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## LISTENING COMPREHENSION 1

### 1. This text talks about:

- A. How superstitions can affect our lives.
- B. What superstitions are and which of them are good or bad.
- C. What good superstitions there are in the UK.
- D. The need of being superstitious to keep oneself safe.

### 2. Which one of these sentences is TRUE?

- A. Touching wood, throwing salt over your left shoulder and putting a pair of shoes upon a table are considered good luck.
- B. Walking under a ladder, putting a pair of shoes upon a table and throwing salt over your left shoulder are considered bad luck.
- C. Touching wood, throwing salt over your left shoulder and keeping a rabbit foot in your pocket are considered good luck.
- D. Opening an umbrella indoors, putting a pair of shoes upon a table and seeing an oppened ladder are considered bad luck.

**3. According to the text, what do some people do to avoid bad luck on the thirteenth day of the month?**

**4. Why is number 4 considered unlucky in China?**

- A. Because number four is not allowed in the Chinese language.
- B. Because they consider that the word “four” comes from the death world.
- C. Because in Chinese the sound of “four” is similar to the sound of “death”.
- D. Because they consider that if one says “four” a lot, somebody can die.

## LISTENING COMPREHENSION 2

**5. According to the text, what's the name of Hamlet's mother?**

- A. Gertrude.
- B. Ophelia.
- C. Polonia.
- D. Claudia.

**6. Some soldiers saw...**

- A. A group of actors.
- B. A ghost.
- C. Hamlet's uncle.
- D. Hamlet's girlfriend.

**7. Which one of these sentences is FALSE?**

- A. The king, Hamlet's father, was dead.
- B. Ophelia's father thought that Hamlet didn't love her.
- C. Hamlet was pretending to be crazy.
- D. Hamlet's father was killed with a knife.

**8. Complete the sentence:**

Ophelia told \_\_\_\_\_ that she returned Hamlet's love letters and that Hamlet seemed insane.

# The house

9. **Imagine you want to sell your house/flat. Write a letter trying to convince a person to buy it (70 -90 words).**

You can talk about:

- Where it is located.
- What it is like: number of rooms, size...
- How much it costs.
- Why you want to sell it.
- Others: furniture, quality...

**GOOD LUCK!**



# The job

10. Write an email to apply for the job (70–90 words).

## WANT TO WORK ON A SPANISH TELEVISION SHOW?

We are urgent looking for a young  
Production Co-ordinator to work with us in  
the Málaga area.

English knowledge essential.

Anyone interested, please send an email to:

nicholashill@productions.org



You can write about:

- Personal profile: introduce yourself (name, age, place of birth...) personality (are you a dynamic person? do you like working with people?...), likes, dislikes, hobbies...
- Why do you want the job?
- Ask for extra information: salary, working hours...

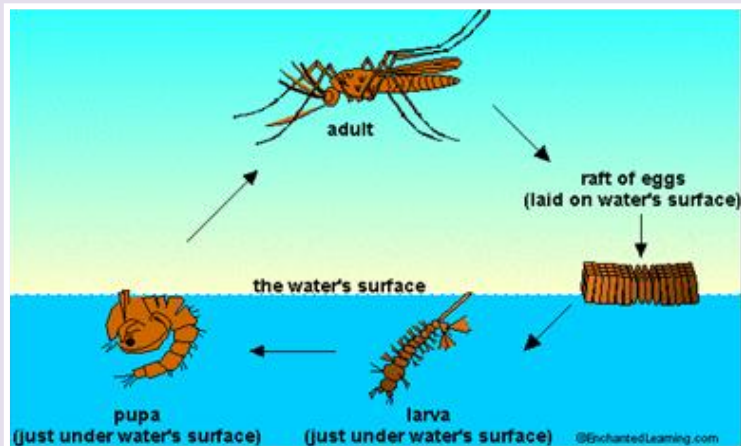
## READING COMPREHENSION

# The mosquito

The word “mosquito” comes from the Spanish “little fly”. There are over 3,500 species of mosquitoes described from different parts of the world.

Like all flies, mosquitoes go through four stages in their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa and adult. In most species, adult females lay their eggs in standing water; others attach their eggs to aquatic plants. Each species selects the situation of the water into which it lays its eggs according to its own ecological adaptations.

All mosquitoes have slender bodies with three segments: head, torax and abdomen.





The first three stages (egg, larva and pupa) are largely aquatic. These stages typically last from 5 to 14 days. The period of development from egg to adult varies among species and is strongly influenced by ambient temperature. A typical period of development in tropical conditions would be 40 days or more.

Depending on weather conditions, adults can live from a week to several months.

Although there are important differences between the members of the respective families, the females of many species of blood-sucking mosquitoes are dangerous for humans. But not all of them are dangerous. Some species of mosquitoes are not bloodsuckers and some of those that suck blood do not transmit diseases. Some others, such as *Toxorhynchites*, are beneficial predators of other mosquitoes.

Artificial water containers (flowerpots, old bottles or tires...) are important breeding places for mosquitoes and they are also the cause of serious human diseases. The species of *Aedes* are very dangerous, because they transmit dengue and yellow fever.

Nowadays control measures focus on mosquito species that cause human diseases. Several scientists have suggested that the complete eradication of mosquitoes would not have serious ecological consequences and it would be the end of a serious problem. Dengue and yellow fever affect more than 100 countries and, unfortunately, the number of infected people is still increasing.

**11. According to the text, which one of these sentences is TRUE?**

- A. Only flies go through 4 stages in their life.
- B. Some mosquitoes go through 3 stages in their life cycle.
- C. Mosquitoes and all flies in general, go through 4 stages in their life.
- D. Most of the flies go through 3 stages in their life cycle.

**12. Which one of these words is related to the word “disease”?**

- A. Illness.
- B. Development.
- C. Head.
- D. Discussion.

**13. According to the text, what diseases can mosquitoes transmit?**

**14. According to the text, which one of these sentences is TRUE?**

- A. All blood-sucking mosquitoes are dangerous for humans.
- B. Some mosquitoes are dangerous for humans.
- C. Mosquitoes are good for humans.
- D. All mosquitoes are dangerous for animals.

**15. Complete the sentence:**

There are more than \_\_\_\_\_ affected by dangerous mosquitoes.

# Talking about happiness

Nobody is happy all the time, but some people are happier than others. Studies on what makes people happy reveal that it doesn't have much to do with material goods. Our life expectations and the people we have around are much more important than money, fashion clothes and fast cars.

Here you are some steps to become a happy person:

- **Be optimistic.** No matter what happens, good or bad, the effect on our happiness is only temporary. Some people have a high happiness level. It can be caused, in part, by genetics, but it is also influenced by how you think.
- **Make enough money to have your basic needs: food, house and clothing.** Your comfort increases with the salary, but it is not comfort what makes people happy. It makes people bored.
- **Stay close to friends and family.** A good relationship with our friends and family increases your happiness. So, be kind with them!
- **Have deep, meaningful conversations.** A study by a psychologist at the University of Arizona demonstrated that having deep, meaningful conversations increases happiness.



- **Find happiness in the job or studies you have.** Find satisfaction in your job.
- **Smile.** Science suggests that when you smile, whether you feel happy or not, you have a good mood. So, smile all the time!
- **Forgive.** In a study of ESO students, it was found that an attitude of forgiveness contributed to improve student's health.
- **Make friends with your same interests.** This way you will be closer to them.

And remember, being happy is not the consequence of what you have. It is an attitude. Happiness depends on you!

16. According to the text, which one of these sentences is TRUE?

- A. Happiness depends, temporary, on genetics.
- B. Happiness doesn't depend on genetics.
- C. Happiness depends, in part, on genetics.
- D. Happiness only depends on genetics.

**17. What is the main idea of this text?**

- A. Happiness can change our life.
- B. People can try to be happier.
- C. Money affects happiness.
- D. Material goods can make us happy.

**18. According to the text, what are considered basic needs for humans?**

**19. According to the text, you will be happier if you:**

- A. Talk to your friends about what happiness means.
- B. Have short conversations about weather.
- C. Have conversations about important aspects in your life.
- D. Talk about how conversations can increase happiness.

**20. Complete the sentence:**

A study revealed that students that forgive others mistakes have better \_\_\_\_\_.