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**PRUEBA DE COMPRENSIÓN DE TEXTOS ESCRITOS**

**TAREAS:** La prueba de Comprensión de Textos Escritos consta de TRES textos y TRES tareas.

**DURACIÓN TOTAL: 60 minutos**

**INDICACIONES:**

- TODAS las respuestas se escribirán en la **hoja de respuestas**.
- Emplear tinta permanente azul o negra. No usar lápiz.
- Corregir ~~tachando~~ el texto. No usar correctores líquidos o cintas.
- Puntuación total: **26 puntos**. "Apto"  $\geq 13$

**TASK 1 > Read TEXT 1, "Why are people giving up on cycling?". Match each question (1-10) with one of the cyclists (A-E), according to the text. You may have to use each letter more than once. Write the corresponding letters (A-E) on the answer sheet, in spaces 1 to 10. The first one is an example. 10 points**

*EXAMPLE: Who used to enjoy better health? E ✓*

1. Who stopped cycling during the pandemic and then started again?
2. Who has ridden someone else's bike a couple of times?
3. Who had to get a bike more than once?
4. Who is going to become a parent soon?
5. Who has no cycle lanes nearby?
6. Who took up cycling because of a member of their family?
7. Who has not worked for nearly a year?
8. Who has decided to give up cycling temporarily?
9. Who considers herself/ himself an expert cyclist?
10. Who compares herself/himself to a family member?

**TASK 2 > Read TEXT 2 “Luck”. Decide which SIX statements (A-L) are TRUE according to the text. The first sentence is an example. Write the corresponding letters (A-L) on the answer sheet, in spaces 11 to 16 (the order is not important). 6 points**

**EXAMPLE: Being successful involves hard work and intelligence. (TRUE) ✓**

- A. Luck is a key ingredient of success.
- B. The place and the time where you are born have an impact on your success.
- C. Schmidt compares travelling in the past with travelling nowadays.
- D. Growing up in Italy made no difference to his life.
- E. Americans are not as locally focused as they used to be.
- F. Schmidt also mentions that his education had an effect on his success.
- G. Schmidt has a degree in architecture and a degree in engineering.
- H. He got his qualifications when the computer industry didn't exist at all.
- I. His career has always been connected to computers.
- J. He got promoted in 2018.
- K. Schmidt says he helped Scott McNealy become an inspirational leader.
- L. His ability to learn is one of the reasons for his success.

**TASK 3 > Read TEXT 3, “What does love mean? See How 4-8 Year-Old Kids Describe Love”. Choose the line (A-L) from the list below that best completes each gap. There are TWO extra lines that you DO NOT need. The first one is an example. Write the right letters (A-L) on the answer sheet, in spaces 17 to 26. 10 points**

**EXAMPLE: the taste is ok ✓**

- A. he wears it every day
- B. you should start with
- C. does it for her all the time
- D. she gives me all her old clothes
- E. they know each other
- F. I looked at all the people watching me
- G. if you stop opening presents
- H. she gets on well
- I. is safe in their mouth
- J. when you get tired
- K. if you are starving
- L. if you mean it

## TEXT 1: WHY ARE PEOPLE GIVING UP ON CYCLING?

The proportion of adults in England who say they cycle at least once a month has fallen to 13.1%, the lowest figure since records began in 2015-16. Here, readers from around the UK explain why they have given up riding their bikes on the road.

### A. Leon

I stopped cycling because my bike was stolen twice in one year. Although I had insurance, I lost about £400. That experience was enough to stop me from buying a bike for a third time. Another reason is I don't feel safe putting my eight-year-old son on the road when I'm with him.

I now take the tube to work. I've been out once or twice on my wife's bike because I've missed cycling – but not enough to buy a new one.

### B. Helen

I have ridden a bike all my life and have ridden thousands of miles but had a couple of years off. When I started again just after lockdown it was a truly terrifying experience. With almost no exceptions, all the road users were aggressive and impatient and resented having to share the road. Friends of mine, also experienced cyclists, have had traumatic and life-threatening accidents.

I know that the Highway Code has changed to give more rights to cyclists but this will make no difference. I will never ride a bike again, my nerves have gone. I will, however, be walking more and using public transport more often.

### C. Dave

I started cycling again about three years ago to teach road safety to our grandson. But this year we sold our bikes. It's too dangerous around here. There are very few pavements, nothing's marked out for cyclists, and what cycle paths we have are too far away.

The nearest purpose-made cycle path to us is about 3 miles away and is simply a straight path, where there's no way to teach my grandson left and right turns and so on. And we needed a car to get there.

### D. Trina

I stopped cycling a few months ago. Partly because I'm pregnant but also because of the amount of abuse I received from drivers in the city. The last time I was out, I crossed the road on my bike when the light turned green for cyclists and pedestrians. A car followed me up the road, stopped, and two adults shouted at me from their car: "It was a red light." I didn't realise it was me they were shouting at and then stopped my bike in shock. I was really shaken and sadly decided I wouldn't take the bike out again in the city until after my baby is born. My husband cycles regularly and doesn't receive half the abuse I get when I'm out.

### E. Chris

I caught Covid at the end of October last year. I was vaccinated and it started as a mild cold. Later I developed a severe case of long Covid. I've been off work for the last 10 months. I just can't exercise any more. At most I can now ride a bicycle slowly for about a kilometre.

I miss cycling. There are so many people suffering from long Covid like me. I was a healthy 45-year-old, went hiking regularly, cycled to work, went swimming, all of that. It's a big gap in my life where activities used to be.

*Adapted from theguardian.com*

## **TEXT 2: LUCK. Google billionaire Eric Schmidt: ‘Almost anyone who’s successful has to start by saying they were lucky’**

Hard work. Intelligence. These are some of the ingredients of success.

But there’s another that can’t be left off the list, according to Google billionaire Eric Schmidt: luck.

“I would say I’m defined by luck, and I think almost anyone who’s successful has to start by saying they were lucky,” said Schmidt on the Conversations with Tyler podcast. “Lucky of birth, lucky of having intellectual and intelligent family home life, upbringing, global upbringing, etc.”

Schmidt’s own life is an example: To start with, his father was an economist who moved the family to Italy when Schmidt was young. “And this is at a time when people didn’t travel the way they do today, and so it was quite exotic to grow up Italian, and I think that really changed me,” he said.

It opened up his view of the world. “As an American, I’ve always thought Americans were very, very locally focused, and even today in the world you all live in, we’re still too locally focused and not globally focused,” Schmidt said.

Then, there was his schooling. Schmidt, now 63, studied architecture at Princeton University, though that major didn’t last. “I was a terrible architect,” Schmidt told Cowen. “But I turned out to be a pretty good engineer, and this was at a time when computer science didn’t exist. At Princeton, I walked in and I said, ‘Look, I think I’d rather do computers.’”

Schmidt went on to graduate with an electrical engineering degree and then got his master's and Ph.D in computer science at the University of California, Berkeley.

It was perfect timing — the fact that computer industry was just getting started was absolutely key to his success.

“I had the benefit of being early in the computer industry, so that’s like super luck,” said Schmidt.

Indeed, his ability to pursue his interest in computers drove the rest of his career. Schmidt, who is worth about \$12.7 billion according to Forbes, went on to be the CEO of Google from 2001 to 2011 and the executive chairman of Google’s parent company Alphabet until he stepped down in January 2018 to be a technical adviser.

Schmidt also says he was lucky “because I had good taste in friends, and they helped me out.” Schmidt did not specify which friends, but earlier in the podcast, Schmidt said he learned about charismatic leadership working with Scott McNealy, a co-founder and former CEO of the computer technology company Sun Microsystems. Also, during his time at Google, Schmidt worked with the co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

“The best things in your life will come from the people that you hang out with,” Schmidt said. “That has worked incredibly well for me.”

With his good luck, Schmidt was savvy, he says, and that created his good fortune. “But my real opportunity is, I look at each of these stages, I was picked early, I worked with smart people, people took a risk on me, and I learned.”

*Adapted from cnbc.com*

### TEXT 3: WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN? See how 4-8 year-old kids describe love

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds: "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think...

"Love is when my daddy makes coffee for his boyfriend and he takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure - **EXAMPLE** - ." Samuel - age 7

"I know my older sister loves me because - **17** - and has to go out and buy new ones." (Now THIS is love!) Lauren - age 4

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather - **18** -, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name - **19** -." Billy - age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then - **20** - of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily - age 8

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas - **21** - and listen." Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4

"If you want to learn to love better, - **22** - a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6 (we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet).

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." (What an image!). Karen - age 7

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then - **23** -." Noelle - age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after - **24** - so well." Tommy - age 6

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. - **25** - and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." Cindy - age 8

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But - **26** -, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

*Adapted from dailygood.org*

