

READING/ GRAMMAR

ANSWER KEY

Name: _____ N° _____

Objectives: Reading: Read and answer questions about a text.
Identify meaning of vocabulary words in context.
Grammar: Put the verbs in the correct present/past forms.
Rephrase sentences.

Answer the following questions in **COMPLETE SENTENCES** :

- 1) According to the writer, what strengthens family bonds? In your own words, mention at least two ways. (2 points)

Family bonds are strengthened when they:

Are connected to their wider family circles
foster loving relationships between grandparents and grandchildren
involve loving actions
exchange letters and phone calls, sharing school work, and making personal contact

- 2) What role do grandparents play in the upbringing of grandchildren? Do you think they are important? Why or why not? (2 points)

They teach values and pass on family generations. + Answers may vary.

- 3) What can be inferred about Helen's tragic ending? Why did she have a heart attack about her daughter's plan to place her at a nursing home? (2 points)

Her daughter wanted to take her to a nursing home. It can be inferred that the daughter doesn't care about her mother's wants or desires and only cares about the fact that it is easier for her to just put her mother in a nursing home. Therefore, family ties are deteriorating.

- 4) Do you think family bonds are as strong as they used to be? Why or why not? Provide examples. (1.5 points)

Answers may vary.

- 5) Come up with a more suitable title for the text and explain your choice. (1 point)

Answers may vary.

6) In your own words, come up with the approximate meaning of the following words: (1.5 points)

Anxiously: eagerly, impatiently

Pleaded: requested something urgently

Foster: help to grow

GRAMMAR

I- Put the following verbs in the Past Simple or Past Continuous (5pts)

1. On holiday, we __visited_____ (visit) Rome, __saw_____ (see) the Vatican, and __spent_____ (spend) a few days at the beach.
2. Why __were you standing_____ (you/stand) on a chair when I __came_____ (come) into the room?
3. When I __left_____ (leave) the house, it __was snowing_____ (snow).
4. He __was working_____ (work) in a bank when he __met_____ (meet) his wife.
5. He was in the shower when the telephone __rang_____ (ring).

II- Put the verbs in the Past Simple or Present Perfect : (4pts)

1. She __has never been_____ (never/be) to Vienna.
2. My great-grandfather _____had_____ (have) 5 sisters.
3. Oh no! I ____have lost_____ (lose) my wallet.
4. The Vandals __invaded_____ (invade) Rome in the year 455.
5. John __has never understood_____ (never/understand) the Present Perfect.
6. __Have you seen_____ (you/see) “The King’s Speech”?
7. We ____saw_____ (see) James yesterday, but he __has totally changed_____ (totally/ change).

III- Put the verbs in the correct present or past forms (7pts)

- 1) We __haven’t been_____ (not/ be) to the movies for a long time.
- 2) While he was talking_____ (talk) to the phone yesterday, his friends __were preparing/prepared_____ (prepare) him a surprise in the kitchen.
- 3) When I __went_____ (go) to apologize to her last night, it was chaos! The children __were screaming_____ (scream) and the dog __was barking_____ (bark).
- 4) You look wonderful. What __have you done_____ (you/ do) to yourself?
- 5) She doesn’t like to be interrupted when she __writes_____ (write) her essay.
- 6) She __has been studying_____ (study) in France for five years and __hasn’t come_____ (not/come) back yet.
- 7) He __has been working_____ (work) all day, but he hasn’t finished _____ (not/ finish) yet.
- 8) My mother _____is seeing_____ (see) the dentist tomorrow afternoon
- 9) You ____have been sleeping_____ (sleep) for 12 hours, so you feel now energetic.

IV- Rephrase the following sentences using the words in bold: (4pts)

- a. She started teaching 10 years ago. **Has**
She has been teaching for 10 years.
- b. Ted hasn't been to his grandparents' for 2 months. **Last**
The last time Ted went to his grandparents' was 2 months ago.
- c. I have never travelled before. **First**
It's the first time I have ever travelled.
- d. When did you last see him? **Since**
How long is it since you last saw him?