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## The Power of a Smile



Are you smiling right now? What makes you smile?

Maybe you smile when you see your friends, eat chocolate cake, or win a prize. Doctors think we should smile often, because it's good for our bodies and minds. When you smile:

- you feel happy,
- you make others feel happy,
- you look more beautiful, and
- you can “speak” without language!



⤴ prize

⤵ smile

Smiling means the same thing in every country in the world. There is even a “Smile Power Day” on June 15, when people smile at strangers. But be careful! Most people will



15 notice the difference between a real smile and a **fake** one. When your smile is real, you use your mouth and your eyes. When your smile isn't real, you only use your mouth.

Why don't you try **it**? Smile for real at your teacher; does he or she smile at you, too?



fake smile

## Questions

1. What can we learn from the reading?
  - (A) Doctors shouldn't smile.
  - (B) Teachers often smile.
  - (C) Smiling is good for you.
  - (D) Don't smile at strangers.
2. Which of the following is not true?
  - (A) "Smile Power Day" is on June 15.
  - (B) "Smile Power Day" is on July 15.
  - (C) Smiling makes you look beautiful.
  - (D) Smiling makes you feel happy.
3. What does "**fake**" mean?
  - (A) Happy.
  - (B) Beautiful.
  - (C) False.
  - (D) Comfortable.
4. How do you know when someone is happy?
  - (A) She smiles with all of her face.
  - (B) She only smiles with her mouth.
  - (C) She spends time with her friends.
  - (D) She eats a lot of chocolate cake.
5. What does "**it**" mean?
  - (A) Winning.
  - (B) Talking.
  - (C) Learning.
  - (D) Smiling.



# 2 Mother's Day Card

To the World's Greatest Mom,

You're the kindest, most caring,  
most wonderful mother I could ever wish for.

Thank you for always taking care of me.

5 Thank you for always *cheering me up* when I feel sad.  
And thank you for keeping me out of trouble!

I want you to know that you're not just my mom;  
you're also my best friend. So I'm sending you lots and  
lots of love and kisses on this special day.

10 And, I told Dad to stop being so lazy and to give you  
*the day off*, and he said he would. So if he's not helping  
out around the house, he's breaking his promise  
(I hope he gave you breakfast in bed; I did remind him).

All my love,

15 Your loving daughter,

Jane

P.S. I hope you liked the flowers.

I know *tulips* are your favorite!



## Questions

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. If this were a card, what would it look like?



\_\_\_\_\_ 2. What do we know from the reading?

- (A) Jane has children of her own.
- (B) Jane's father made her mother breakfast in bed.
- (C) Jane does not get along well with her father.
- (D) Jane and her mother have a good relationship.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. What are "tulips"?

- (A) A type of card
- (B) A type of food.
- (C) A type of flower.
- (D) A type of song.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. What did Jane mean when she told her father to give her mother "the day off"?

- (A) He should take her mother out for a meal.
- (B) He should do the housework for her mother.
- (C) He should help her mother call in sick for work.
- (D) He should watch TV with her mother.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. What does "cheer someone up" most likely mean?

- (A) Correct someone's mistake.
- (B) Give someone money.
- (C) Laugh at someone.
- (D) Make someone feel happy.

# 3 Homestay Experience

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&gt;&gt; comics



 France


Dear Shu-Fen,

How are you? I'm having a great time in France! I'm staying with a French family. They have a son, Michael, and a daughter, Eloise. We spend **nearly** every day at the beach because the weather is so hot. We only stay home on Sundays because Michael and Eloise's grandparents come to visit. They're very kind. They bring us candy and comics. I try to speak French with them, but it's difficult.

Tomorrow we're getting up early to visit an old castle. Michael says a ghost lives there, but I don't believe it! Later, we're having dinner at a famous fish restaurant. They catch the fish in the morning and cook them on a barbecue. The food in France tastes very different from the food in Taiwan, but I like it.

I miss you! See you soon.

Mei-Hui





<< castle




^ barbecue


**Q**uestions

1. What should Mei-Hui's postcard look like?
 


(A)




(B)



(C)



(D)


  
2. Where is Mei-Hui going tomorrow morning?
 

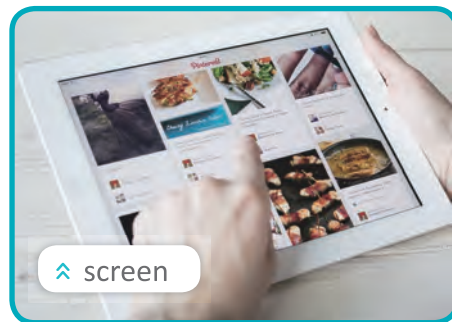
(A) To a castle.   (B) To a store.   (C) To school.   (D) To a restaurant.
  
3. What does "nearly" mean?
 

(A) Also.            (B) Never.            (C) Almost.            (D) Slowly.
  
4. Which sentence is true?
 

(A) Mei-Hui doesn't enjoy French food.  
 (B) Mei-Hui doesn't think she'll see a ghost.  
 (C) Mei-Hui can speak French very well.  
 (D) Mei-Hui goes to the beach on Sundays.
  
5. Why does Mei-Hui like Michael and Eloise's grandparents?
 

(A) The grandparents give them gifts.  
 (B) The grandparents cook for them.  
 (C) The grandparents tell them stories.  
 (D) The grandparents take them to the park.

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## Too Much Screen Time Is Bad for Your Eyes!

Doctor: Hello. How can I help?

Man: I'm getting a lot of headaches, but I don't know why.

Doctor: How is your **diet**?

Man: I only eat healthy food! That's not the problem.

5 Doctor: Okay. Can I check your eyes? They're very dry and red.  
How often do you use a computer?

Man: Every day. I work in an office.

Doctor: And what do you usually do after work?

Man: I chat with friends on my phone, or I watch a movie.

10 Doctor: So you use a computer all day, and then you look at  
more screens in the evening! **Of course you're getting  
headaches!**

Man: What can I do? I can't live without the Internet!

15 Doctor: First, make sure your screens are not too bright. Second,  
take a break every 20 minutes. And last, try to find a hobby  
outside! That will be good for your general health, too.



>> the Internet

## Questions

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Why does the man get headaches?
  - (A) He works very long hours in an office.
  - (B) He doesn't wear his glasses to watch TV.
  - (C) He spends too much time looking at screens.
  - (D) He never eats healthy food or drinks water.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What does the doctor say he should do?
  - (A) Spend more time outdoors.
  - (B) Take breaks every two hours.
  - (C) Find some new friends.
  - (D) Make his screen brighter.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Why does the doctor ask about his "diet"?
  - (A) The doctor wants to know what time he goes to bed.
  - (B) The doctor wants to know what he eats and drinks.
  - (C) The doctor wants to know if he can use the Internet.
  - (D) The doctor wants to know about his workplace.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What do we know is true about the man?
  - (A) He works in a store.
  - (B) He is looking for a job.
  - (C) He is not an active person.
  - (D) He is not a tidy person.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. What does the doctor mean when he says, "**Of course you're getting headaches**"?
  - (A) The doctor is not surprised.
  - (B) The doctor wants to leave.
  - (C) The doctor feels unhappy.
  - (D) The doctor has a headache.