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Reading Comprehension

Section 9

Choose a heading for each paragraph (1-6) and write the correct letter in the space provided. There are more headings than you will need. There is an example at the beginning.

WEIRD COMPETITIONS

9.0 **H** Many of the world's most popular sports competitions were invented in Britain. The current rules of football were written in Cambridge, the modern version of tennis was invented in Birmingham, and cricket is, of course, also a British invention. But that isn't all; badminton, golf, curling, squash, and table tennis are all sports created in the UK.

9.1 ___ Are the British really that good at inventing great sports, you might be wondering? In fact, the answer is yes. While some are played only in certain places, others have become popular all over the world. Take football, for example. Kicking a filled pig's bladder sounds very weird; but now, football has about 3.5 billion fans and 250 million players across 200 countries.

9.2 ___ Many will say that competition is an essential part of life. Sports are a popular way to exercise and a good way to meet new friends. They can unite people from different backgrounds, give people a cause to cheer for, and even support a healthy lifestyle. Each country may have its own favourite sport, but regardless of whether these countries are rich or poor, the appeal of sports is universal.

9.3 ___ An old British tradition, called Conkers, is to take a horse chestnut, drill a hole through it, and attach it to a string. Then take turns hitting someone else's conker, and simply gain points whenever your opponent's conker breaks. Every year, about five hundred people participate in the World Conker Championships in England. More than 5,000 spectators come to watch.

9.4 ___ Another unique kind of competition is barrel rolling. It consists of a race where participants roll a traditional beer barrel in front of them. The competition, which is held on Boxing Day every year in a village near Cambridge, dates back to the 17th century. Even though the barrels remain empty throughout the match, it is no easy task to keep control of a barrel at speed on uneven ground.

9.5 ___ You might have heard Winnie-the-Pooh stories, but have you ever played Poohsticks? It is a game of luck where two players each stand with a stick on one side of a bridge. Both drop their sticks into the water, then they race to the other side of the bridge to see which stick emerges first. This competition has had its own championship every year in Oxfordshire since 1984.

9.6 ___ No matter which one of these competitions is the weirdest, this last one will be the wettest. The World Gravy Wrestling Championships is a recent idea, and no one knows where the inspiration came from. The competitors wrestle in 1,000 litres of gravy which makes the wrestling very slippery. The judges award points not only on wrestling skills, but also on how entertaining the participants are.

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WEIRD COMPETITIONS

A	PLAY AND COMPETE TOGETHER
B	PUSH TO WIN
C	THE TEAM CAPTAIN
D	GREASY COMBAT
E	CRACK THE NUT
F	PENALTY GOAL
G	GO WITH THE FLOW
H	SO MANY GAMES
I	A TALENTED NATION

Reading Comprehension

Section 10

Some sentences have been removed from the text.

Choose the one which fits the gap from sentences A-J.

There are more sentences than you will need.

There is an example at the beginning.

Brotherly Love

Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict after 40 years of farming side by side. **10.0** A They had always shared machinery and traded labour and goods as needed without a hitch. Then their long collaboration fell apart, and their mutual respect faded.

10.1 ___ However, it grew into a major difference. Finally, it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on the older brother's door. **10.2** ___ The man asked, "I'm looking for a few days' work. Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there? I am handy and can help."

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the river at that farm. It belongs to my younger brother. There used to be a field between our farms, but my brother has redirected the river. **10.3** ___ He probably did this to spite me, so I want revenge. See that pile of lumber drying by the barn? **10.4** ___ Then I won't have to look at his place anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. I will fix it and you will be pleased."

The older brother went to town for supplies. **10.5** ___ Then he was off for the rest of the day.

The carpenter worked hard all that day. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide; his jaw dropped.

10.6 ___ It was a bridge from one side of the river to the other and his younger brother was coming across, his hand outstretched.

"You are indeed a wonderful brother to build this bridge after all I've said and done. I am so sorry".

The two brothers met in the middle of the bridge, taking each other's hands. **10.7** ___ "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

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Brotherly Love

A	It was their first serious rift.
B	I want you to build me a high fence.
C	He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox.
D	It was an impossible task.
E	It began with a small misunderstanding.
F	They turned to see the carpenter preparing to leave.
G	There was no fence there at all.
H	No doubt it would be difficult to cultivate the land.
I	Now the water separates us.
J	He laid the necessary materials at the chosen site.

Reading Comprehension

Section 11

Enjoy life and stay alive in Death Valley

Blogger Amanda McEwan offers advice as to what to see in Death Valley and how to stay safe there.

Death Valley might not be on Time Out's list of Top 20 Destinations in the USA but, as a place of spectacular contrasts, it is definitely worth a visit. While summer temperatures can rise to more than 50°C and it receives less than 5 centimetres of rain per year, the mountain peaks are snow-covered in winter. On the rare occasions when it rains, fields of wildflowers suddenly appear
5 in the desert. Lush oases support tall palm trees and pools full of tiny fish.

Even in the more inhospitable areas, a great diversity of wildlife has adapted to survive the difficult conditions. For example, some desert animals have evolved to need less water than we would normally expect. Kangaroo rats do not drink water their entire lives, instead absorbing water from the seeds they eat. Some animals spend a lot of time in cool underground burrows, while others
10 are mostly active at night.

You will love exploring everything that Death Valley has to offer! Here are my two highlights:

- Visit Badwater Basin which, at 86 metres below sea level, is the lowest point in the USA. Take time to gaze at the high rocks and white salt flats that surround you – a beautiful wilderness. If you are there in March and April, you will see many of the park's 900 species of desert plants
15 in flower. Before going for a walk here, pour 1-2 litres of water over yourself to avoid heatstroke and dehydration.
- Stop at some of the spectacular viewpoints in Death Valley, such as Dante's View and Zabriskie Point. Sunrise and sunset are outstanding times to visit, but the views are other worldly
20 water and sun protection and, if you are driving, also make sure you start the day with a full tank.

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