

EXERCISES

A. Read the title of each text and the first sentence of each paragraph. What is each text about?

B. Read the texts highlight the relevant ideas for you.

AMAZING PEOPLE

Let's find out how these amazing young people changed their communities.

FROM BEGGING TO BUILDING

William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, Africa in very poor conditions. He grew up without electricity or running water. After he was 14, he couldn't go to school because his family were poor. However, there was a local library, so he went there instead. He could read books and teach himself things. William was very interested in reading about how windmills could make electricity and pump water. So he decided to build a windmill. William's windmill was very successful, and he won a scholarship to a university in South Africa. Now he can teach young people how to make their own windmills and repair water pumps.

Sandra Ferreira de Souza grew up on the streets of São Paulo, Brazil. She couldn't work because she was so young, so she begged for money to survive. She became pregnant when she was just a teenager. An organisation Lua Nova, which helps pregnant women in Brazil, gave her somewhere to live. After she had her baby, Lua Nova helped Sandra to learn about building, so that she could get a job. Sandra and other women like her learnt a lot. She can now make bricks and sell them, and she can build a house. Some people think that women can't be builders, but Sandra knows that they are wrong. In fact, some people prefer women builders because they think that women are more careful. Sandra now lives with her three children in a house that she built herself.

ECO-FRIENDLY INVENTOR FROM BEGGING TO BUILDING

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C. Read the texts again and answer the questions.

1. Answer carefully

- What organisation helped Sandra when she was pregnant?
- How does Sandra make extra money now?
- Why did William leave school when he was 14?
- What did William build?

2. Complete the sentences from the text.

- a. She _____ work because she was so young.
 b. He _____ read books.
 c. She _____ build a house
 d. Some people think that women _____ be builders.

3. Complete the table about Sandra and William.

	Things they could and couldn't do (past)	Things they can and can't do (present)
Sandra		
William		

4. Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- a. fast / run / can't / dog / can / speak / but / our / he
 b. I / was / couldn't / English / I / speak / when / younger
 c. brother / could / one / walk / my / he / was / when
 d. because / can / pilot / fly / a / a plane / she / Lidia / is

5. Match the verbs with the words to make expressions for abilities**VERBS**

paint – play (x3) – speak – run
 – repair – draw – do – write
 (x2) – ride (x3)

EXPRESSIONS

a foreign language – a horse – chess – a magic
 trick –
 a poem – a bike (x2) – a motorbike – tennis – a
 story –
 5 kilometres – a musical instrument – a picture
 (x2)

6. Read the text**a. Highlight the most important for you in each paragraph.****b. Check the new words for you.****ESL shopping**

Shopping is a necessary part of life which very few people can avoid. It is a daily routine for some people. Some people shop for pleasure while other people go shopping just to buy the necessary items in order to survive. The weekend is usually a good time to go shopping because people have free time from work. At this time the shops are usually very busy because people try to get the best items for the lowest price before the item runs out of stock.

Some people go shopping more regularly than other people to browse products in shops even when they do not have much money. This is known as window shopping and allows people to plan ahead and save for the things they want to buy in the future or wait for

the items to drop in price. Some people spend a lot of time looking for bargains while others do not think of the price and are happy to spend a lot. Some people believe that the more expensive the item, the better the quality, but this is not always true. It is sensible to buy items which are affordable, but some people use a credit card or borrow money from the bank so that they can buy the items they really want rather than wait for it.

Sometimes shopping can be stressful when choosing a gift to buy other people for a special occasion. It is common to buy a gift voucher so that a friend or loved one can go shopping themselves at their own convenience. Shopping online is often popular with people who have a busy lifestyle. People are able to order their necessary and luxury items from the comfort of their own home, or even on the move. Delivery is usually free and items are often cheaper than in shops on the high street. The only real problem is that the item description and quality may be different than what they hoped for. This could mean the customer may become disappointed with the item they receive and will need to return it at their own cost. People who go to shops to do their shopping often use self-service payment machines. This usually saves time as the shopper does not need to join a long queue. However, it can be frustrating when the machine has a problem and the sales assistant is not always available to help.

c. Choose the best answers

1) Why is the weekend a good time to go shopping?

- A. It is very busy on the weekend.
- B. People are free from work.
- C. Things are usually cheaper.
- D. The shops are closed.

2) What are people doing when they go shopping just to have a look and not to buy?

- A. Bargain hunting
- B. Window shopping
- C. They do not have much money
- D. Looking for the best quality

3) What do some people usually think about items of better quality?

- A. They are cheaper
- B. They are harder to find
- C. They are more expensive
- D. They are on sale

4) When can shopping be stressful?

- A. When shops are about to close
- B. When it is very busy
- C. When buying a gift for someone
- D. On the weekend

5) Is there sometimes a problem with online shopping?

- A. No the shops are open 24 hours a day
- B. Yes with the quality and description of the item
- C. Yes there are too many queues
- D. No there are no problems