

Reading Comprehension

Thousands of years ago, the ancient people of Babylon and Egypt studied the stars in the sky. From their research, they came up with the zodiac, a map of the sun, moon, stars, and planets. It was first used to keep track of time. These ancient astrologers studied the constellations (a pattern made by stars in the sky) and their positions in the sky. They wanted to know when each constellation was closest to the sun. They used this information to determine where each group of stars belongs in the zodiac.

Today, some people believe that the zodiac can be used to describe a person's personality. Some also believe that by studying the zodiac, they can predict what will happen in the future. According to these beliefs, a person's zodiac sign is connected to his or her birth date.

The zodiac has remained the same for over a thousand years. It is divided up into 12 equal parts, each associated with a star sign. However, some astrologers are suggesting a change. They think a thirteenth sign should be added to the zodiac calendar (which is a yearly timetable). This is because the way the Earth goes around has changed little by little over the centuries, which has also changed its path around the sun. This possible thirteenth sign is a constellation called ophiuchus.

If the dates of the other 12 signs were changed to make Ophiuchus a sign in the calendar, many people would have a different star sign. And this would have an effect on dates of other star signs as well. This would add a whole new answer to the question, "What's your sign?"

78- Which of the following is TRUE about the zodiac according to the passage?

- 1) Some people believe that a person's zodiac according to the passage?
- 2) The zodiac is determined by the position of the constellations to the sun.
- 3) It has changed time after time all over history.
- 4) The zodiac was first invented to predict the future.

79- The underlined word "which" in paragraph 3 refers to

- 1) centuries
- 2) The change in the rotation of the Earth
- 3) path
- 4) The change in the Earth's path around the sun

80- The passage provides enough information to answer all of the following questions EXCEPT

- 1) Why do some astrologers believe that there should be 13 zodiac signs?
- 2) Why is the modern generation interested in the zodiac?
- 3) What did the ancient astrologers study in the sky?
- 4) What is the origin of the word "Ophiuchus"?

81- If Ophiuchus is made a star sign, many people will

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| 1) have a different birthday | 2) have a different star sign |
| 3) stop believing in zodiac | 4) stop predicting the future |

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Book clubs are a great way to meet new friends or keep touch with old ones, while keeping up on your reading and participating in lively and intellectually energizing discussions. If you're interested in starting a book club, you should consider the following options and advice.

The first thing you'll need is a group of members. Before registration, think carefully about how many people you want to participate and also what the club's focus or interest will be. For example, some book clubs focus only on fiction, other read nonfiction. Some are even more specific, focusing only on a particular genre such as mysteries, science fiction, or romance. Others have a more flexible and open focus. All of these possibilities can make for a great club, but it is important to decide on a focus at the beginning, so the guidelines will be clear to the group and future members.

After setting the basic parameters, recruitment can begin. Tell your friends and family, advertise in the local newspaper, and hang flyers on bulletin boards in local stores, colleges, libraries, and bookstores. When enough people express interest, schedule a start meeting during which decisions will be made about specific guidelines that will ensure the club runs smoothly. This meeting need to set where the group will meet (rotating homes or a public venue such as a library or coffee shop); how often the group will meet, and on what day of the week and at what time; how long the meetings will be; how books will be chosen and by whom; who lead the group (if anyone); and whether refreshments will be served and if so, who will supply them. By the end of this meeting, these guidelines should be set and a book selection and date for the first official meeting should be finalized.

Planning and running a book club is not without challenges, but when a book club is run effectively, the experience, when we want to start a book club, the first thing that we should do is

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- 1) hang flyers in local establishments and focusing on particular genre such as mysteries
 - 2) put an ad in a local newspaper and then focus exclusively on fiction
 - 3) decide on the focus and the number of people that we want to participate
 - 4) decide when and where the group will meet
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- All of the following are covered during the book club's start meeting, EXCEPT
- 1) specify the place that the group will meet each other
 - 2) selecting a person as a leader of the club
 - 3) the date for the first official meeting
 - 4) identifying what kinds of books or genre will be the club's focus

- 84- What is the best title for the passage?
- 1) Book Clubs: A Great Way to Make New Friends.
 - 2) Starting a Successful Book Club: A Guide.
 - 3) Five Easy Steps to Starting a Successful Book Club.
 - 4) Reading in Groups: Sharing Knowledge, Nurturing Friendships.
- 85- Which of the following can be implied from the passage?
- 1) Smaller groups are better for a variety of reasons.
 - 2) The social aspect of book clubs is more important than the intellectual.
 - 3) Starting your own book club is better than joining an existing one.
 - 4) When starting and running a book club, an informal viewpoint is risky.
- 86- Be careful! There's on the floor! someone broke the window an hour ago.
- 1) a glass
 - 2) some glass
 - 3) some glasses
 - 4) glass
- 87- A: What did you have for dinner last night?
B: I had steak, red chili peppers, potatoes and bread.
- 1) two - some - a little - lost of
 - 2) a - a lot of - a piece of - some
 - 3) a - some some - a loaf of
 - 4) two - three - a lot of - loaves of
- 88- Events in early childhood help to our personalities in later life.
- 1) get up
 - 2) put out
 - 3) make up
 - 4) take out
- 89- They gave me back my family, but not our
- 1) valuable
 - 2) need
 - 3) valuables
 - 4) needs
- 90- The synonym of the underlined word is:
- "We had a brief exchange with an old friend at the market yesterday."
- 1) converse
 - 2) money
 - 3) point
 - 4) call
- 91- A: How much are those glasses each?
B:
- 1) They're \$ 20.
 - 2) What about these?
 - 3) They're \$50 completely
 - 4) We'll pay for the glasses.
- 92- Which one shows the correct stress pattern for the underlined word?
- "There are fourteen students in the class."
- 1) ●●
 - 2) ●●
 - 3) ●●
 - 4) ●●

93- Which one could be a simple sentence?

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| 1) playing video games and football | 2) she works |
| 3) a blue Iranian cloth | 4) their book is always |

94- The underlined words of this simple sentence are

"They can speak French and English in their class."

(A) (B)

- 1) (A) A noun that receives the action, (B) Who or what the sentence is about.
- 2) (A) Who or what is receiving the action, (B) Additional information.
- 3) (A) Who or what the sentence says about the object, (B) Additional information.
- 4) (A) What the sentence says about the object, (B) Additional information.

95- The correct spelling of the missing word is:

"Sun behind those big clouds."

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| 1) disapeared | 2) desappeared | 3) disappeared | 4) desapeared |
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Cloze Test

There are lost of games you can play to(1)... your vocabulary. Games are a good way to(2)... your learning because they make learning fun and they help you to give context for your new words. That means you are giving the word you learn a/an(3)... meaning. For example, you(4)... your friend laughing about how the word was used and that it was very hard to think of that word the first time(5)... playing!

96- 1) strengthen 2) vary 3) imagine 4) mention

97- 1) suggest 2) appear 3) improve 4) book

98- 1) extra 2) foreign 3) main 4) confident

99- 1) escape 2) remember 3) consider 4) exist

100- 1) therefore 2) because 3) and 4) while

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The earth is getting smaller, at least when we talk about languages. More and more people speak the three most common languages: English, Spanish and Mandarin. In fact, people are forgetting their local languages. In many parts of the world, grandparents speak a language their grandchildren don't understand. As cultures adjust to these changes, and languages aren't taught to children or spoken at home, these local languages are slowly gone away. A language is said to be in trouble when less than about thirty three percent of children in the society speak it. Then it is considered a dying language.

Why keep our language alive? Languages hold the key to understanding a culture's beliefs and values. They show how a culture understands or explains the world. "You need to look at a variety of languages because there is no single language that gets it all", said Dr. Linda Cumberland who is working to save Assiniboine, a Native American language. According to her, a dying language needs a dictionary and people to understand and record its grammar. Most importantly, you need to listen to those who still speak the language. For example, when researchers were working to save the language Ayapaneco in Mexico, it was difficult for them to record anything because the last two people on Earth who could speak the language didn't want to speak to each other.

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101- Why are local languages spoken less and less?

- 1) Children don't talk to their grandparents.
- 2) People who know the language don't want to speak to each other.
- 3) People prefer to learn and speak more common languages.
- 4) English language isn't taught to children or spoken at home.

102- When is a language considered to be dying? When

- 1) about half of local people speak it
- 2) less than one third of local children speak it
- 3) there's no dictionary for the language
- 4) it is only spoken by old people in that country

103- What does Dr. Cumberland mean when she says: "There is no single language that gets it all"?

- 1) There are too many different languages.
- 2) Some cultures understand the world wrongly.
- 3) We need to look for one language that can explain the world.
- 4) There are many ways to understand the world.

104- According to Dr. Cumberland, to save a dying language you need to

- 1) understand the culture's history
- 2) listen to the people who still speak it
- 3) teach all the children who speak it
- 4) be able to speak English, Spanish, or Mandarin

105- Why was it so hard for researchers to study Ayapaneco?

- 1) The people who knew the language didn't speak to each other.
- 2) It's a very difficult language comparing to others.
- 3) Its grammar can't be understood by the researchers.
- 4) There were less than thirty three percent of speakers left.