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THE FLYING FOOL

In 1919 a New York businessman offered a prize of \$25,000 to whoever flew non-stop from New York to Paris for the first time. On 20 May 1927 Captain Charles A. Lindbergh set out to win the prize. He took off from New York in a small, one-engined plane called 'Spirit of St. Louis'. He took no map and no parachute. With him in the open cockpit he had five sandwiches, two pints of water and an inflatable raft. Some journalists reporting the story called him 'the flying fool'. Thirty three and a half hours later Lindbergh landed safely at Le Bourget near Paris. Americans were mad with joy. When Lindbergh returned to America a week later, half a million letters and 75,000 telegrams were waiting for him. During a victory parade through New York, office workers gave him a 'ticker-tape welcome'. They threw confetti made of torn-up paper from their office window. 1,800 tons of paper fell onto the streets along the route. Lindbergh soon became America's greatest hero of the twentieth century. Hundreds of streets were named after him. He could not send his clothes to the cleaner's because laundry workers kept them for souvenirs. He could not write cheques because people kept them as autographs instead of cashing them. And the whole country mourned five years later when his baby son was kidnapped and brutally murdered.

Answer questions [1], [2], [3], [4] from the 'The Flying Fool' passage.

[1] comprehension questions:

What is the story about?

Who was the flying fool?

Why was he called the flying fool?

What year did he fly to Paris?

Why did he fly to Paris?

How long was the journey to Paris?

Why did the people in New York celebrate his return?

What year was his baby murdered?

Why did people keep his shirts and cheques?

Write a passive sentence from the passage.

[2] What does each word refer to?

they (line 10): -----

him (line 14): -----

them (line 15): -----

he (line 15): -----

them (line 16): -----

[3] What is the meaning of each word as it is used in the passage? Choose one meaning only.

Circle your answer.

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|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| set out (line 3) : | a. wanted | b. planned | c. flew |
| mad (line 8): | a. very angry | c. very crazy | c. very happy |
| confetti (line 10): | a. food in paper | b. newspapers | c. paper pieces |
| route (line 12): | a. way | b. city | c. river |
| named after (line 14): | a. after he died | b. called like him | c. followed him |
| laundry (line 15): | a. clothes shop | b. office workers | d. cleaner's |
| mourned (line 17) : | a. was sad | c. celebrated | b. came in the morning |
| kidnapped (line 17): | a. taken away | b. run away | c. hidden |
| murdered (line 17): | a. stolen | c. killed | c. beaten |

[4] What part of speech is each word as it is used in the passage (use noun, verb, adjective, adverb):

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| Captain ----- | prize ----- | journalist ----- | landed ----- |
| safely ----- | flying ----- | joy ----- | waiting ----- |
| during ----- | along ----- | century ----- | brutally ----- |

[5] Each row has 4 words. Circle the word that is different from the others in some way. Circle one word only.

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|----|--------------|---------|----------|---------|
| 1. | grandparents | nephew | neighbor | niece |
| 2. | Spanish | Chinese | German | Holland |
| 3. | hill | sea | river | stream |
| 4. | postman | soldier | runner | tailor |
| 5. | Jupiter | Galaxy | Mars | Venus |

6.	hygiene helium	hydrogen	carbon	dioxide
7.	elementary	secondary	primary	college
8.	wind	wave	fog	snow
9.	break	damage	danger	destroy
10.	suit	trousers	pyjamas	blanket
11.	fleet	ship	plane	train
12.	tiger	eagle	zebra	elephant
13.	Industry	factory	agriculture	electricity
14.	corn	beans	oats	wheat

[6] Change all the verbs into the Present Tense. Change all the verbs so that they fit into the passage very well. Write your answer on the line next to the verb.

When school broke up in June, the children rushed back to the country where they knew lots of fun awaited them. They spent most of the summer out in the fields where they learnt about farm life. The workers fed and milked the cows and goats, fed the chicken and collected the eggs, harvested the wheat and ploughed the fields, picked the fruit and sent it off to the town for sale. The children helped whenever possible but sometimes they created more problems than they solved.

broke -----	rushed -----
knew -----	awaited -----
spent -----	learnt -----
fed -----	milked -----
collected -----	harvested -----
ploughed -----	picked -----
sent -----	helped -----
created -----	solved -----

[7] Change all the verbs in the following paragraph into the Future Tense. Change the verbs so that they fit into the passage very well. Write your answer on the line next to the verb.

Thirty three and a half hours later Lindbergh landed safely near Paris. Americans were mad with joy. When Lindbergh returned to America a week later, half a million letters and 75,000 telegrams were waiting for him. During a victory parade through New York, office workers gave him a 'ticker-tape welcome'. They threw confetti made of torn-up paper from their office window. 1,800 tons of paper fell onto the streets.

landed -----	were -----
returned -----	were waiting -----
gave -----	threw -----
fell -----	

[8] Fill in the blanks with an article (a, an, the). Use X for blanks with no article.

----- Sweden is ----- country which imports 70% of its energy. Its people are aware of ----- cost of energy and ----- importance of not wasting it. In Uppsala ----- temperatures are frequently around zero degrees. There, ----- man has built ----- house which he pays only \$40 ----- year to heat. In ----- UK there is less waste now than before. In 1980 ----- country used 8% less energy than in 1973, but there could be a saving of 30% in ----- industry and around 40% in ordinary household use of ----- energy.

[9] Fill in the blanks with a preposition (across, at, about, in, on, to, of, from, with, for). You may use the same preposition several times.

Henry Hudson left London ----- a ship called the Discovery. His purpose was ----- find the North West Passage, which would take him ----- the top ----- North America and -----the Pacific ----- Indonesia. Seventeen months after the ship left London, it returned. -----the twenty-two men who had sailed, there were only eight left. These eight men brought ----- them a long story ----- hunger and death. ----- the first ----- November they found a place ----- spend the winter and pulled the ship ----- the ice. They had food -----six months with them. Then a number ----- events happened which slowly led ----- disaster.

[10] Arrange the following words in alphabetically. Number them 1, 2, 3 ... etc

doctor pilot seaman electrician dentist captainlawyer

[11] Write the silent letters in each word on the lines. For example: night gh

tongue ----- calm ----- fasten----- answer ----- honest -----
thumb ----- knee ----- guess ----- walk ----- wrist -----

[12] Underline the words that should start with a capital letter. Rewrite those words only on the line.

the least successful tourist was mr scotti of san francisco who went to italy last march to visit relatives.

[13] Change the following into plural.

story ----- leaf ----- woman -----
child ----- sheep ----- money -----

[14] Finish the following sentences.

1. ----- since 1990.

- 2. ----- by the storm.
- 3. She could not come to school because -----
- 4. The man who -----
- 5. Although English is difficult -----
- 6. If I have money -----
- 7. I saw Sara while -----
- 8. Before we moved to Riyadh -----

[15] Give the following:

- 5 parts of the body: -----
- 3 names of diseases: -----
- 4 school subjects: -----
- 4 kinds of sports: -----

[16] Translate the following passage into good Arabic.

In the afternoon, I go to the gym for a couple of hours, doing weight-training, building up my body. Lots of women players do not worry too much about their physical condition, but I think it's really important. I am very fit and I plan to stay that way.
