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## HOJA DE RESPUESTAS

### EJERCICIO 1: ALCOHOL, PROHIBITION AND AL CAPONE

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5	A	<u>B</u>	C	
6	A	<u>B</u>	C	
7	<u>A</u>	B	C	
8	<u>A</u>	B	C	
9	<u>A</u>	B	C	
10	A	B	<u>C</u>	

### EJERCICIO 2: WHY DO PEOPLE READ?

			Espacio reservado para la persona correctora
1	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>	
2	<u>TRUE</u>	FALSE	
3	<u>TRUE</u>	FALSE	
4	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>	
5	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>	

### EJERCICIO 3: THE HAND OF GOD

					Espacio reservado para la persona correctora
1	A	<u>B</u>	C	D	
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3	A	B	C	<u>D</u>	
4	<u>A</u>	B	C	D	
5	A	<u>B</u>	C	D	
6	<u>A</u>	B	C	D	
7	A	B	<u>C</u>	D	
8	A	B	C	<u>D</u>	
9	A	B	C	<u>D</u>	
10	<u>A</u>	B	C	D	

## EJERCICIO 1

### ALCOHOL, PROHIBITION AND ALCAPONE

Linguapress.com

You are going to read an article. For questions 1-10 choose the correct option A, B or C. Only one answer is correct. **DO NOT FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

**A hundred years ago, you could not buy or consume alcoholic drinks in the United States. It was the age of "prohibition", and a time when criminals controlled a whole industry(0-C). The most famous gangster was Al Capone.**

America is the land of Liberty. You can think what you want to think, and you can say what you want to say; but you cannot always do what you want to do without breaking the law.(1-C)

Today you cannot use hard drugs, because it is against the law. The law has decided that drugs are dangerous, and most people believe that the law is right. Today, in many places, you cannot smoke a cigarette in the street. But today, you can sit in a bar and drink a beer just as long as you are not below the age limit (2-A); a hundred years ago, you could not. America was dry. Alcohol was illegal. You could neither drink it nor make it, nor buy it, nor import it, nor sell it.

If you did, you could go to prison.

Alcohol became illegal in the year 1919; it remained illegal for fourteen years. However, it never disappeared! Before 1919 alcoholic drinks were very popular in the United States. There was a big drinks industry, which employed a great number of people. Suddenly, in 1919, the industry had to stop!

Of course, it could not stop. It stopped officially, but it continued to prosper unofficially. In place of big business, there was big crime. The Mafia took control of the distribution, and the bosses of the Mafia replaced the bosses of the breweries and the distilleries.(3-C)

The biggest gangster of them all was Al Capone, who came from New York and operated in Chicago. Capone controlled a vast empire of crime (4-B). He was so powerful that he could control anyone he wanted to. He could "buy" policemen, he could "buy" politicians. He was "untouchable" (5-B) . In his fortress at Chicago, he was quite safe, because he was a friend of the Mayor, "Big" Bill Thompson.

Big Bill liked Capone, because he liked his drink. Bill and his drinking friends in the authorities made sure that Capone did not have much trouble (6-B). Capone had lots of enemies, but most of his enemies were frightened of him. They knew that Al could kill them, and would kill them, if they were not careful.

Most policemen were very careful not to get in the way of Al Capone, unless they had to. Most policemen, but not all. A small group of policemen, known as "the Untouchables", were determined that Al Capone would not escape from justice for ever (7-B). They took several years to do their work, but in the end they succeeded. Al Capone was finally sent to prison.(8-A)

However, he was never accused of killing, nor of selling alcohol. He was too clever for that. No evidence could incriminate him for that (9-C). He was sent to prison for not paying taxes.(10-C)

## EJERCICIO 2

### WHY DO PEOPLE READ?

www.allthingstoppers.com

**You are going to read an article. For questions 1-5 write TRUE OR FALSE as in example 0. DO NOT FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

Almost everyone knows how to read (0-FALSE). People do it every day, and so we don't really think about it very much. However, before about 550 years ago, very few people knew how to read. Then, in 1455, a German man called Johannes Gutenberg invented the first printed book. Reading then became more and more popular (1-FALSE). However, learning to read is not easy and it takes many years in school to become a good reader.(2-TRUE) So then, you might ask yourself: Why do people read?(5-FALSE)

Well, people read for two reasons. First, they read so that they can learn new things (3-TRUE). For example, people read text messages to find out what their friends are doing, and they read to find out what time the next bus will arrive. They can even read (study) to learn how to become a restaurant cook, a teacher or a doctor. Many people also read for another reason: reading is fun. If you are a person who enjoys reading, there are many kinds of literature to choose from. You can choose to read non-fiction and read the biography of a famous actor like Will Smith, or a famous soccer player like Ronaldo. Or you might decide to read fiction, maybe science fiction, and read A Journey to the Center of the Earth, by French writer Jules Verne. Or maybe you just want to read some funny stories that make you laugh.

So, maybe you want to get some information and learn something new - or maybe you read because you just enjoy it. Schools, the Internet, libraries and bookstores are filled with thousands of short stories, novels and biographies of famous people from all over the world, and there are millions of pages out there to teach you almost anything you want to learn.(4-FALSE)

## EJERCICIO 3

### THE HAND OF GOD

Dreamreader.net

You are going to read an article. For questions 1-10, choose the right option (A, B, C, D) as in example 0. Only ONE answer is correct. **DO NOT FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

A very interesting event happened (0) DURING the 1986 football World Cup in Mexico. (1) ON June 22, Argentina and England played against each other in the semifinals. Fans and players for both teams felt very strongly about this match. Only four years (2) EARLIER, England and Argentina had fought a war over the Falkland Islands. (3) SINCE England had prevailed in the conflict, many Argentinians saw this game as a chance for revenge. English football fans were (4) EQUALLY passionate about winning the game (5) BECAUSE they saw it as a good chance to win the World Cup.

The first half of the match was closely contested, and at half-time the score was 0–0. Only six minutes into the second half, (6) HOWEVER, an Argentine star player named Maradona was running with the ball towards the goal at the same time as the English goalkeeper was running out of his goal. The tall English goalkeeper put his arm up to hit the ball away, but the shorter Maradona jumped up towards the ball with his arm up. The ball (7) SUDDENLY changed direction and went into the English goal.

To everyone watching the game, it looked (8) AS if Maradona had illegally hit the ball with his hand or arm. However, the referee claimed that he did not see it and so he allowed the goal. (9) AFTER the game, Maradona famously told reporters the goal was scored “a little by the head of Maradona and a little by the hand of God.” England ended up losing the game to Argentina 2-1. English fans were furious, but it was too late. The Argentinians (10) EVENTUALLY went on to beat West Germany on June 29<sup>th</sup> to win the World Cup

## EJERCICIO 1

### ALCOHOL, PROHIBITION AND AL CAPONE

- 0 One hundred years ago, gangsters ...**  
A allowed the drinking of alcoholic drinks  
B banned the drinking of alcoholic drinks  
**C managed the alcoholic drinks industry**
- 1 In the United States, you might do anything ...**  
A if you believe in it  
B whenever you want  
**C except breaking the law**
- 2 These days, you can drink alcoholic drinks ...**  
A **if you are an adult**  
B if you are under the age limit  
C if you are a high school student
- 3 In 1919 the drinks industry...**  
A continued its development successfully with authorisation  
B continued its development successfully in a restricted way  
**C continued its development successfully without authorisation**
- 4 Capone ruled a... empire of crime**  
A tiny  
**B huge**  
C standard
- 5 Capone was invincible because ...**  
A his best friends were public workers  
**B he gave money to public workers and politicians**  
C he had bought Bill Thompson, the Mayor of Chicago

- 6 Bill Thompson and his workmates were friends of Capone because ...**
- A they were afraid of him
  - B they liked taking alcoholic drinks
  - C they offered him to sell alcoholic drinks
- 7 A small number of police officers ...**
- A did not want to upset Al Capone
  - B wanted to take Al Capone to court
  - C did not want to be upset by Al Capone
- 8 How many years did it take to the police to send Al Capone to prison?**
- A A few years
  - B Less than a year
  - C A couple of years
- 9 Al Capone was never found guilty of killing nor of selling alcohol because there was**
- A no sign to implicate him in those crimes
  - B not a single person who could implicate him in those crimes
  - C not a bad investigation made by the police which could implicate him in those crimes
- 10 Al Capone was sent to prison because he had not ...**
- A bought the judge
  - B had a good lawyer
  - C made a payment for his profits

## EJERCICIO 2

### WHY DO PEOPLE READ?

0	Everybody can read	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>
1	Reading was a popular entertainment until 1455	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>
2	To become a good reader is not an easy task	<u>TRUE</u>	FALSE
3	People read to discover new things	<u>TRUE</u>	FALSE
4	Reading can teach you everything you want to know	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>
5	The text is about how to teach people to read	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>

## EJERCICIO 3

### THE HAND OF GOD

0	<u>A during</u>	B in	C on	D since
1	A in	<u>B on</u>	C at	D about
2	A after	B soon	<u>C earlier</u>	D early
3	A Until	B From	C When	<u>D Since</u>
4	<u>A equally</u>	B not	C as	D such
5	A but	<u>B because</u>	C then	D so
6	<u>A however</u>	B although	C when	D if
7	A expectantly	B doubtfully	<u>C suddenly</u>	D questionably
8	A at	B over	C when	<u>D as</u>
9	A While	B When	C Because	<u>D After</u>
10	<u>A eventually</u>	B usually	C hardly	D almost

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10	A	<u>B</u>	C	

### EJERCICIO 2: THE MOST STRESSFUL JOBS

		Espacio reservado para la persona correctora
1	<u>APPS</u>	
2	<u>105,270</u>	
3	<u>WORLD</u>	
4	<u>CAREER</u>	
5	<u>GOOGLED</u>	
6	<u>HUNDREDS</u>	
7	<u>DIFFICULT</u>	
8	<u>FIREFIGHTER</u>	
9	<u>DANGEROUS</u>	
10	<u>TAXI-DRIVER</u>	

### EJERCICIO 3: CURBSIDE PICKUP

			Espacio reservado para la persona correctora
1	<u>TRUE</u>	FALSE	
2	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>	
3	<u>TRUE</u>	FALSE	
4	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>	
5	TRUE	<u>FALSE</u>	

**EJERCICIO 1****ST VALENTINE'S DAY**

voalearningenglish.com

Listen to the following story and choose the correct option. Only **ONE** answer is correct, as in example 0. **DO NOT FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

- 0. The U.S.A. celebrates Valentine's Day and ...**  
A images of hearts, roses and chocolates are everywhere  
B images of hearts, pink roses and chocolates are everywhere  
**C images of hearts, red roses and boxes of chocolates are everywhere**
- 1. In South Korea, people celebrate Valentine's Day in three different dates**  
A February 14th, March 4th, April 4th  
B February 14th, March 4th, April 14th  
**C February 14th, March 14th, April 14th**
- 2. On February 14th, women usually gift men chocolate to show their ...**  
**A love**  
B fidelity  
C admiration
- 3. On White Day, men gift women something ...**  
A white  
**B sweet**  
C white and sweet
- 4. On Black Day, ... people meet to eat together**  
A married  
B divorced  
**C unmarried**
- 5. In Wales, people do not celebrate Valentine's Day because ...**  
A people do not like this tradition  
**B they have their own Saint of Love**  
C Welsh people are different from other European citizens

6. **The traditional romantic gift on Saint Valentine's Day in Wales is a love ...**  
A key  
B knife  
**C spoon**
7. **In Argentina, they also have a Sweetness Week in July, and if you kiss someone...**  
A you have to marry the other person  
**B the other person has to give you a sweet present**  
C you have to give the other person a sweet present
8. **Sweetness Week started in 1989 with a candy ... called Arcor**  
A shop  
B manager  
**C enterprise**
9. **Galentine's Day started as an invented holiday on an American ... show**  
A radio  
**B television**  
C film theatre
10. **Galentine's Day is a day to celebrate friendship between ...**  
A men  
**B women**  
C coworkers

## EJERCICIO 2

### THE MOST STRESSFUL JOBS

Listen to the following story and complete the sentences with ONLY one word as in example 0.

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- 0 The boy reads a lot about **AIRPLANES**
- 1 He enjoys playing airplane game **APPS**
- 2 The average salary of a plane pilot a year is US\$ 105,270
- 3 If you are an airline pilot, you might travel around the **WORLD**
- 4 His choice of **CAREER** would be supported by his mother
- 5 When she **GOOGLED** “most stressful jobs”, she found it as the 3<sup>rd</sup> most stressful one
- 6 When you work as a pilot, you are responsible for the lives of **HUNDREDS** of people
- 7 Flying through several disparate time zones can be really **DIFFICULT** to adapt to
- 8 The second most stressful job was **FIREFIGHTER**
- 9 There are very **DANGEROUS** jobs in which your life is at risk every day
- 10 Surprisingly, being a **TAXI-DRIVER** is also a stressful job, number 10 on the list.

## EJERCICIO 3

### CURBSIDE PICKUP

Listen to the following conversation. For questions 1-5 write TRUE OR FALSE as in example 0.

**DO NOT FORGET TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET.**

0	The interviewer wants to know about Sophia’s grocery shopping in Curbside Pickup	TRUE	<b><u>FALSE</u></b>
1	Curbside Pickup is better than going out to a restaurant to eat	<b><u>TRUE</u></b>	FALSE
2	When you order some food in Curbside Pickup, they take it home	TRUE	<b><u>FALSE</u></b>
3	Curbside is very useful when you have no time to go shopping	<b><u>TRUE</u></b>	FALSE
4	Sofia bought clothes during the pandemic in Curbside Pickup	TRUE	<b><u>FALSE</u></b>
5	In the end, Sophia prefers shopping in stores to shopping online	TRUE	<b><u>FALSE</u></b>

## ST VALENTINE'S DAY

The United States celebrates Valentine's Day each year on February 14. Images of hearts are everywhere, as are red roses and boxes of chocolates to give to that special person. (0-C) You could say that "love is in the air."

Many other countries celebrate Valentine's Day, too, each in their own way. Here is a look at four countries' Valentine's Day traditions.

### South Korea: three is a charm

For South Koreans, Valentine's Day happens in three parts: February 14, March 14 and April 14. (1-C)

On February 14, women traditionally give men gifts of chocolate to show their affection. (2-A) One month later, on a holiday known as White Day, men show their thanks by giving women a sweet gift. (3-B) The name "White Day" comes from the mostly outdated custom of giving white-colored gifts.

And, let's not forget Black Day on April 14. Single people who did not get gifts on February 14 or March 14 often gather on Black Day to eat Jjajangmyeon noodles with black bean sauce. (4-C)

### Wales: land o' love spoons

Unlike many European countries, Wales does not celebrate Saint Valentine. It has its own Saint of Love. Her name is Saint Dwynwen. (5-B) The Welsh holiday is called St. Dwynwen's Day and takes place on January 25.

The traditional romantic gift on this day is a love spoon. (6-C) Beginning in the 17th century, Welsh men carved beautiful wooden spoons as a representation of their love for that special person in their lives. Each **pattern** has a different meaning. For example, horseshoes mean good luck; **keys** represent the key to a man's heart; and wheels are a sign of support.

Today in Wales, love spoons are also given at weddings, births and other celebrations.

### Argentina: a week of sweets

Argentina celebrates Valentine's Day in February, but also gives a whole other week to love in July. They call it Sweetness Week. If you kiss someone, they have to give you a sugary treat. (7-B)

Sweetness Week started in 1989 with a candy company called Arcor. (8-C) They made an advertisement called "Candy for a Kiss." The idea was to give the company's chocolates and other candies in exchange for a sweet kiss on the cheek. The campaign had a stronger effect than the company expected -- it led to a new holiday!

Every July, couples who take part give each other candies and kisses all week long.

### United States: female friends

Finally, we turn to the United States.

Galentine's Day, February 13, began as a made-up holiday on an American television show, Parks and Recreation(9-B). In one part of the show in 2010, the show's main character, Leslie Knope, said Galentine's Day is about "ladies celebrating ladies "(10-B). So, the day is a celebration of friendship between women.

*Alice Bryant and Jill Robbins wrote this story for VOA Learning English. Ashley Thompson was the editor.*

## THE MOST STRESSFUL JOBS

Recently, my nine-year-old son proudly announced to me that he wanted to become a commercial airline pilot when he grows up. I'm happy for him because he spends hours reading books about airplanes (0), and he loves to play airplane game apps (1).

It's great to know what career you want at such a young age. As well, the average annual salary for an airline pilot is quite good: US\$105.270 (2). Also, being an airline pilot means that you might travel to many exotic locations around the world (3), places that most people might never get a chance to see.

However, I wonder if his choice of career (4) is one that I should encourage. You see, this morning I googled (5) "most stressful jobs" and I discovered that my son's dream career is actually the third most stressful job on a list of top ten most stressful jobs. This makes sense because as a pilot you are responsible for the lives of hundreds (6) of people, you are away from home for many days at a time, and you may have to fly through many different time zones which can be very difficult (7) to adjust to. Number one on the list was "military personnel" (soldier) and number two was "firefighter" (8). Of course, jobs like these are very dangerous (9) - you must put your life in danger almost daily. Interestingly, however, "taxi driver" (10) was also on the list (at number ten).

## CURBSIDE PICKUP

SPEAKER 1:

- Hi, Sophia. Can you tell me your experience with curbside pickup?

SPEAKER 2 (Sophia)

- Yes, just grocery shopping.

SPEAKER 1:

- Yes, but also in general. (0- FALSE)

SPEAKER 2 (Sophia)

- OK, so with curbside pickup, I have had many experiences with it, especially during the pandemic. And I really like it. And I think it's much better than going into a store or going into a restaurant to pick up your order or sometimes even eat at a restaurant .(1- TRUE)

- You can order from the comfort of your own home and then drive to wherever you're going to pick it up (2-FALSE). And most of the time they bring it up to you. And if it's groceries, they put it in the trunk for you. And it's just very convenient for when you're in a hurry or don't have a lot of time in the day, (3- TRUE) especially with groceries, because when you go to the grocery store, you can spend a lot of time there and sometimes buy more than what you actually need. When you do a curbside pickup for the grocery store, you can pick what you want from your list. And it's very easy, like I mentioned, and very convenient with restaurants, that's very convenient during the pandemic because you're staying in your car, you're staying safe and you don't have a lot of contact with other people. And again, they bring the food out to you so don't have to go into the restaurant. So that's great.

SPEAKER 1:

- And cover your clothes or whatever. Another article you need to buy

SPEAKER 2 (Sophia)

- With clothes, I haven't experienced curbside pickup when picking up clothing, (4- FALSE) but I will say that it's become more of an option for others during the pandemic. And I think it will continue to stay an option for a while, which is also very convenient because you don't have to go into the store to pick it up and then you'll find more things that you want to buy. And with curbside pickup, they come directly to you with what you've already ordered from your house.

SPEAKER 1:

- Oh, that's perfect. So you are, your opinion is like you are on the side of online shopping.

SPEAKER 2 (Sophia)

- Yes, I like online shopping (5- FALSE) and I like that curbside pickup has been more of an option for people.

SPEAKER 1

That's wonderful. Thank you so much. Thank you.

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