

### 1 Choose the correct word(s) in each sentence.

Example: Have you finished that book yet / just?

- 1 They **might** / **must** have a picnic tomorrow – if the weather's nice.
- 2 Who **painted** / **did paint** this picture? It's great!
- 3 That's the **best** / **better** restaurant I've ever eaten in.
- 4 **Swim** / **Swimming** every Saturday makes me feel great.
- 5 I've eaten **too many** / **too much** biscuits, and now I feel ill!
- 6 You **don't have to** / **should** try these trousers. I think they'll look great on you.
- 7 I had a boring weekend. I didn't have **nothing** / **anything** to do.
- 8 We **wouldn't** / **won't** go to the party if we didn't want to.
- 9 He **said** / **told** us he was busy in the evening.
- 10 You **don't have to** / **mustn't** get up early, if you don't want to.
- 11 This car's **most** / **more** expensive than mine.
- 12 He doesn't do **too** / **enough** housework. I have to do it all!
- 13 My mum walks more **quickly** / **quicker** than my dad.
- 14 You **must** / **mustn't** listen to your sister. She's trying to help you.

### 2 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: He usually gets up (get up) at six o'clock.

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) my new boss last week.
- 2 Silvio \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) a job next year.
- 3 Anna \_\_\_\_\_ (have) short hair, but now it's quite long.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a rhinoceros?
- 5 Curry \_\_\_\_\_ (make) with a lot of spices.
- 6 She \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner when I arrived, so I offered to help.
- 7 I don't think it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) tomorrow, so we can have a picnic.
- 8 They \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) out last night; they went home after work.
- 9 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not listen) to our teacher right now.
- 10 I left the cinema because I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the film before.
- 11 Teresa \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) TV at the moment.
- 12 When he arrived, they \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) – the flat was empty.
- 13 I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Australia twice. How about you?
- 14 The school \_\_\_\_\_ (not clean) on Saturdays.
- 15 What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (find) when you opened the door?
- 16 Happy anniversary! How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married?

### 3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: What music do you listen to?

- 1 How long did you wait \_\_\_\_\_ your bus?
- 2 Do write \_\_\_\_\_ us soon, and tell us all your news.
- 3 What time did you arrive \_\_\_\_\_ work? Were you late?
- 4 Sorry, I can't pay \_\_\_\_\_ this meal.
- 5 Be careful when you jump \_\_\_\_\_ the swimming pool.
- 6 Adam's worried \_\_\_\_\_ his driving test tomorrow.

- 7 We aren't sure if we'll go to the beach. It depends \_\_\_\_\_ the weather  
8 Claire fell in love \_\_\_\_\_ her boyfriend soon after they met.

#### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: My dad's brother is my uncle.

aunt uncle cousin

- 1 Alan's really \_\_\_\_\_. He always gives us presents.  
generous mean lazy
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ a really good time at the party.  
spent had did
- 3 Emma \_\_\_\_\_ me she wanted to get a pizza.  
said replied told
- 4 The next meeting is \_\_\_\_\_ 16th May.  
on in at
- 5 The opposite of *empty* is \_\_\_\_\_.  
crowded safe clean
- 6 My sister is my aunt's \_\_\_\_\_.  
niece granddaughter nephew
- 7 We're going to drive \_\_\_\_\_ a tunnel! Put your lights on.  
across under through
- 8 I haven't got much money \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not going to buy the coat.  
although so because
- 9 You could \_\_\_\_\_ a prize if you enter the competition.  
make win earn
- 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ on really well with my sister.  
get do make
- 11 She isn't \_\_\_\_\_ good at science. She finds it difficult.  
really very bit
- 12 Is she looking \_\_\_\_\_ to the holidays?  
forward after for
- 13 That dress looks nice. Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_ it on?  
wear take try
- 14 Can you turn \_\_\_\_\_ the TV? I want to watch the film.  
off on in

## READING

### 1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

## The woman who can remember every day of her life

As part of our series on extraordinary people, this week we find out about Rita Howard, a woman with a very unusual talent.

What was the weather like yesterday? What were you thinking about when you woke up this morning? If someone asked you these questions, you probably wouldn't find it too hard to answer. But how about remembering the same information for this date last year, or even ten

years ago? Most of us find it easy to remember what happened on the most important days of our lives, but soon forget the little details of the other days, weeks, months and years. We often imagine that, without this regular 'forgetting', our brains would be too crowded with memories and thoughts. For Rita Howard, however, it's as easy to remember a day thirty years ago as it is to tell us about yesterday.

Rita can choose any date from her 68 years and say where she was, what she was doing, and what day of the week it was. For years, she had no idea that this amazing memory was anything special. She was a hard-working student who always did well at school. Then later she became a historian, a job where she had many opportunities to use her ability to memorize all the facts she'd ever learned. Even so, it was only six years ago, when she was in a research project, that scientists actually told Rita she had hyperthymesia – an unusually good memory of her own experiences. Only around 20 people worldwide have the condition.

'People began to imagine that I knew everything,' says Rita. 'Whereas, of course, I only know everything about my own life!' Another common idea is that Rita has far more memories than everyone else. 'In fact, we all have a similar number,' she comments. 'I'm just far better at finding and using mine than other people.'

As Rita reached retirement age, she wondered if her memory would get worse. Three years later, however, it's just as good as ever. 'Will that always be the case?' she asks. 'Who knows? I know all about the past, not the future!'

Example: This article is one of a series.

A True  B False  C Doesn't say

- 1 People often find it difficult to remember recent events.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 2 Remembering world events is easier than events in our own lives.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 3 People think that it's better for our brains to forget small things.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 4 Rita finds it easy to remember small details from years ago.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 5 She knew her memory was special when she was young.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 6 Doctors only studied Rita's ability after she retired.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 7 The other 20 people with this condition remember different things.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 8 People often have wrong ideas about Rita's memory.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 9 Rita still works as a historian.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 10 She knows her memory will stay the same.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say

## 2 Read the text again and answer these questions.

1 Why does the writer ask about yesterday's weather at the start of the article?  
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2 What does the author say happens to our memories of small things?  
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3 What's Rita Howard's age?  
\_\_\_\_\_

4 Was Rita a lazy student?  
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5 When did Rita expect her memory to change?  
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