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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, and that Hamlet seemed insane.

WRITING

Social club

9. Write an e-mail to join the Club (70-90 words).

Are you a teenager?

Do you want to meet good friends and make funny activities?

Join us at the Teenagers Social Club!

When: weekdays, from 18h to 20,30h

Where: 18 Green Road, Scotland.

What we offer: sports (football, table tennis), handcrafts, wii games, good friends...

Do you want to join us? Write an e-mail to Samuel Jones:

samueljones@teenagersclub.com

You can include this information:

- Introduce yourself.
- What are your hobbies and interests?
- Why do you want to join the Club?
- When would you like to come? ...

La Gioconda

10. Write about these 2 pictures and compare them (70–90 words).

A



B



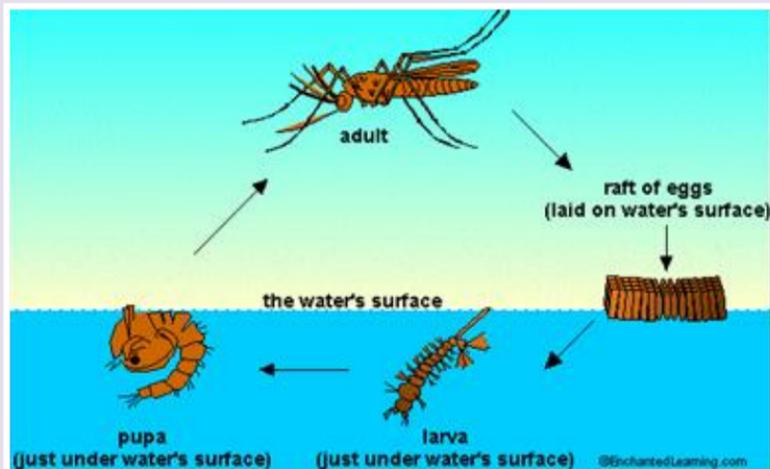
READING COMPREHENSION

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.

What is assertiveness?

Assertiveness is a good way of communicating. It is the ability to speak in a honest and respectful way. Every day, we are in situations where being assertive can help us.

Being assertive doesn't come naturally to everyone. Some people communicate in a way that is too passive. Other people have a style that is too aggressive. An assertive style is the happy medium between these two.

If you are an assertive person:

- You can give an opinion or say how you feel.
- You can ask for what you want or need.
- You can disagree respectfully.
- You can offer your ideas and suggestions.
- You can say "no" without feeling guilty.



An assertive communication style can help us to do the things we want to do. When we are assertive we show that we respect the others.

People who speak assertively are not too shy or too pushy. They are confident.

People who are assertive tend to make friends more easily. They communicate in a way that respects other people. They know how to solve conflicts and disagreements. People who give respect get respect in return.

How do you know what is your style?

Here are some examples:

1. **Paula has a style that's too passive.** If you ask Paula what film she wants to see, she will probably say, "I don't know-what do you want to see?" She usually lets others decide things. She doesn't express her opinion.
2. **Julia has a style that's too aggressive.** She dominates the conversation, often interrupts and rarely listens.
3. **Ben has an assertive style.** When you ask for his opinion, he gives it honestly. If he disagrees with you, he says it in a way that doesn't make you feel wrong. Ben is interested in your opinion, too. He listens to what you say. He always respects your point of view.



If you think that your style is too passive or too aggressive and you want to be more assertive, don't worry: it is possible to learn how to be assertive. Being assertive is the perfect way to become a better person, and it is also the best way to be successful in life!

Adapted from: <http://TeensHealth.org>

16. According to the text, if you are an assertive person:

- A. Your speaking style is honest and respectful.
- B. Your speaking style is clear and natural.
- C. Your speaking style is creative.
- D. Your speaking style is too passive.

17. According to the text, assertiveness is related to:

- A. The way you speak with others.
- B. Not being aggressive with others.
- C. The way you think about others.
- D. Not being passive with others.

18. If a person interrupts and doesn't listen to you when you're speaking, you will consider that this person's style is _____.

19. According to the text, which one of these sentences is FALSE ?

- A. Assertive people know how to solve conflicts better than others.
- B. Assertive people need to be respected more than others.
- C. Assertive people can disagree respectfully.
- D. Assertive people communicate in a respectful way.

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

- A. People can't change their communication style.
- B. People usually change their communication style.
- C. People can change their communication style.
- D. People usually try to change their communication style.