

1. Reading

Read the text and complete the statements after it with the appropriate variants.

American Newspapers

When it comes to American newspapers, a lot of people outside the United States think of the International Herald Tribune which is on the daily reading list of many world leaders. However, the Herald Tribune is not really an American paper. It is published in Paris and printed simultaneously in Paris, London, Zurich, Hongkong, Singapore, The Hague, Marseille and Miami as an international digest of news. Most of it is taken from its much larger parents, the New York Times and the Washington Post. Many people in America have never heard of it. And few Americans read it.

There are lots of American newspapers (daily, Sunday, weekly) published in the USA. Most of the daily ones are published rain or shine, on Christmas, Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July (Independence Day). The daily newspapers in the US sell over 63 million copies a day. The Sunday papers are usually much larger than regular editions. The record for a Sunday paper is held by the New York Times. One issue on a Sunday in 1987 contained 1612 pages and weighed 12 pounds. Reading the Sunday paper is an American tradition. For some people it is an alternative to going to church. Getting through all the sections can take most of the day, leaving, just enough time for the leisurely Sunday dinner.

1. The International Herald Tribune is
 - a) not practically read outside the US
 - b) not practically read by average Americans
 - c) more read in Paris than in The Hague, Marseille or Miami

2. The International Herald Tribune is
 - a) a typical American newspaper
 - b) read by lots of country leaders all over the world
 - c) published in various world cities

3. American daily newspapers are
 - a) sold in great numbers
 - b) much thicker than American newspapers published every week
 - c) not published on National American holidays

4. Some Americans have a habit of reading Sunday newspapers
 - a) in churches
 - b) during their Sunday dinners
 - c) instead of going to church on Sunday

2. Vocabulary tests

1. Use the adjectives from the box to complete the sentences.

distant fierce gifted idle illiterate incapable
marvelous obvious passionate wasteful

- 1 I think the child is seriously ill. He is ... to concentrate on anything.
- 2 I must admit I'm really computer ... , though it sounds strange nowadays.
- 3 He gave a ... speech today about the need for a new art school in the locality.
- 4 Rebecca spends so much money on clothes and jewellery. I think she is a very ... person.
- 5 George is a very ... musician. He can play several different instruments and does it perfectly well.
- 6 I didn't believe anything he said. All those stories of his were ... lies.
- 7 I felt admiration and pleasure and became really proud of my daughter. All her ideas were extremely good and unusually clever, they were really
- 8 Don't worry. I have not been ... while you were away. I've done some washing and ironing and I've made soup and the main course (dish).
- 9 The house is guarded by a ... dog that is really violent and likely to attack.
- 10 Those ... lands, the faraway lands have always been extremely interesting for the young explorer.

2. Use the prefixes from the box to make adjectives of the opposite meanings.

un-; in- ; ir- ; im-; il-

capable polite legal responsible rewarding

expensive interesting moral friendly dependent

3. Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences with the appropriate function word from given:

in off on out

1. The soldiers somehow managed to hold ... the enemy's attack.
2. The child held his hand ... and I put a coin into it.
3. Hold ... a minute, I'll just get a pen.
4. Do you think they will be able to hold ... making their decision until Monday?
5. It was slippery, so I had to hold ... to the branches of the tree not to fall down.

6. It was not easy to hold ... my anger but I did it.
7. Hold ... to the seat in front when we go round the corner.
8. The girl was trying desperately to hold ... her tears.
9. Hold ... ! You forgot your bag!
10. I held ... my cup to be refilled.

3. Grammar

1. Choose the appropriate verb form to complete the sentences.

1. My friend suggested (to play/playing) the new computer game.
2. Some time ago they used (to go/going) to the theatre every month.
3. I clearly remember (to meet/meeting) them in the schoolyard after classes.
4. Ben always stops (to say /saying) hello to his neighbour on his way to school.
5. We regret (to inform/informing) you that our school trip has been cancelled.
6. My parents always allowed me (to bring/bringing) friends to our house. They said they enjoyed meeting them.
7. Please stop (to call/calling) me by this silly name.
8. I'm sure you will regret (not to join/not joining) us for the party.
9. Please remember (to complete/completing) this form before you cross the border of the country.
10. Have you forgotten (to speak/speaking) to Jane about the change in the timetable? Now I understand why she hasn't come.
11. They don't mind (to help/helping) us at all.
12. Ann offered (to read/reading) a book to the patient and he gladly agreed.

2. Complete the sentences with *(not) used to* or *(not) to be/get used to* in their appropriate forms.

1. Lisa ... working in the garden. She has never done it in her whole life.
2. The children ... get up before sunrise and go fishing in one of the nearby lakes.
3. My father ... travel to work by a local train, but now he drives to his office.
4. When did you ... speaking English with an American accent?
5. I never drink black coffee, I ... it.