

READING COMPREHENSION

1 Read the text. Complete the gaps with these words.

decided ~~learnt~~ loved returned wore wrote

Mary Henrietta Kingsley (1862-1900)

Mary Kingsley was born in London in 1862. Her father, George, was a doctor and also a travel writer. Two of her uncles, Charles and Henry Kingsley, were novelists. When she was a child, Mary didn't go to school because she had to look after her invalid mother. But Mary learnt a lot from reading the books in her father's library. She 1 _____ to hear her father's stories of foreign countries.

When both of her parents died in 1892, Mary decided to travel. She wanted to visit Africa and learn about the life of the people there. When she arrived in West Africa in 1893, she lived with the local people. They showed her how to live in the African jungle.

In Africa, Mary always 2 _____ the traditional clothes that women wore in England: long skirts, coats and fur hats. Her main work was collecting plants and fish. She 3 _____ to London with more than a hundred different African plants and fish.

Mary 4 _____ a book called *Travels in West Africa* which became a best-seller. People from all over England invited her to visit them and talk about her experiences in Africa.

In 1899, Mary returned to Africa to collect more plants and fish. She was in Cape Town during the Anglo-Boer war (1899-1902). She wanted to help and she 5 _____ to become nurse.

While she was nursing the soldiers, Mary became very ill herself. She died at the age of thirty-seven.

2 Read the text again. Mark the sentences (T) true, (F) false or (DK) don't know.

Mary's uncle Charles was a doctor. F

1 Mary never learnt to read. ____

2 Mary's father had a library in their home. ____

3 Mary's mother and her father died in the same year. ____

4 When Mary arrived in Africa, the local African people helped her. ____

5 In Africa, Mary wore the same clothes as the African people. ____

6 Mary was scared of dogs. ____

7 In 1899, Mary returned to Africa because she wanted to be a nurse. ____

3 Read the e-mail and choose the best word (A, B or C) for each gap.

Hi Sam!

Here I am for three weeks at the Activity Centre in Scotland! I travelled from London **1** _____ train with Mike and Tony. One of the activity leaders **2** _____ us at the station and **3** _____ us to the Centre. He was very friendly and showed us around. It's a fantastic place and the scenery is brilliant.

I **4** _____ a room with an Australian, Tod. He's really **5** _____ and is brilliant **6** _____ drawing animals.

Yesterday was our first day and we **7** _____ choose our activities for this week. I chose horse-riding, sailing and, of course, football!

I'm having a great time! (It's **8** _____ than being at home!)

Write back.

Pete

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|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| A) be | B) am | C) was |
| 1 A) by | B) with | C) on |
| 2 A) meets | B) meet | C) met |
| 3 A) drove | B) was driving | C) drives |
| 4 A) share | B) shared | C) am sharing |
| 5 A) art | B) artistic | C) artist |
| 6 A) with | B) for | C) at |
| 7 A) had to | B) couldn't | C) didn't have to |
| 8 A) best | B) good | C) better |

KEY EXPRESSIONS

4 Match the questions (1-5) with the answers (a-e).

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| Are you good at basketball? (<i>f</i>) | a) Because I'm allergic to it. |
| 1 Did you have a good trip? ____ | b) I'd rather act in it. |
| 2 Why don't you eat chocolate? ____ | c) Yes, he's very practical. |
| 3 Is he good at making things? ____ | d) Yes, thanks. |
| 4 Would you like to produce a play? ____ | e) Because my exams are next week. |
| 5 Why are you studying ten hours a day? ____ | f) No, I hate sports. |

Communication

5 Match the questions (1–5) with the answers (a–e).

- What's your favourite school subject? (f)
- 1 What do you want to do on Saturday? _____
- 2 Do you want to watch TV now? _____
- 3 Would you like some chocolate? _____
- 4 You'd like to be an actor. Is that right? _____
- 5 What extra facilities would you like to have at your school? _____
- (a) I'd like more science laboratories.
- (b) No, I'd prefer to listen to some CDs.
- (c) I'd like to go swimming.
- (d) Well, I'd rather be a singer.
- (e) No, thanks. I'm on a diet.
- (f) *Maths.*

6 Write the sentences in the correct order to make a conversation between two friends.

A: Hi, Carol. Do you like acting?

- 1 A: Lots of different things. Actors and producers from the local theatre teach us acting, singing and dancing. And we paint scenery and make costumes.
- 2 A: Our drama group meets on Fridays after school. We're looking for new members. Would you like to come and try it?
- 3 B: I prefer singing to acting and I love dancing. Yes, I'd like to come next Friday and see what it's like.
- 4 B: Yes, but I'm not very good at it. Why?
- 5 B: I don't know. What do you do at the club?

A: Hi, Carol. Do you like acting?

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: _____

B: _____

A: That's great. We need good dancers and singers.

WRITING

You are in London and you're writing an e-mail to your best friend.

Make sure to answer these questions:

Where are you staying? What's the weather like? What famous sights have you visited so far?

What did you like best? Why?

(60 words)