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# English Paper

## READING TEST

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# Colombia Learns and Practices English

“Languages are a vehicle for communication, interaction, generation of opportunities and development.”

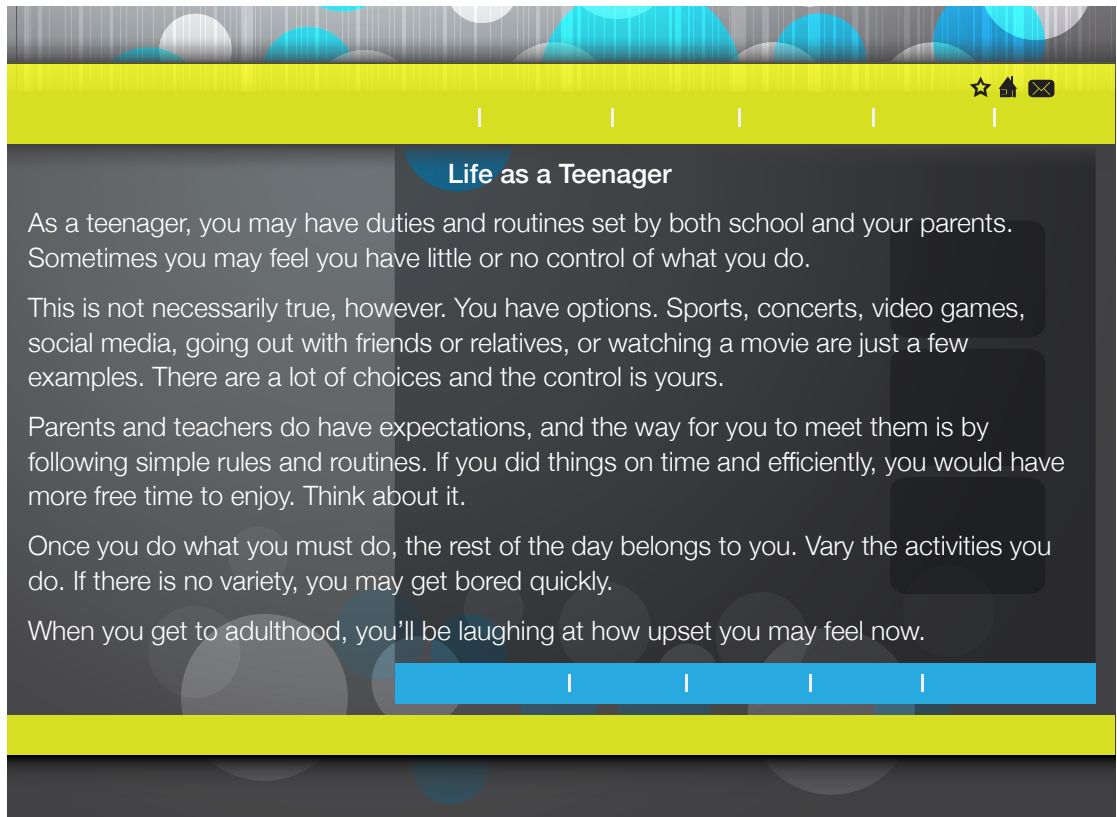
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You can take these different tests to see how you are doing in English. Choose the test you are interested in from the following sections: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.

- Answer each of the questions in the section carefully in your answer sheet.
- Double-check you are sure of your answers.
- Make changes if necessary.
- When you finish, ask for help from your teacher.

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Read the blog and answer the questions.



**Life as a Teenager**

As a teenager, you may have duties and routines set by both school and your parents. Sometimes you may feel you have little or no control of what you do.

This is not necessarily true, however. You have options. Sports, concerts, video games, social media, going out with friends or relatives, or watching a movie are just a few examples. There are a lot of choices and the control is yours.

Parents and teachers do have expectations, and the way for you to meet them is by following simple rules and routines. If you did things on time and efficiently, you would have more free time to enjoy. Think about it.

Once you do what you must do, the rest of the day belongs to you. Vary the activities you do. If there is no variety, you may get bored quickly.

When you get to adulthood, you'll be laughing at how upset you may feel now.



### Questions

1. Are there specific routines and duties teens must follow?
  - Yes.
  - No.
2. Who establishes the routines?
  - other teens (peer pressure)
  - teachers and parents
3. How many activities does the writer mention?
  - more than five
  - five
4. What may happen if you don't vary the activities you do?
  - You may get bored.
  - The rest of the day belongs to you.
5. What would happen if you did things on time?
  - You will be laughing at how upset you feel.
  - You would have more free time.

/5 points

Match the descriptions to the pictures.

- a. I have been doing this ever since social media became popular.
- b. I loved doing this, but the control broke and now I like other things.
- c. I hated doing this, but if I wanted pocket money, I had to.
- d. If I do this at the right volume, I can do it all the time at home.
- e. If you want to be successful at school, you must do this.

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/5 points

Read and choose the correct answer.

**A Unique Celebration** 

Every January, tourists from around the world gather in Pasto, a small city in southern Colombia. Why? For a very special event: The Blacks and Whites' Carnival. This festival is so important that in 2009, UNESCO recognized it as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. 

This gigantic party lasts for six days, but there are two main events celebrated on January the 5th and 6th. The first one is the Blacks' Day, in which people paint their faces or their whole body in black and go out to the streets shouting: "¡Que vivan los Negros!" Then the Whites' Day is celebrated with a 15-kilometer enormous parade. That day, people paint themselves in white to celebrate diversity with dance and music. 

If you are planning to start the year in Colombia, you should not miss this wonderful traditional event. I can assure you it will be an incredible experience! 



### Questions

1. What do people celebrate in the Blacks and Whites' Carnival?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> the start of the year	<input type="checkbox"/> diversity and cultural heritage
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2. How many days do people celebrate?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> 2 days	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 days
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3. When is the Blacks' Day?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> on January 5th	<input type="checkbox"/> on January 6th
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4. When does the parade take place?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> on the Whites' Day	<input type="checkbox"/> on the Blacks' Day
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5. What is the author's suggestion for travelers?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> to attend this festival	<input type="checkbox"/> to start the year in Colombia
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Read and complete the text with the phrases from the box.

give thanks

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### Harvest Feasts Around the World

Nowadays, we can get almost everything we need

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the closest supermarket, but can you imagine living 200 years ago and depending only on the crops you have harvested? People around the world organized celebrations to give thanks for the food they received. Some of these celebrations have continued to today. Let's learn about some of them!

Thanksgiving is celebrated in the U.S. and some parts of Canada. People get together to have dinner and 2. \_\_\_\_\_ for the blessings they have.

Rice Harvest in Bali, Indonesia 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the rice goddess, Dewi Sri. Villages are decorated with flags, and small dolls, representing the goddess, are placed in barns as offerings.

Sukkot is celebrated in Jerusalem. Families build huts with roofs open to the sky. Everywhere you 4. \_\_\_\_\_, you can see people shaking a bouquet to thank the gifts of the land.

People in Magione, Italy celebrate Olivagando, the olive harvest. People from the town are let in to a medieval castle where dinner 5. \_\_\_\_\_.

Is there a harvest feast in your town? How is it celebrated?

/5 points

Read and complete the text with the words in the box.

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### The Beauty of Diversity

Everywhere you 1. , you will be able to see different shapes and colors that give our world its beauty. In the same way, all people have diverse 2. , experiences, and cultures that are reflected in their appearance.

However, sometimes we are not open 3.  to different ideas and we develop stereotypes. We tend to judge people because of the way they look and the 4.  they wear. Stereotypes are often unfair and lead to discrimination, which has many negative effects.

We all can help to reduce stereotypes and discrimination by 5.  on our ideas and actions and by promoting respect toward all the people around us.

Be part of the change! Let's build a better world!