

Read the text and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

Choose the correct item.

The life of George Orwell

George Orwell was born in India in 1903. When he was four years old, his mother took him and his sister back to England but his father stayed in India.

In England, the young boy had a private teacher but it was difficult for his parents to find the money to pay for it. He was lucky later – when he was thirteen he won a scholarship to Eton College but he was not a very good student.

He always thought of becoming a writer. When he was eleven, he wrote a poem about World War I. This poem was very good and it appeared in the local newspaper.

George had a difficult but interesting life. For a long time he couldn't find a well-paid job. He lived in Paris and London but because he didn't have much money he had to stay in poor parts of these cities. In London he even lived in the street for some time. These years helped him to write his first book called *Down and Out in Paris and London*, published in 1933. In 1936 George went to Spain to write for newspapers about the Civil War. Three years later he wanted to join the army to fight in World War II but he was very ill and couldn't become a soldier. He decided to work for the BBC and in 1945 he published *Animal Farm*. After the war he moved to Scotland where he wrote his final book, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

He died in London in 1950. He was only forty-seven.

- 1 George Orwell had one sister. T / F
- 2 In 1907 he returned to England with his mother and father. T / F
- 3 As a child he wrote a book about World War I. T / F
- 4 He lived in poor parts of London and Paris. T / F
- 5 He wrote *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in Spain. T / F

This is umbrella.

- A Mary B Mary's C Marys'

He goes to work taxi.

- A on B by C in

There aren't flowers in the vase.

- A some B no C any

"..... left first?" "Peter."

- A What B Who C Which

Mr Morgan is my teacher. Do you know

- A his B him C he

..... is Ted? In his bedroom.

- A Where B What C Who

Peter is boy in the team.

- A biggest B the biggest C bigger

..... he like cats?

- A Does B Do C Don't

Mum her exercises at the moment.

- A is doing B does C did

I haven't got bread.

- A many B much C lot of

Tom black hair.

- A can't B isn't C hasn't got

Sarah riding every day.

- A go B goes C is going

Complete Emma's e-mail to her new pen friend. Write one word in each gap.

To...	Jane
From...	Emma
Subject:	Hi

Hi! Thanks for your e-mail.

I live 1 _____ Dublin. It's a great city. My dad is 2 _____ teacher and my mum is a nurse. I've got two brothers 3 _____ a sister. We live in 4 _____ old house 5 _____ a big garden.

My hobbies are sport and photography. I'm very good 6 _____ swimming. I love cycling. 7 _____ When I go cycling in the countryside, I always have my camera with me. I like taking photos 8 _____ animals and birds.

On Saturdays, I usually meet my friends and we go shopping in 9 _____ city.

On Sundays, my aunt and uncle usually visit us. My uncle is 10 _____ computers. He often buys us a new computer game. I love playing computer games.

Write soon.

Emma

Write a reply to Emma. Thank her for her e-mail and answer these questions about your life.

Thank Emma for her e-mail.

- 1 Where do you live?
- 2 Have you got any brothers and sisters?
- 3 What are your hobbies?
- 4 What do you do on Saturdays?
- 5 What do you do on Sundays?

To...	Emma
From...	You
Subject:	Hi

Hi Emma! Thanks for your e-mail.

Write soon.