

1. *Fill in the gaps. Choose the appropriate form of the verb. Explain your choice.*

sleeps/is sleeping

1 He believes that to be healthy and merry, a person should sleep no less than eight hours a day. He ... nine hours to be on the safe side (на всякий случай).

2 He arrived only two hours ago, very tired and weak. I think he ... and it's not a very good idea to wake him up.

wore/was wearing

3 I recognized him at once. He ... the same dark leather jacket, blue jeans and a bright yellow scarf.

4 It was very hot at the seaside and she seldom ... anything else but a T-shirt, light cotton shorts and huge sunglasses.

have made/was making

5 I can't wash up; my finger hurts. I cut it when I ... sandwiches.

6 If you are going to the countryside for the whole day, take this basket with you. I ... some fish and chicken sandwiches.

joined/had joined

7 When I was ten, I ... a swimming team and even took part in competitions.

8 Jack was a good swimmer and was offered to take part in the swimming competition. But he refused because he ... the diving club and had no time for anything else.

has been choosing/has chosen

9 Jane ... at last where to go on holiday. We are leaving for Spain next week.

10 I'm not sure we'll go anywhere this summer at all. Jane ... the place since April but still can't make up her mind.

2. *Complete the following story using the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.*

George doesn't like staying at home when he is on holiday. He ... (1) (prefer) going somewhere at the seaside. He ... (2) (enjoy) swimming, windsurfing, and diving. Three months ago he was at the Red Sea and when he ... (3) (come) back, tanned and happy, he said that he ... (4) (never/have) such a terrific holiday before. As he was very good at swimming and diving and was interested in biology, he managed to join a scientific expedition that ... (5) (study) the sea life of the Red Sea coast at that time. The researchers ... (6) (allow) him to help them in their work and gave him a special suit for diving, so he ... (7) (be able to) stay deep in the sea for quite a long time. George was amazed how beautiful the underwater world was. Millions of brightly coloured fish ... (8) (move) busily around him. Crabs, turtles, and sea snakes looked at him curiously and then hurried about their

underwater business. Once when George ... (9) (follow) a little crab, a huge fish appeared from behind a coral rock. Though he ... (10) (never/see) sharks alive, he recognized it at once. Fortunately, the shark took no interest in him and disappeared into the depth as if it had much more important things to do. While George ... (11) (work) for the expedition, exploring the sea plants and animals in their natural conditions, he made a firm decision to go on studying biology and natural sciences as the research work ... (12) (become) very attractive to him.

1. An important profession.
2. Looking for a job.
3. Learning business.
4. Learning by doing.
5. A new image of Marry Poppins.
6. Kids are in trouble.

1. A computer company has a special person who answers all questions that are sent to him. The person is a 63 year old man. He is known for always finding the right answers he does not look like a computer expert. Other companies do not have a place for people to ask questions. If they do, it may take a long time to get an answer. Sometimes you may never get an answer at all. It is important for companies to have a person who will answer your questions.

2. Every morning kids from a local high school are working hard. They are selling their special coffee to airplane passengers. The students earn 6 dollars an hour plus tips. They also get school credit while they learn how to run a business. Many of the students enjoy the work although it took some time to learn how to do it. They have to learn how to steam milk, load the pots and add flavor. It takes some skill and sometimes mistakes are made. The most common mistake is forgetting to add the coffee.

3. Martin Smith at his 22 is one of the best male nannies. "I love being around kids, it is very rewarding. The money isn't great, but then I don't do it for the money. I like seeing kids happy and, if they are, it makes my job a lot easier," laughs Martin. His female colleagues have welcomed Martin, although some men think his chosen career makes him "strange". He admits that it will be some time before male nannies are totally accepted.

4. Tom had a good job for many years. He enjoyed his work and did his job well. But six months ago Tom lost his job. Finding a new job turned out to be difficult. Tom has become discouraged. He cannot pay the bills. A job counselor gave him a person to contact. Now he feels better because he has two job interviews next week.

5. Bess is a clerk in an office. She doesn't know how to use the paper shredder. Gail, Bess' boss, shows her how to use it. Gail points to the on/off switch. Bess turns the shredder on. "Keep your hands and clothes away from the shredder when it is on and in use. The blades are sharp," says Gail. "I would like to practice it by myself," says Bess.

Dear Editor,

We represent the Young Journalists Club and we would be happy to publish some of our articles in your journal. The topics we study refer to teenagers' life. We run different surveys and questionnaires which help understand what teenagers are interested in, what they care for, and what they are indifferent to. Most of our research is on political and cultural issues, and we want to find out how competent contemporary teenagers are in those topics. We certainly don't ignore environmental issues and human rights problems and try to display a wide diversity of views and opinions.

Lately we've been studying the TV topic, i.e. what teenagers watch on TV and what TV programmes they enjoy. Forty teenagers, aged 14-16, were interviewed, and we got some curious results. Here are some of them.

About thirty-five percent of the interviewed said that they don't watch the news at all. "I don't watch the news," said Julia Smith, one of the typical representatives of that group, "they speak either about wars or terrorist attacks. If I watch it, I feel down and scared ... , so ... I don't watch it at all."

Sixty-five percent watch the news occasionally and randomly, and were not able to name any programme they trust. They confuse Presidents and Prime Ministers, and they are not sure about the regions of armed conflicts, and don't know what the word "summit" means. However, about half of our respondents mentioned that they would like to feel more confident about political issues, and that it would be useful to have some classes on political literacy in the school curriculum.

The survey revealed some unexpected things. For example, most teenagers are not really keen on thrillers and action films. They say that they prefer point-and-shoot computer games to action films.

As for TV, about sixty percent of our respondents claim that they would like to see more educational, cultural and popular science films on TV. Scientific breakthroughs, new technologies, mysteries of the past and the present, ancient civilizations are very welcome. These topics have always been a great attraction for teenagers of all generations.

In conclusion we would like to thank you for the time you gave to our letter. If you find our topics of some interest to your journal and your readers, we would be happy to present the full texts of our projects and articles, and discuss our possible cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Martine Swift

President of the Young Journalists Club

A5. Club publishes their articles in the journal on a regular basis.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A6. The young journalists have already published some of their articles in other journals.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A7. The young journalists write about teenagers and topics related to them.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

A8. The young journalists never give names of the people they interview.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated