



Martin is in a hurry.  
He is late to work again.  
Martin's boss doesn't like it when he is late. Martin was late last week. His boss told him not to be late again. He really wasn't joking either. He was serious. "I mean it," Martin remembers him saying.  
Martin thinks he might lose his job if he is late again.  
The time is now 8:22 am. Martin needs to be at work by 8:15. It takes him 30 minutes to drive to work.  
"Things don't look good," he says to himself.  
Martin runs out of the house. He jumps in his car. He puts the car in reverse. He backs up without looking.



**BOOM!**

There is a sound like someone hitting a drum. Martin's car jerks to a stop. He has hit the car parked behind him.  
"Oh, no!" Martin exclaims. He is angry now. Martin looks at his watch. It is 7:18. He needs to get to work.  
He looks around. There is no one on the street. There is no one nearby.  
He looks in the parked car. It is empty. Martin drives off quickly.  
He gets to work 10 minutes late.  
Martin's boss is not around. "Thank goodness," he says to himself.  
He stops worrying. He sits at his desk to work. During lunch, Martin goes out to the parking lot. He looks at his car. There is a big dent in the back. Then he thinks about the other car – the car he hit this morning. "I know that car's damaged too," he thinks.  
He feels guilty.  
"That was not right," Martin says to himself. He will see if the car is still outside his house when he gets off work.

- At the beginning of the story, Martin is in a hurry. What does this mean?  
A. He is running. B. He is angry.  
C. He is late. D. He is moving fast.
- Why is Martin in a hurry?  
A. because he is late  
B. because he is running  
C. because he is moving fast  
D. because he had a car accident
- Martin remembers when his boss told him, "I mean it." What does this mean?  
A. The boss is serious.  
B. The boss is angry.  
C. The boss is emotional.  
D. The boss is interested.
- What does Martin think will happen if he is late to work again?  
A. He will get a pay cut.  
B. He will need to buy a watch.  
C. He will get fired from his job.  
D. He will need to adjust his schedule.
- What time does Martin need to be at work?  
A. 6:30 B. 7:15  
C. 7:30 D. 8:15
- If Martin leaves the house at 7:15, what time does he get to work?  
A. 7:32 B. 7:37  
C. 7:40 D. 7:52



- What is the loud noise?  
A. Martin yelling  
B. police sirens sounding  
C. Martin driving off the road  
D. Martin hitting someone's car
- Martin checks if there is anyone nearby. What does nearby mean?  
A. in B. next to  
C. close by D. far away
- Why doesn't Martin get in trouble with his boss today?  
A. His boss is not around.  
B. He gets to work on time.  
C. His boss feels sorry for him.  
D. Martin says he is sorry for being late.
- Who does Martin talk to in the story?  
I. himself  
II. his boss  
III. his friends  
A. I only B. I and II  
C. II and III D. I, II, and III
- How do Martin's feelings change during the story?  
A. from hurried to guilty to angry  
B. from angry to guilty to hurried  
C. from hurried to angry to guilty  
D. from angry to hurried to angry
- Why did Martin look around after he hit the car?  
A. He needed help.  
B. He wanted a ride to work.  
C. He needed to check the time.  
D. He wanted to check if anyone saw him.
- As used at the end of the story, what does it mean to feel guilty?  
A. to feel bad about doing something  
B. to feel worried about doing something  
C. to feel unsure about doing something  
D. to feel like you want to change something
- What might Martin do if the car he hit is still there after work?  
I. He might try to hide the dent.  
II. He might try to find the owner.  
III. He might leave a note on the windshield with his phone number on it.  
A. I only B. I and II  
C. II and III D. I, II, and III

**Do you still remember the ARTICLE ?**

Fill-in the gaps with article a, an or the. Some sentences do not need any article.

- TASK 1**
- It is not difficult to play \_\_\_ guitar.
  - \_\_\_ wolves are very dangerous animals.
  - Who invented \_\_\_ light bulb?
  - Have you ever eaten \_\_\_ Indian food?
  - \_\_\_ computers are really useful tools.
  - \_\_\_ personal computer was first used in 1982.
  - The fastest animal in the world is \_\_\_ cheetah.
  - \_\_\_ Nile River is the longest river in Africa.
  - \_\_\_ river which is polluted is not safe for fishing.
  - \_\_\_ movie that I saw last night was very good.
  - I really hate \_\_\_ scary movies.
  - The conference will be held at \_\_\_ Regis Hotel.
  - The victim was taken to \_\_\_ Hackensack Hospital.
  - \_\_\_ TajMahal is located in India.
  - \_\_\_ Mississippi River is very long.
  - \_\_\_ lakes are usually cleaner than \_\_\_ rivers.
  - \_\_\_ northern part of China is very cold.
  - She gave me \_\_\_ advice.
  - I ate \_\_\_ apple for lunch.
  - He was born in \_\_\_ taxicab.
  - I ate \_\_\_ breakfast at seven o'clock.
  - Chile is located in \_\_\_ South America.
  - My sister had \_\_\_ x-ray of her arm taken.
  - Not everyone can be \_\_\_ pilot.
  - I have never eaten \_\_\_ bread from Afghanistan.

**Simple sentence may not always look SIMPLE**

The simple fact about Simple Sentence is :  
Simple sentences are independent clauses and they contain a subject and a predicate.

**Rule1:** Simple sentences can be very short, consisting of only one word (a noun) for the subject and one word (a verb) for the predicate. The noun is called the simple subject, and the verb is the simple predicate.

**John laughed.**

**Rule2:** Simple sentences can be long, although they still consist of one subject (a noun and modifiers) and one predicate (a verb and other elements). The noun is called the simple subject, and the verb is the simple predicate.

The tall, good-looking boy with the curly blond hair laughed uproariously at his best friend's suggestion.

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

**TASK 2**  
Identify the subject and predicate in these simple sentences.

- My best friend in the whole world is coming over to my house to visit me this afternoon.
- Three beautiful little kittens looked up at me from inside a box of old clothes.
- At the stroke of midnight, the carriage turned into a huge orange pumpkin.
- A really friendly old man with long white whiskers lives in the apartment above my aunt's and uncle's apartment.
- Several of her favorite romantic love songs were playing on the radio that afternoon in the park.
- Cool, deep, dark blue water flowed through the rough limestone rocks in the gorge.
- One-hundred fifty-five dollars is certainly a lot of money for a young person living with his or her parents.
- The large red book sitting on the hall table was a dictionary published by an encyclopedia company in the United States.
- The three girls carried back packs filled with books, food, candy, clothes, make-up, pens, paper, hairbrushes, and other assorted items.
- I don't remember the name of that tall, thin actor with the sparkling blue eyes.

**Connect your sentences with CONNECTIVES :**



**TASK 3**  
Complete the text with and, but, or.

I get up at half past eight in the morning. I'm hungry..... there isn't any food in the kitchen. I want milk, cereals ..... orange juice. Then, I go to the shop ..... when I get there it's still closed. I go back home and into the kitchen. There's some grapefruit juice and brown bread. .... I don't like grapefruit juice ..... brown bread! This is not a good morning, so I go back to bed until the shop opens.

**TASK 4**  
Complete with and, but, or, so, because.

- We aren't going to the park ..... it's raining.
- I don't have any money, I'll go to the bank.
- She doesn't like vegetables ..... fish.
- I need milk, butter ..... bread.
- There's snow on the street ..... it's not too cold.
- She studies a lot ..... she never passes the exams.
- You've got an exam tomorrow, you must study tonight.
- I don't go to the cinema..... I haven't got any money.

**TASK 5**  
Correct the underlined word using and, but, or, so, because.

- We don't go to the beach but it's cold. ....
- They don't like meat and fish. ....
- It's winter because I'm not cold. ....
- It's raining, or take your umbrella! ....

**TASK 6**  
Put the words in order.

- accident / an / she's / in / because / hospital / she / had. ....
- but / they / many / work / don't / hours / they / have / money / much. ....
- asked / Paul / me / question, / a / replied / I / so. ....
- buy / I / peppers / potatoes, / and / tomatoes, ....



**Have you forgotten the PUNCTUATION marks ? Probably Not. Let's CHECK!**

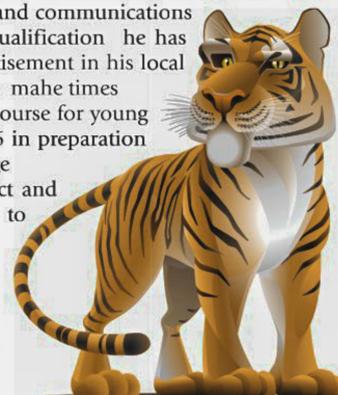
Read the following sentences and insert the proper punctuation mark for each sentence.

- When is your birthday \_\_\_\_\_
- I love pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- I am in elementary school \_\_\_\_\_
- One example will explain what I mean \_\_\_\_\_
- My bus stops at the next corner \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you like to read \_\_\_\_\_
- I love to skateboard \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have a library card \_\_\_\_\_
- My favorite subject is science \_\_\_\_\_
- Where are you going with your cousin \_\_\_\_\_
- I was so scared \_\_\_\_\_
- My grandmother is an archaeologist \_\_\_\_\_
- Suddenly it occurred to me to try something different \_\_\_\_\_
- The fireworks were spectacular \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the odds of winning the lottery \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your favorite season of the year \_\_\_\_\_
- Twenty percent of the people in my class wear glasses \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know how fast a cheetah can run \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Thompson screamed, "I have had it up to here \_\_\_\_\_"
- Do you like sunrise or sunset the best \_\_\_\_\_

**More Punctuation Challenge**

Punctuate the following passage correctly.

wesleyclabache is a very ambitious young man and wants to gain as many qualifications as possible he lives in victoria the capital of seychelles at flat 12 main avenue with his parents and younger brother and sister their telephone number is 9714-2973410 his email address iswesleyclabache@hotmailcom he doesnt own a computer of his own but his brother who is away studying in the usa has allowed him to borrow his ibmmodel 1234 laptop computer whenever he likes and he is reasonably proficient in using it although he still has a lot to learnhe is 17 having been born on march 12 1985 and he wants to be able to show future employers that he has a recognised (information and communications technology) qualification he has seen an advertisement in his local newspaper the mahe times advertising a course for young people over 16 in preparation for a cambridge certificate in ict and he decides to apply



thecourse code is ict999

**ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED MAY 4, 2015)**

**KEY: Reading Comprehension**  
1.A, 2.A, 3.C, 4.B, 5.C, 6.B, 7.B, 8.B, 9.C, 10.D  
**KEY: Essay**  
Among the players of a team, some may be forwards, others mid-fielders and defenders, and one goal keeper. Unlike the other players the goal keeper can handle the ball as the situation calls for.  
..... the forwards in clearing and supplying the ball. Defenders must offer strong defense. The goal keeper must be agile, quick to see, correct in anticipation and should kick the ball high and far.  
..... the great footballer of all times has become a household word among the soccer fans.  
Whenever I find time in the evening, I never fail to play for an hour or so. I take the forward position because I feel there is more fun in pursuing and heading the ball.  
..... when one does not play according to the rules. Of course they are inevitable in a game like soccer. Nowadays people protect themselves with guards. But for the risks the game is all right. If it is all soft then there won't be any game at all.  
**KEY: Summary**  
In ancient times, man made use of animals like the horses to transport themselves and goods. The journeys usually took a long time. Trains were preferred to animals since its invention, as they carry more people and goods and travel faster. Motor vehicles proved more superior to trains as they do not run on rails. Hence, they are able to reach small towns and remote areas where tracks are not available. Traveling via waters may be slow but it is the cheapest form of bulk transportation. However, journeys by water are often characterized by the danger of meeting a storm. Traveling by plane is the most convenient but expensive way and thus we do not use it for daily purposes. ( 120 words )