

"Three baby ducks hatch from THE READING supermarket eggs"

COMPLETE WITH THE CORRECT WORDS

A woman was surprised after she bought duck eggs from a supermarket¹. Three of the eggs hatched. The woman has three baby ducks, or ducklings². Their names are Beep,³ Peep and Meep. Charli Lello, 29, bought the eggs last month³. She was at home all day because she wasn't working in her job as an assistant manager in a shop. She decided to use her free time to do different things. Ms Lello told reporters she got the idea for incubating eggs after seeing a video on Facebook⁴. The video showed how someone hatched eggs⁵ after buying them from a supermarket.

Lello said the ducklings would have a happy life⁶. They will be friends for her pet chickens. She explained why she bought the eggs. She said: "I saw the duck eggs and thought maybe they would [hatch]. I was so excited for them to hatch, but I still [knew] that these are supermarket eggs." She was surprised⁷ when the eggs hatched because they had been bashed around on a truck and in a shopping⁸ trolley. She called it an "amazing" experience⁹. She said the ducklings were, "the cutest little balls of fluff". A duck farm said it is unusual¹⁰ for supermarket eggs to hatch.

eggs month life surprised

Facebook shopping

unusual ducklings

supermarket experience

“Just One Touch”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

I am sitting in a chair next to Momma’s bed. I am watching her get ready for a party.

She opens the beautiful jewelry box on her nightstand.

It is the size of a shoebox. It is wooden. It has colorful stones on top. They are red, green, yellow, and blue. To me, the box looks **magical**. It looks like it has special powers.

“Now, you know you must never touch this box, right?” Momma says. I feel like she knows exactly what I am thinking.

*I just want to touch it. I just want to open it.
I just want to try on all the jewelry inside and dance around the room!*

“Yes, Momma,” I say. “I know.”

What do I know?

I know Momma has always told me not to touch the box. She has said it since I was a little girl.

“You are not old enough to wear my jewelry,” Momma says.

I am almost eleven years old! What is the **big deal**?

I know that when Momma puts on the rings and bracelets from the box, she looks different. She seems to glow.

There is one necklace with a yellow stone like a tiger’s eye. When Momma puts this on, she seems to **float** instead of walk. Her feet do not seem to touch the ground. She moves lightly and gracefully. She moves without effort.

Momma kisses me goodnight. She leaves for the party. I run to the window to wave to her, but she is already gone.

Tonight I am very curious.

Just one touch.

I sit on the edge of Momma’s bed. I place my hand on the nightstand. I pause. I think.



My hand moves up and rests on the jewelry box. The box quickly flips open by itself! Jewels fly into the air. They dance around my head. I feel strange. I fall down to the floor.

I wake up in a place I have never seen before.

Questions:

- 1) Where does most of this story take place?
- A. at a party
 - B. in a pretend place
 - C. outside a window
 - D. in Momma's bedroom
- 2) Who is telling the story?
- A. Momma
 - B. a young girl
 - C. Momma's friend
 - D. a pretend person
- 3) At the beginning of the story, where is the girl sitting?
- A. in a chair
 - B. on the bed
 - C. on the floor
 - D. next to the window
- 4) The jewelry box looks **magical**. What does this mean?
- A. It looks simple.
 - B. It looks expensive.
 - C. It looks like it has special powers.
 - D. It looks like it was made a long time ago.
- 5) What does Momma tell her daughter about the box?
- A. that it is magical
 - B. that she must never touch it
 - C. that the jewels are expensive
 - D. that she can touch it when she is older
- 6) Where is Momma going?
- A. to a play
 - B. to a party
 - C. to a concert
 - D. to a magic show
- 7) What does the jewelry box look like?
- I. It is brown.
 - II. It is wooden.
 - III. It is the size of a shoebox.
- A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III
- 8) Which word best describes how the girl feels about the jewelry box?
- A. angry
 - B. curious
 - C. in love
 - D. scared

Questions (continued):

9) Momma seems to glow when she puts on

- A. makeup
- B. a necklace
- C. the rings and bracelets
- D. nice shoes and a fancy dress

10) What does the girl seem to be thinking about when she sits on the edge of the bed?

- A. going to a party
- B. how to open the box
- C. dancing around the room
- D. if she should touch the box

11) How old is the girl?

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 10
- D. 15

12) What does the reader learn about the box?

- A. It is evil.
- B. It can fly.
- C. It is very heavy.
- D. It has special powers.

13) What does it mean if something is a **big deal**?

- A. It is a heavy thing.
- B. It is very important.
- C. It cannot be forgotten.
- D. It can make a lot of money.

14) At the end of the story, what does the girl mean when she says that Momma seems to **float**?

- A. that Momma is swimming
- B. that Momma looks like a boat
- C. that it is difficult for Momma to move
- D. that Momma moves without much effort

15) How might the end of the story make the reader feel?

- I. unsure about what has happened
 - II. curious about the power of the jewelry box
 - III. wondering what will happen next
- A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III

VOCABULARY | Warnings/Telling someone not to do something 1

*REMEMBER: Several responses might be acceptable - choose the **best** one*

1. Don't call me again! - I have _____ to you.
a) nothing to tell b) nothing to speak c) **nothing to say**

2. Don't talk to him - He's a _____ person. (= you can't trust him)
a) **two-faced** b) double-faced c) two-faces

3. Don't drink so much wine - You'll have a _____ tomorrow.
a) head cold b) **headache** c) head pain

4. You should _____ on smoking. (= you shouldn't smoke so much) It's bad for you.
a) cut off b) **cut down** c) get down

5. Don't get off here. Get off at the next _____.
a) stoop b) step c) **stop**

6. Don't go outside without a scarf. You'll _____. (= get sick)
a) **catch cold** b) receive an illness c) be unwell

7. Don't try to _____ me (= trick me). I'm too smart for that.
a) **fool** b) idiot c) stupid

8. Don't worry about your interview. You'll do _____!
a) **fine** b) smart c) intelligent

9. Don't try to stop me - I've _____ my mind. (= I have made a decision)
a) called up b) thought up c) **made up**

10. You should try to be more _____. He's going through a difficult time.
a) presumptuous b) assuming c) **understanding**

VOCABULARY | Talking about (your) work 1

*REMEMBER: Several responses might be acceptable - choose the **best** one:*

1. I work for a law _____.
a) company b) **firm** c) job

2. James is a teacher. = James works _____ a teacher.
a) like b) **as** c) being

3. I didn't like working _____. That's why I quit my office job and became a photographer.
a) **9-5 (nine to five)** b) 9-5 (nine five) c) 9-6 (nine to six)

4. Lisa will be _____ for overseeing this year's fundraising event.
a) responsive b) responsibility c) **responsible**

5. I love helping animals. That's why I became a _____.
a) **vet(erinarian)** b) butcher c) pilot

6. It's impossible to learn how to do this. You have to _____.
a) naturally be born b) be born like it c) **be born with it**

7. I sometimes stay after work to finish something, but I never _____ (= go to work) on weekends.
a) get in b) **come in** c) come inside

8. Craig works as a personal _____ to one of the most famous architects in Canada.
a) assistance b) **assistant** c) assailant

9. P1: Does she work _____ sales? P2: No, she's a graphic designer.
a) by b) with c) **in**

10. I'm planning to _____ this summer. (= to find a different job)
a) **change jobs** b) change job c) change the job

VOCABULARY | Praising someone/ Giving compliments 1

*REMEMBER: Several responses might be acceptable - choose the **best** one*

1. I love the way you _____ your apartment! It's so modern.
a) set out b) created c) **decorated**

2. That dress looks _____ on you!
a) very great b) **really good** c) really well

3. He's a great driver. He has never had _____.
a) **an accident** b) a fault c) an incident

4. Wow, I didn't know you were such a great cook! This meal is very _____.
a) **tasty** b) tasteful c) good taste

5. If something is "yummy", it's _____.
a) bland b) **tasty** c) not very tasty

6. She always buys very _____ clothes. (= things that are in fashion)
a) **fashionable** b) fashion c) modern

7. I can always _____ you! (= rely on you) You are a true friend.
a) count b) count with c) **count on**

8. That color really _____ you. (= you look good in that color)
a) satiates b) **suits** c) sweets

9. That's so _____! = That's such a nice thing to say!
a) **sweet** b) tart c) sugary

10. She never _____ me down. = She never disappoints me.
a) leaves b) makes c) **lets**

1. _____ is the climate like in your country?
A) **What** B) Which C) Where D) How
2. _____ of these students studies hard?
A) What B) How C) **Which** D) Who
3. She will come at 7 o'clock _____ evening.
A) of this B) on this C) **this** D) at this
4. A: Are my shoes in the box?
B: No, there _____ in the box.
A) **isn't anything** B) isn't nothing
C) aren't things D) isn't any
5. Alice is _____ as the boys.
A) too strong B) so strong C) **as strong** D) also strong
6. I never eat potatoes, and _____.
A) so doesn't Tom B) **neither does Tom**
C) neither is Tom D) neither Tom does
7. What _____ on Sundays?
A) Ali usually does B) **does Ali usually do**
C) does Ali usually D) usually does Ali do
8. _____ lovely food!
A) Which B) How C) **What** D) Where
9. I think there are _____ in the garden.
A) nobody B) someone C) **some people** D) anybody
10. This is _____.
A) the question thirty B) the question thirteenth
C) **question thirty** D) thirteen question
11. The sun came _____ the windows.
A) out of B) into C) with D) **through**
12. The old man came _____ the stairs.
A) out of B) through C) **down** D) off
13. In Britain people drive _____ the left.
A) **on** B) in C) at D) _
14. The distance _____ Ankara _____ Bursa is five hundred kilometers.
A) **from / to** B) to / to C) _ / from D) from / _
15. You may write _____ a pencil or a pen.
A) **with** B) for C) in D) from
16. Subtract two _____ ten.
A) under B) out of C) than D) **from**
17. Mt. Everest is a little _____ 29,000 feet high.
A) **over** B) than C) above D) for
18. Many women are afraid _____ mice.
A) with B) **of** C) from D) than
19. There is a big difference _____ a cheap watch and an expensive one.
A) with B) than C) from D) **between**
20. Tom was really delighted _____ your gift.
A) **with** B) for C) about D) in
21. Wallace wasn't very careful when he drove the car, _____ ?
A) wasn't he B) did he C) didn't he D) **was he**
22. She didn't tell Robert where her wife was, _____ ?
A) wasn't she B) **did she** C) didn't she D) was she
23. Your friends aren't given any chance, _____ ?
A) do they B) aren't they C) haven't they D) **are they**
24. Linda is thirsty. She wants _____ glass of milk.
A) other B) some C) any D) **another**
25. I want to give my brother _____ for his birthday.
A) a thing B) anything C) **something** D) any
26. Is that umbrella _____ ?
A) you B) to you C) your D) **yours**
27. We bought a lamp for Mr. Pools. We gave it _____ last night.
A) him B) **to him** C) his D) for him
28. Don't talk _____.
A) him B) he C) **to him** D) at him
29. A: Whose car is that?
B: It's _____.
A) to her B) hers C) her D) **Mrs. Jacobs**
30. A: Whose is this?
B: _____.
A) **His** B) He's C) It's D) It is
31. There isn't _____ in the restaurant.
A) any people B) any persons C) **anybody** D) nobody
32. A: Have you got any apples?
B: Yes, I've got _____.
A) a small B) one small
C) **two small ones** D) two small
33. _____ don't like red wine.
A) **Some people** B) Any people
C) Somebody D) Anybody
34. I can hardly see _____ without my glasses.
A) **anything** B) something C) nothing D) nowhere
35. The Nelsons enjoyed _____ on their vacation.
A) **themselves** B) yourselves C) yourself D) ourselves
36. Mrs. Baker is fond of her students. She's giving _____ some candy.
A) to them B) **them** C) they D) for them
37. My sister called last week. I haven't spoken _____ since.
A) him B) she C) her D) **to her**
38. Is this typewriter _____ ?
A) your B) **yours** C) to you D) you
39. He _____ in the heavy rain and came home dripping wet.
A) **was caught** B) caught C) catch D) have caught
40. She has _____ strange in her handbag.
A) **something** B) some things C) a thing D) anything
41. She's telling _____ an amusing story.
A) they B) **them** C) to them D) their
42. All of the students did _____ homework.
A) his B) her C) its D) **their**
43. I imagine _____ to have Italian ancestors.
A) she B) his C) **her** D) their
44. When I returned home, my father asked me where I _____.
A) **was** B) had been C) have been D) went
45. Tom has just left for San Francisco. By six o'clock tomorrow he _____ New York.
A) will have reached B) will reach
C) reaches D) has reached
46. My brother told me that he _____ the letter.
A) has posted B) will post C) had posted D) is posting
47. You can go home if you _____ your work.
A) are finishing B) finished
C) will finish D) have finished
48. When I arrived home at 7 o'clock, I was very surprised. Everybody _____ out.
A) were B) has gone C) had gone D) is
49. He is sad because he _____ some money.
A) lost B) had lost C) has lost D) was lost
50. Mohammed Ali _____ his first world title fight in 1960.
A) has won B) is winning C) was winning D) won
51. Water _____ at a temperature of 100° C.
A) is boiling B) boils C) boiled D) boil

WORKSHEET 27
Past Simple Mixed Exercise II
Level: Basic (A2)

Make the sentences (negative / positive / question) according to the symbols in parenthesis.

1. Our neighbors bought a new house two days ago.

Our neighbors didn't buy a new house two days ago. (-)

2. Sam forgot to do his homework yesterday.

Did Sam forget to do his homework yesterday? _____ (?)

3. Paul and Andrew travelled to Vancouver last month.

Paul and Andrew didn't travel to Vancouver last month _____ (-)

4. Kate didn't understand her teacher's explanation.

Kate understood her teacher's explanation _____ (+)

5. Did the students ask many questions to their teacher?

The students asked many questions to their teacher _____ (+)

6. Bill finished his homework an hour ago.

Bill didn't finish his homework an hour ago _____ (-)

7. Mike wrote birthday cards to his friends.

Did Mike write birthday cards to his friends?> _____ (?)

8. Did Alice's sister win the first prize yesterday?

Alice's sister won the first prize yesterday _____ (+)

9. I didn't see an interesting film last Saturday.

I saw an interesting film last Saturday _____ (+)

10. My little son didn't ride his new bike in the park.

My little son rode his new bike in the park _____ (+)

11. Nora decided to quit her job two months ago.

Nora didn't decide to quit her job _____ (-)

12. Lucy arrived at the shopping center with her friends ten minutes ago.

Lucy didn't arrive at the shopping center _____ (-)

13. The students played hopscotch yesterday morning.

Did the students play hopscotch yesterday morning? _____ (?)

14. Katherine didn't make a delicious sandwich.

Katherine made a delicious sandwich _____ (+)

WORKSHEET 17

Present Continuous & Present Simple Mixed Exercise

Level: Basic(A1)

Choose the correct option.

1) What about having a picnic? The sun ----.

- a) shines
- b) **is shining**

2) Be quiet! Janet's baby ---- in her bedroom.

- a) **is sleeping**
- b) sleeps

3) She always ---- green tea in the morning.

- a) **drinks**
- b) is drinking

4) Every Saturday Lorenzo ---- his kids to their piano lesson.

- a) is driving
- b) **drives**

5) It ---- don't forget to take your scarf and gloves.

- a) **is snowing**
- b) snows

6) Caroline ---- pizza but she ---- hamburgers.

- a) is liking / isn't liking
- b) **likes / doesn't like**

7) Jason ---- 20 kilometers every day.

- a) **cycles**
- b) is cycling

8) Lucas and Lucy usually ---- the bus to school but today they ---- , because it is sunny.

- a) **take / are walking**
- b) are taking / walk

9) This summer I ---- Chinese.

- a) study
- b) **am studying**

10) A: ---- you ---- with us tonight?
B: Unfortunately. I must study for the exam.

- a) Do / come
- b) **Are / coming**

11) I ---- swimming is not a good idea because it is cold today.

- a) think
- b) **am thinking**

12) Fiona ---- waking up early on Sundays, so please don't make any noise.

- a) is hating
- b) **hates**

13) Sam ---- his Spanish day by day.

- a) **is improving**
- b) improves

14) Jeremy always ---- to San Francisco by plane but today he ---- by his friend's car.

- a) is travelling
- b) **travels**

15) A: What's the matter? Why --- you ---?
B: I hurt my leg.

- a) do / cry
- b) **are / crying**

16) She can't answer the phone. She ---- in the kitchen right now.

- a) **is washing**
- b) washes

17) How often ---- you and your brother --- - out?

- a) **do / eat**
- b) are / eating

18) James normally ---- to bed at 12 PM on Saturdays.

- a) is going
- b) **goes**

19) My mother ---- as a doctor. She ---- a patient now.

- a) is working / examines
- b) **works / is examining**

20) Look! My granny ---- the flowers in the garden.

- a) **is watering**
- b) waters