide what I wanted to be.

But then I did work experience in a restaurant and I loved it. A year later I got a place at a local college on a food preparation course. That was the start of my career."

3- JOSIE PARKER, singer

"No one believes me now but I was once so shy that I could only sing to myself in the shower. I did my work experience in a hairdresser's. I didn't cut hair but I helped with thecustomers, took people cups of tea and tidied up the salon. The staff and customers were so nice and friendly. I stopped being frightened of people. After that I started singing for my friends at parties and

then for small audiences in clubs."





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4- MIKE STEEL, record producer

"My mother owns a pharmacy and she expected me to work there. I suppose I did, too. When it was time for work experience I applied to a recording Studio. From the firstday I knew I had to work in the music business. And that's what I did."

5- TED SURKEES, businessman

"On the first day everything went wrong. I forgot to wear a jacket and tie. I spilledcoffee on the manager's desk. I broke the office lift - I can't explain how. It was awful. After that I became determined to set up my own business and never to work foranyone else."

1 - Ali Humaidi did work experience in a school.	
2 - School experience helped Mel Oliver choose her job.	
3 - Before her work experience Josie Parker only used to sing alone.	
4 - Mike Steel has worked as a pharmacist and a record producer.	
5 - Ted Sarkees doesn't know why the lift broke.	

Exercise 2 – Ouestions 6 -10

• Read the signs or notes (6-10) and choose an appropriate explanation from options a – g. There are 2 (two) <u>extra</u> letters which you <u>do not</u> need to use:

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Our science comedy night is very popular The show will now take place in room 4 of the West Building, so that more people can see it.

See you there!

Magazines needed for patients to read Up to date or out of date

Leave them with our receptionist or or in the black box by the front door.





Clothes on sale cannot be returned

Try them on before you buy them!

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Heating comes on between 7am and 10am and 4pm and 11pm.

Please do not try to change these times.

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Paul, There's still a little petrol in the car, so you won't need to get any more until you reach Benton, where you can buy it cheaply. Sally

a- Don't try to turn on the heating between 10am and 4pm.	
b- Your old magazines will be used and read here.	
c- Go somewhere else to see the show.	
d- There is enough petrol in the car to get to a cheap petrol station.	
e- The event has moved from Room 4 to the West Building.	
f- If you buy something that's too big, you can't bring it back.	
g- Please return what you've taken after finishing with it.	

Exercise 3 – Ouestions 11-15

\Box Read the text about two sisters and choose the best answer for questions 11 to 15.

Something very strange happened to Tamara. She never knew she had a twin sister until she started university!

Tamara was born in Mexico. Her parents could not look after her so she went to live with a family in Manhattan, USA.

When Tamara was twenty years old, she started university in Long Island. She enjoyed her university life. But one day she was walking home from class, and a student smiled at her. "Hello Adriana!" said the student. "I'm not Adriana," said Tamara.

This happened to Tamara again and again. People Tamara didn't know kept calling her Adriana. It was very strange. One day, when a woman called her Adriana, Tamara asked "Why do you keep calling me Adriana?"

The woman replied, "You look like my friend Adriana. You have the same face and the same hair. Is Adriana your sister?" Tamara said that she did not have a sister called Adriana. But she was interested in this girl Adriana. Finally, she asked someone for Adriana's email address.

When Tamara wrote to Adriana, she found out that they both had the same birthday, they looked the same and both of them were from Mexico. When Tamara went to live with the family in Manhattan, Adriana moved to Long Island to live with a family there. It had to be true! Adriana and Tamara were twin sisters!

11 Tamara's parents					
a. moved from Mexico to Manhattan b. sent Tamara and Adriana away c. are still alive					
12 Tamara and her sister were both born					
a. in Mexico.	b. in Manhattan	c. in Long Island			
13 Adriana wrote to Tamara					
a. after speaking to friends	b. to reply to an email	c. to suggest a meeting			
14 How did the sisters meet?					
a. Adriana contacted Tamara.	b. A friend introduced them.	c. Tamara contacted Adriana.			
15 Tamara didn't know					
a. that she was born in Mexico	b. what day her birthday was	c. that she had a sister			

KEY TO READING COMPREHENSION. LEVEL 3

• Exercise 1

- 1 FALSE
- 2 TRUE
- 3 TRUE
- $4 \quad FALSE$
- 5 TRUE

• Exercise 2

- 6 C
- 7 B
- 8 F
- 9 A
- 10 D

• Exercise 3

- 11 B
- 12 A
- 13 B
- 14 C
- 15 C
 - 1.33 point each correct answer. Total: 20 points.