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1. You need to be a *creative* person to be a LEGO builder.
2. The LEGO Company wanted Nathan to build
_____.
3. Nathan's artwork has appeared in
_____.
4. Nathan uses _____
to create his artwork.
5. Nathan works in
_____.
6. You can see his newest piece of art in
_____.

ANSWERS

2. sculptures and portraits for them
3. museums and art galleries around the world.
4. plastic LEGO bricks
5. his art studio
6. the New York Public Library

READING

Read the article and find the information in the text.



A dream job

What's your dream job? Have you ever thought about LEGO building? No, it's not a joke – it's a real job! Well, for one creative man at least.

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1. Nathan's job

Professional LEGO builder

2. Nathan's age when he was given his first set of LEGO

3. The year in which he left his first job

4. Two examples of Nathan's pieces of art

5. The number of plastic bricks Nathan has

6. How much newest Nathan's piece of art cost

ANSWERS

2. 5

3. 2004

4. The Statue of Liberty and Superman

5. 1.5 million

6. € 20,000

▶ GRAMMAR

Complete the first conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

buy/come get/miss go/rain
read/love take/go visit/go

1. If you read this book, you 'll love it.

2. I _____ my grandma if we _____ to Spain next year.
3. Shelley and I _____ to the cinema if it _____ on Saturday.
4. What _____ you _____ if you _____ mountain biking?
5. If Lucas _____ to school late, he _____ his exam.
6. _____ you _____ some more food if Sam _____ for lunch?

ANSWERS

2. 'll visit ... go
3. 'll go ... rains
4. will...take ... go
5. gets ... will miss
6. Will...buy ... comes

▶ GRAMMAR

Correct the modal verbs in the sentences.

1. You mustn't to arrive late for work.
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2. Does Louise must do the washing up?

3. I has to do my homework every day.

4. Have I to go to the dentist today?

5. You do have not to wear a uniform in school.

6. You need eat lots of fruit and vegetables every day.

ANSWERS

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▶ GRAMMAR

Write the questions and answers about singer Rita Monae. Use the present perfect.

1. How long / Rita / be / a professional singer? (15)
How long has Rita been a professional singer?
She's been a professional singer since she was 15.
2. How long / she / live / in California? (2010)

3. How many gigs / she / play / around the world? (13)

4. How many albums / she / record? (2)

5. she / ever / win / any awards? (✓)

6. she / ever / be / to Africa? (X)

ANSWERS

2. How long has she lived in California?

She's lived in California since 2010.

3. How many gigs has she played around the world?

She has played 13 gigs around the world.

4. How many albums has she recorded?

She has recorded two albums.

5. Has she ever won any awards?

Yes, she has.

6. Has she ever been to Africa?

No, she hasn't.

▶ GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

- The department store has got **a lot of / a lot** widescreen TVs for sale, but not **many / much** are under £300!
- The police have interrogated **a lot of / much of** suspects this week, and **many of / many** them have false alibis.
- My brother eats **a lot of / many** use unk food, but he doesn't eat **many / many of** vegetables – it's very unhealthy!
- 'There are **a lot / lots of** people at the coffee shop today, aren't there?'
'Well, it's Saturday afternoon. **Much / Many** people like to drink coffee after lunch.'
- 'Do you do **a lot of / many** exercise every week?'
'No, **not much / not many**, but I take the dog for a walk every day.'
- I try not to spend **much / a lot of** hours on my computer every day, but **many of / much of** my friends spend hours playing video games.

ANSWERS

- a lot ... many of
- a lot of ... many
- lots of ... Many
- a lot of ... not much
- a lot of hours ... many of

▶ GRAMMAR

Complete Poppy's blog with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

MY BLOG	SEARCH	FORUMS	CHAT
<p>Mon I ⁰ <u>searched</u> (search) online for a present for my best friend Laura last night – her birthday is on Saturday.</p>			
<p>Tues I ¹ _____ (drive) a car for the first time yesterday morning. It was my first lesson.</p>			
<p>Wed I ² _____ (not go) out yesterday afternoon because it ³ _____ (rain).</p>			
<p>Thurs My mum ⁴ _____ (take) me shopping in town yesterday, and I ⁵ _____ (buy) Laura's present.</p>			
<p>Fri My parents ⁶ _____ (decide) to buy a new computer for the office. It's great.</p>			
<p>Sat My grandma ⁷ _____ (visit), and we ⁸ _____ (eat) lots of cake and biscuits!</p>			
<p>Sun I ⁹ _____ (go) to Laura's birthday party last night. I ¹⁰ _____ (wear) my new jeans and T-shirt.</p>			

ANSWERS

1. drove
2. didn't go
3. rained
4. took
5. bought
6. decided
7. visited
8. ate
9. went
10. wore

▶ GRAMMAR

Write the interview questions using the present simple or continuous. Then match them with the answers.

1. Where / be / you / right now?

Where are you right now?

2. What / you / do / at the moment?

3. What / crimes / you / investigate / at the moment?

4. you / interviewing / any suspects / today?

5. you / have got / many crimes to solve at the moment?

6. What / you / like / about your job?



What's on the Menu?

By Sonja Larsson

Have you ever eaten spiders, insects or raw fish? Have you ever been to a restaurant where they serve scorpions? Well, if you're like me, then probably not. But in fact millions of people all around the world have these types of ingredients in their meal every day. In countries like Cambodia and Thailand, they fry spiders and eat them with some onion and a little bit of salt. For the people who live there, spiders are the cheapest snack to eat, and they're a good source of protein. In Thailand, they also make flour from insects. The flour is then used to make chocolate biscuits!

Japanese people eat a lot of raw fish. One fish in particular, called the pufferfish, is the most dangerous fish in the world. Only expert chefs are allowed to cook this fish because it is so poisonous. The chefs make it into a soup and serve it with spring onions and some rice. In Korea, they also have some strange food. One of their most popular dishes is raw octopus. The octopus is cut into pieces and eaten with a bit of oil. In some parts of Korea, they also eat fish and octopus while it's still alive!

1. How popular is eating insects around the world?

Millions of people eat insects in many countries.

2. Why do people in Cambodia and Thailand eat spiders?

3. What do people in Cambodia and Thailand eat with their fried insects?

4. How do they make flour in Thailand?

5. Why are expert chefs the only people allowed to cook the pufferfish?

6. How do people in Korea eat octopus?

ANSWERS

2. Spiders are the cheapest snack to eat, and they are a good source of

protein.

3. They eat their fried insects with onion and salt
4. They make flour with from insects.
5. Because the pufferfish is the most dangerous fish in the world. It is poisonous
6. In Korea, people eat raw octopus cut into pieces with a bit of oil. In some parts they eat it while it's still alive.

▶ READING

Read the article and write the name of the country. Which country...



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1. eats a fish that can be dangerous for your health?

Japan

2. eats insects because they are a cheap snack?

3. uses an ingredient in a meal that is still living?

4. has rules on who can cook a particular fish?

5. makes biscuits from insects?

6. eats spiders because they are a good source of protein?

ANSWERS

2. Cambodia and Thailand
3. Korea
4. Japan
5. Thailand
6. Cambodia and Thailand

▶ GRAMMAR

Complete the conversations with **be going to**, **will** or the **present continuous form of the verbs in brackets**.

Clark: What ⁰ are you doing (you / do) this afternoon?

Simon: I ¹ _____ (watch) a film with Paul and Sue. We ² _____ (meet) at six o'clock. Do you want to come?

Clark: I'm busy this afternoon. My parents ³ _____ (buy) a new TV, and I ⁴ _____ (go) with them. But if we finish soon, I ⁵ _____ (call) you.

Simon: ok

Sally: ⁶ _____ (you / go) to university next year?

Chloe: Well... I think I ⁷ _____ (take) a gap year.

Sally: ⁸ _____ (you / travel) around the world?

Chloe: No, I think I ⁹ _____ (work) full time for six months at my aunt's shop, and then, if I get enough money, I ¹⁰ _____ (travel) around Spain for the other six months.

Sally: That sounds nice.

ANSWERS

1. 'm watching
2. 're meeting
3. are buying
4. m going
5. 'll call
6. Are you going
7. 'll take
8. Will you travel
9. 'll work
10. 'll travel

▶ GRAMMAR

Write questions in the present perfect using **Have** and **ever**. Then match them with the short answers.

1. you / won / a sports competition?
Have you ever won a sports competition?

2. Martina / go / skiing?

3. Jacob / eat / Mexican food?

4. you and your family / ride / a camel?

5. I / taste / octopus?

6. your grandparents / play / computer games?

a. Yes, they have. ___

b. Yes, I have. 1

c. No, we haven't. ___

d. Yes, he has. ___

e. No, you haven't. ___

f. No, she hasn't. ___

ANSWERS

2. Has Martina ever gone skiing? f

3. Has Jacob ever eaten Mexican food? d

4. Have you and your family ever ridden a camel? c

5. Have I ever tasted octopus? e

6. Have your grandparents ever played computer games? a

► GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I was having (have) lunch at the sandwich bar when a pickpocket stole (steal) my wallet.

2. While we _____ (play) rugby, we
 _____ (see) an eagle.

3. The man _____ (take) his dog for a walk when he
 _____ (get) lost in the forest.

4. Sam _____ miss) her train while she
 _____ (talk) to her friend.

5. It _____ (rain) when we _____ (get) to
 the beach.

6. My brother _____ (repair) his skateboard when my mum
 _____ (call) him for dinner.

ANSWERS

2. were playing / saw

3. was taking / got

4. missed / was taking

5. was raining / got

6. was repairing / called

▶ GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. A hot-air balloon ride isn't the fastest (fast) way to travel, but it is the most interesting (interesting).
2. 'Do you think a firefighter has a _____ job _____ (dangerous) a policeman?' 'Well, I think being a firefighter is _____ (hard) than being a policeman.'
3. _____ (good) place in my town in the summer is the beach. It's _____ (popular) the lake.
4. My brother is _____ (young) my cousin. They are both eight years old. But I'm twelve, so I'm _____ (old) of the three.
5. The river is _____ here _____ (wide) over there. This is _____ (deep) part of the river too.
6. I think the supermarket is _____ (busy) at the weekend _____ during the week. I think Saturday is _____ (bad) time to go.

ANSWERS

2. more dangerous ... than ... harder / less hard
3. The best ... more popular than
4. as young as ... the oldest
5. wider ... than ... the deepest
6. busier ... than ... the worst

▶ GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

Mum: Matteo, have we got ⁰ **any** / **no** milk?

Matteo: Hmm... Yes, there's ¹ **any** / **some** milk in the fridge. But we haven't got ² **any** / **no** eggs, and there's ³ **some** / **no** bread in the cupboard either.

Mum: Right. What about meat and vegetables?

Matteo: Well, we've got ⁴ **any** / **some** chicken and beef and there are ⁵ **some** / **any** tomatoes. But there aren't ⁶ **some** / **any** green beans or onions.

Mum: Is there ⁷ **any** / **no** pasta?

Matteo: No, we've only got ⁸ **any** / **some** brown rice. And there aren't ⁹ **some** / **any** packets of crisps left.

Mum: Well... You don't need ¹⁰ **any** / **no** more junk food.

ANSWERS

1. some
2. any
3. no
4. some
5. some

6. any
7. any
8. some
9. any
10. any

▶ GRAMMAR

Correct the sentences.

1. What sport can you do play?
What sport can you play?
2. Jo like Italy, but she don't like pizza.

3. Suzy are playing the guitar, and Paul and Sam is playing the drums.

4. We always are late! Can't you hurry up?

5. My brother can't to play the piano very well.

6. Are you knowing my brother?

7. Would you like a few salad?

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