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## READING

**1. You are going to read an article about a freeconomist. Mark the statements as T (true) or F (false).**

### LIVING WITHOUT MONEY

Mark Boyle is a 30- year- old freeconomist. A freeconomist is somebody who doesn't use money. But how is this possible? And how did Mark make the change to living without money?

The first thing he needed was somewhere to live. Luckily, he found a caravan that nobody wanted. Although Mark doesn't work for money, he volunteers on a farm three days a week in exchange for a place to put his caravan. As he can't pay bills for his home, he had to find a way to get energy: he burns wood for heating, he uses olive oil cans for cooking, and he has solar panel to collect energy from the sun to make electricity.

His caravan has lights, a laptop and a mobile phone (though he can only receive calls). Mark washes in a river (without soap) he uses natural things like fish bones and seeds as toothpaste.

He grows his own food on the farm where he lives, or finds wild food such as mushrooms and berries. He also gets waste food from restaurants or shops and exchanges food with other people. He owns a bike and cycles everywhere he needs to go. His clothes come from a free website.

Mark says that he is a happier person now that he lives this way, and he wants to continue living without money. 'It does have challenges, but I don't have the stress of bank accounts, bills, traffic jams, and long hours in a job I don't enjoy.'

Freeconomists like Mark say their way of life can help save the planet from climate change and pollution. As Mark explains, 'There's so much waste. If we all grew our own food, we would eat everything. If we all made our own tables and chairs, we wouldn't throw them away. If we had to clean our own drinking water, we wouldn't waste it.'

1. Mark paid for his caravan. \_\_\_\_
2. He receives money to work on the farm. \_\_\_\_
3. Although he can't pay the bills, he found ways to make energy. \_\_\_\_
4. He makes a lot of phone calls. \_\_\_\_
5. His toothpaste is made by him. \_\_\_\_
6. He gets food in four different ways. \_\_\_\_
7. He is happy he lost his stressful job in the bank. \_\_\_\_
8. He thinks if all the people were freeconomists, the planet would be cleaner. \_\_\_\_

**2. You are going to read an article about a movie called Black Hollywood. For each question choose the right answer.**

**BLACK HOLLYWOOD**

Patricia Denning stars in a sad movie about ambition and heartbreak.

When Cecilia leaves college in Texas, she has everything: a wonderful boyfriend, Carl, an interesting job and an expensive house in a pretty town. Her life is perfect. Even her black Labrador dog, Perky, is a star: he wins the local dog competition and Hollywood wants to put him in a movie.

Cecilia goes to Hollywood with him and leaves her boyfriend alone back home. When the studio fires Perky, Cecilia decides to stay in Hollywood and tries to get other movie roles for her beautiful dog.

Carl gives Cecilia an ultimatum: come home and stop behaving crazily, or stay there forever. Cecilia decides to stay in Hollywood and wants to become an actress herself. She sends Perky back to Texas and starts an acting course. After six months, Cecilia realizes she can't act and she misses home, but it's too late. Carl has found another girlfriend. Cecilia tries to win him back, and also discovers a lot about herself on her long journey.

This is a very sad movie, which makes you think about what we want from life. Patricia Denning is very convincing as Cecilia, but the star of the movie is gorgeous Perky, the black Labrador who steals our hearts. Black Hollywood is in cinemas from next week.

**1. What does Cecilia not have?**

- a) A house she loves
- b) A wonderful husband
- c) A pet
- d) A great job

- c) He's too nervous to work
- d) He makes two movies and retires

**2. When does her wonderful adventure begin?**

- a) When her dog wins a competition
- b) When she marries her boyfriend, Carl
- c) When she goes on vacation to Hollywood
- d) When she buys the house in a pretty town

**4. What is Carl's reaction to Cecilia living in Hollywood?**

- a) He doesn't know she went
- b) He's angry
- c) He doesn't care
- d) He's supportive

**3. What happens to Perky in Hollywood?**

- a) He isn't very successful
- b) He becomes a star

**5. Why does Cecilia stay in Hollywood?**

- a) She wants to become an actress
- b) She is too busy making movies
- c) She hates Carl
- d) She has no money

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## USE OF ENGLISH

**1. Rewrite the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. You can only use from one to three words. You cannot keep the same sentence.**

**a. What are you planning to do next year?**

What are you ..... next year?

**b. There is only a bit of milk in the glass.**

There is not ..... in the glass.

**c. Are these your pens?**

Are these .....?

**d. I love going running every day in the morning.**

I love .....run every day in the morning.

**E. I met Sarah five years ago.**

I ..... Sarah for five years.

**g. I started playing the piano when I was 5**

I .....the piano since I was 5.

**h. When did you buy your car?**

How ..... had your car?

**i. You look sick. Why don't you go to the doctor?**

You look sick. I think, .....go to the doctor.

**j. Peter saved a lot of money because he wanted to travel to Haiti.**

Peter saved a lot of money .....to Haiti.

**k. Don't speak to me like that or I'll go home.**

If you ..... like that, I'll go home.

**l. I locked the door. I remember it.**

I remember .....the door.

**ll. People build millions of houses in this country every year.**

Millions of houses.....in this country every year.

**m. Who was the new magazine published by?**

Who .....the new magazine?

**n. When I was a child I wore a uniform to school.**

When I was a child .....wear a uniform to school.

**o. Mary is not here. She went to the doctor 5 minutes ago.**

Mary has ..... to the doctor.

**p. There is a man at the bus stop. That man is my father.**

That man .....at the bus stop is my father.

**q. I live in this house.**

This is the house .....

**r. "I don't go shopping very often."**

She said .....shopping very often.

**s. "I'll buy the bread on my way home."**

She said .....the bread on her way home.

**t. Imagine that you win the lottery.**

What ....., if you won the lottery?

**u. I would like to have a bigger house to have big parties in it.**

If I had a bigger house, .....big parties in it.

**2. Read the following story and choose the best option for each gap.**

**NOW MUSICIANS CAN ENJOY THEIR ART..AND STILL MAKE MONEY!**

Fewer CDs are being sold both in shops and online, music is available free \_\_ (1) the internet and the big bands on tour are making more money from merchandising \_\_ (2) from tickets. Musicians are no longer in the music business, they are in the T-shirt business!

OK, that may be a \_\_ (3) extreme. \_\_ (4) with less money coming in from selling music the conventional way, artists need \_\_ (5) new ways to make a living from their art. But how?

Well, one of the \_\_ (6) ways I know is by letting fans decide how \_\_ (7) they want to pay. Lots of bands \_\_ (8) do this quite successfully online.

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| 1 | A in      | B. on       | C. at     |
| 2 | A that    | B or        | C than    |
| 3 | A lot     | B something | C bit     |
| 4 | A But     | B And       | C Already |
| 5 | A finding | B to find   | C find    |
| 6 | A better  | B worse     | C best    |
| 7 | A much    | B little    | C many    |
| 8 | A yet     | B already   | C never   |

## WRITING

Choose **one** of the following topics and do your writing. 120-150 words.

**1. Do you remember your school days? How did they used to be?**

**2. Three things I would never do in my life.**