

## Reading Part 1 Set 1

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### My Worst Experience of the Week

The registration process at the State College was a nightmare. The night before registration officially began I went to bed anxious about the whole matter. .... (1).

First, even though I had paid my registration fee early last spring, the people at the bursar's office had no record of my payment. .... (2). Consequently, I had to stand in line for two hours, waiting for someone to give me a slip of paper which stated that I had, in fact, paid my registration fee. The need for this new receipt seemed ludicrous to me since, all along, I had proof that I had paid.

I was next told that I had to see my advisor in the Law and Justice Department and that the department was in Corridor C of the Triad Building. I had no idea what or where the Triad was ..... (3).

Then I began looking for Corridor C. When I found it, everyone there was a member of the Communications Department. No one seemed to know where Law and Justice had gone. Finally, one instructor said she thought Law and Justice was in Corridor A. "And where is Corridor A?" I asked. "I don't know," the teacher answered. .... (4).

She saw the bewildered look on my face and said sympathetically, "You're not the only one who's confused." I nodded and walked numbly away. I felt as if I was fated to spend the rest of the semester trying to complete the registration process. .... (5).

- A) I'm new here.  
B) But finally, I found my way to the ugly, grey-white building.  
C) I wasn't able to understand a single word of what she said.  
D) I wondered if I would ever become an official college student.  
E) Nothing that happened the next day helped to ease my tension.  
F) And for some bizarre reason, they wouldn't accept the receipt I had.

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### The Generation Gap in Our House

When I was a girl, I never argued with my parents about differences between their attitudes and mine. My father would deliver his judgement on an issue and that was usually the end of the matter. .... (1). My husband and I have to contend with radical differences between what our children think about a given situation and what we think about it.

Our youngest daughter, Stephanie, consistently refuses to agree to what she calls our ancient, dark-age ideas. .... (2). We felt that it was neither safe nor proper for a twelve-year-old to be out of the house past 9.30.

..... (3). She enlisted the aid of her oldest sister, who argued that at twelve Stephanie was old enough to go to dances.

As a result of these arguments, we consented to let Stephanie go to the dance with instructions to be home by 11.00. She resented our instructions, because friends could stay out until 12.30. When we agreed to extend her time to 11.30, she stayed out until 12.30. .... (4). Finally, she was kept home indefinitely, during which time she continued to refer to us as "old funny duddies". She said that her oldest sister was much more understanding and maybe we should try to learn from her.

..... (5). My husband and I were informed by concerned relatives that her boyfriend had once been caught stealing property from a hotel where he was employed at the time.

- A) We have also differed significantly with our oldest daughter, Adelle.
- B) For instance, she was relentless in her efforts to get permission to attend Saturday night dances.
- C) When we gave her permission to stay until 12.30, she came home at 1.00.
- D) She also pointed out that he was presently employed at night on a parking lot.
- E) That view, she told us, is strictly out of the dark ages.
- F) But the situation is different with today's parents and children.

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## Reading Part 1 Set 3

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### Food for Thought

We are constantly being told that smoking can seriously damage a person's health. Medical experts have determined that smoking causes lung cancer and other bronchial diseases. They also tell us that too much alcohol can have equally dangerous effects on the health. These warnings, however, do not mean that non-smokers and teetotallers can sit back and enjoy uninterrupted good health all their lives. .... (1).

Many of the modern "convenience foods" or "junk foods" that we buy - frozen, canned, boxed, or ready to eat - may look appetising and even taste delicious. However, they lack the nutrition found in natural foods. We need to pay attention to what we eat as well as how much we eat. .... (2).

The carbohydrates we need are found in breads, potatoes, pasta products, and sugar. .... (3).

There are two kinds of fats: animal and vegetable. They give us energy too, although doctors believe that animal fats raise the cholesterol level in the blood and may result in heart problems in later years. Meat, cheese, and fish provide us with vital body-building protein. According to dieticians, we need a minimum of seventy grams of protein a day. Vitamins, contained in fruit and vegetables, are also a necessary part of our diet, as they are important in building up resistance to disease and maintaining good eyesight, skin, and teeth. .... (4).

Milk is one of the richest sources of calcium, and iron in large quantities is present in liver, spinach, lentils, and dates.

Now, stop for a moment and ask yourself if you are eating correctly. .... (5). And remember, not only does your body need the right kinds of food, it also needs lots of exercise and plenty of rest. Learn to eat right and take good care of your body so you can live a happier and healthier life.

- A) The body needs a balanced diet, which means that it should receive the right amounts of carbohydrates, fats, protein, vitamins and minerals.  
B) These "starchy foods," which give us energy, should not, however, be eaten in large quantities because they make us put on extra weight.  
C) They, too, may be endangering their health - by eating the wrong kinds of food, for example.  
D) Finally, our bodies need minerals like calcium, iron and iodine.  
E) Many people today are trying to lose weight by dieting.  
F) If you are not, it's time you started.

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## The Miracle Workers

When Redmond Pagin was born with cerebral palsy following a delay during birth, his family were to end up spending the next 11 years struggling to win damages against their local health authority and seeking specialist physical help in Hungary

Last week their legal living nightmare ended when the Pagin family was awarded \$2.9 million in damages and \$218,500 for expenses.

After the verdict they took time to recall the dream come true of how Hungary played a vital role in helping their disabled child with therapy that enabled him to live a life as close to normal as possible.

..... (1) He was six before he could walk and, desperate to help his development, his family traveled to Hungary for assistance.

Lisa Pagin told The Budapest Sun, "We, my mother and Redmond, came to Hungary in 1992, and went to the Moira Institute just outside of Budapest. .... (2)

"We've tried many treatments and exercises, believe me, but the form of therapy in Hungary is the best I've ever seen; it's about real life."

Moving from Doncaster to Hungary was not an easy adjustment for the family and at first they couldn't understand why Hungary was the recommended place to visit for therapy.

"We saw very few lifts and ramps, everything had stairs. Hungarians with disabilities had to learn to live in the real world," Pagin said.

..... (3) It has 10 qualified, experienced "conductors" who received their diploma from the Pető Institute, which helps children from around the world suffering from cerebral palsy. According to Professor András Pető, the Hungarian founder of the rehabilitation system of "conductive education", the main goal is to enable children and adults to change their physical abilities and performance through a guided approach of problem solving and a series of tasks.

..... (4) The conductor offers guidance, support and a sense of direction, taking responsibility for all physical, intellectual, social and personal development of the children they work with.

"They taught him posture and movement, but all of it applied to daily life - how he could use what they were teaching us."

When he began the treatment Redmond was only two years, but as his mother remembers, the hard work and grueling routine didn't faze him a bit. .... (5)

"It was amazing, they played music and sang songs while the therapy was conducted. For the children it didn't seem like hard work, it was fun for them," she said, adding the institute's work is, "very special indeed."

- A) The parents despaired of ever seeing their child living a normal life.
- B) In fact, Lisa Pagin says that her son actually enjoyed his time at the institute.
- C) From birth, Redmond's movement was impeded.
- D) The Moira Institute was founded in 1987, with its Conductive Education Center in Budapest opening in September 1991.
- E) We spent five weeks there, working on Redmond's therapeutic exercises five days a week.
- F) By experiencing success, they discover that they can find their own solutions to many problems of daily living.

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## Reading Part 1 Set 5

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### Snapshot Britain: Royally Cold and Wet

Campaigns to "re-brand" Britain's image abroad have so far been a resounding flop, according to a report yesterday. Foreigners still overwhelmingly value us most for traditional qualities: the royal family, sturdy industrial products, stable democracy and currency, and a "well educated, well brought up people, able to keep up conversation". ..... (1) What they dislike most, as they did 100 years ago, is our "English bloody cold". They complain about our chilliness, aloofness and inhospitability to foreigners and our weather.

This is the picture from an 88-page British Council in-depth opinion poll among 2,600 people in 13 countries.

"It is impossible for an affectionate, warm Brazilian to live in a country where people hardly say hello," one respondent told the pollsters. But an astonished German said ..... (2) But it was somehow warmer, more friendly. They are quite normal people, like us."

The poll, commissioned to update the knowledge of British diplomats and council officials working abroad, undermines the New Labour myth of Cool Britannia.

..... (3) His name was recognised by 90% of the poll sample of high-flying, well educated 25- to 34-year-olds, seen as the next influential generation in their countries. But two-thirds viewed Britain's reputation in the arts as "based more in the past than in the present". Some 60% of people could not name a single contemporary British artist. This is "worrying", the report notes. However, 5% mentioned Hugh Grant, internationally known for the Divine Brown case as well as his acting, and Elton John, remembered for singing at Princess Diana's funeral.

The UK beat Germany and Japan for overall "favourable impressions" of a country. The scores were France 74%, the US 71%, the UK 70%, Germany 63%, and Japan 59%.

..... (4) "Major weaknesses" mentioned were tradition and conservatism (11%), the Northern Ireland conflict and the royal family (both 5%). ..... (5) They were chosen by 21%. Next came the Houses of Parliament (15%), the Tower of London and Beefeaters (14%), football (8%), Margaret Thatcher, London and bad weather (4%) and Tony Blair (3%).

- A) Britain would have scored higher but for vehement opposition among Chinese people polled.
- B) "I imagined the UK to be stricter, more conservative, more distant.
- C) Mr Blair emerges as the best known British personality abroad, followed by the Spice Girls, Naomi Campbell and Robbie Williams.
- D) Paradoxically, the Queen and the royal family came easily top of images which "best represent" Britain.
- E) They also cherish our castles, kilts and rugby.
- F) Two per cent named William Shakespeare, who died nearly 400 years ago.

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## Party Time

Almost everyone loves a good party, but how do you plan one? A successful party giver is someone who really wants people to have a good time. If the host or hostess is nervous, the guests will not be comfortable either. .... (1)

Here are some DOs and DON'Ts about giving a successful party.

**Invitations:** Decide who you want to invite and send out your invitations – or make your calls – early. Don't forget to include a map or to give directions to your place. Try for a different mix of people, some who know each other and some who don't. .... (2). They may not come, but they will be less likely to complain if things get a little noisy.

**Music:** Good music makes a good party. Choose your music carefully, so that there is something to please all your guests. .... (3). You can appoint someone in advance to be in charge of playing the music. If you use a record player, place it somewhere safe so that it won't be shaken. You don't want the records to be damaged, especially if they are borrowed. Because records are so fragile, many people like to use cassettes at a party. What's more, you won't have to change the music as often.

**Drinks:** Strong alcoholic drinks should be avoided because there's always someone who will drink too much and spoil everyone else's fun. Most people enjoy punch. .... (4) Mix these together and add the juice of three lemons and one tablespoon of sugar. Be sure you also have a good supply of soft drinks, such as cola and ginger ale. Just before the guests leave, serve a round of coffee to help keep your guests alert for the trip home.

**Your Guests:** .... (5). Make a point of introducing them to others, and then keep checking to see how they are getting along during the party.

Remember, throwing a good party is not just a matter of luck. Proper planning and preparation pay off; everyone has a good time, including you!

- A) One favorite recipe calls for two quarts (two liters) of orange juice or other fruit juice and a quart (liter) of soda water.
- B) So if you want your guests to enjoy them selves, plan everything carefully and enjoy your own party along with your guests.
- C) Here are some suggestions to help make your next party a success.
- D) You might think about inviting your neighbors, even if you don't know them well.
- E) Don't leave any guests standing alone because they don't know anyone else.
- F) Try to have a wide selection.

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## Reading Part 1 Set 7

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### Curitiba, Brazil Example of Successful Urban Planning

The city of Curitiba in Brazil could easily have been just another urban disaster – in 40 years its population has increased from 300,000 to 2.1 million. But instead, city officials and the people have worked together to create a well-run urban environment.

Curitiba, in southern Brazil, is typical of many rapidly developing cities. After 1950, it changed dramatically as its economy, which had been based on agriculture, moved into the industrial age. As in many other cities, this change created poverty, but Curitiba managed to control the problems that go with it, such as crime and lack of education. .... (1).

The most striking feature of Curitiba is its transport system. Private cars are not allowed in much of the city centre, and the bus network is fast and efficient because main roads have special bus lanes, which keep buses apart from other transport. Ticket prices are kept low so people on low incomes can use the network. .... (2).

The transport system helps Curitiba to use 20 per cent less energy than other cities of its size, and other green policies also contribute to conservation.

Curitiba recycles 70 per cent of its rubbish, and the whole population is involved in collecting rubbish. Poor people can exchange rubbish for food at special exchanges around the city. .... (3).

..... (4) Whereas most city centres are dominated by companies and business, in Curitiba, the city authorities have controlled their numbers, so that the centre does not close down at the end of the working day.

The man responsible for Curitiba's development is the city's mayor, Jaime Lerner. He says that Curitiba has succeeded because everyone was made to feel responsible for improving the city. To do that, he says, the poor must be given good services so they share in improving the quality of life. "All around the world everyone was designing cities for cars," explains Lerner. .... (5).

- A) "We decided to design ours for people."  
B) The centre of the city is also unusual.  
C) Other typical urban problems have also been avoided.  
D) This helps to keep the slums clean and reduce crime.  
E) Three quarters of the city's commuters now get to work by bus.  
F) They process things that have been used, such as bottles and paper, so that they can be used again.

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