

# English Language Reading

Science & Medical  
Level Two  
Unit One



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**Starter:** Think about your childhood friend then answer the questions.

What was his / her name?

Where did you meet?

What did he/she like?

My childhood friend

What did you have in common?

Where is he/she now?

Are you still in contact with this person?



Write your answers here:

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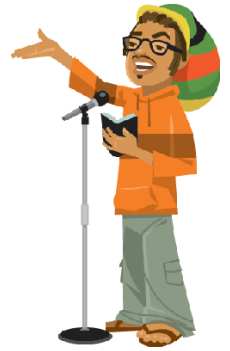
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### Exercise 1A

**Rearrange the sentences to make a paragraph**



Ralph became very ill when he was 78 and died in October 2017. After his death, his wife and daughter left Canada and went back to Tunisia.

1 Ralph Karaseem was a poet from Tunisia. He was born in Tunis and developed an interest in poetry at the age of seven.

When he was seventeen years old, he won an international poetry competition in Paris and received 50,000sr. He also graduated from college and enrolled in a prestigious university in Canada.

By the age of eight, his father bought him a library membership card. He went to the library every day and read many books in English, French and Arabic. He was fluent in all three languages.

After graduation in 2001, he became the first poet to write over 20 famous poems in 3 languages; Arabic, English and French. He got married the same year and his first daughter was born two years later. Her name was Khadija.

### Exercise 1B

**Vocabulary – Match the words with their meanings**

<b>poet</b>		Having a good and honoured reputation
<b>library</b>		Opposite of 'give'
<b>prestigious</b>		Something you like to do
<b>interest</b>		A place to study and borrow books
<b>receive</b>		Someone who writes poems

### Exercise 1C

**Answer the questions in full sentences**

1. What was Ralph's daughter's name?

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2. How many languages did Ralph speak?

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3. Where was his university?

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4. Who bought him the library membership card?

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5. How many children did he have?

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6. When was Khadija born?

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7. Where did his family go after he died?

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8. Where did he win the international poetry competition?

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9. How did he die?

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10. When did he die?

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### Exercise 1D

**Read the sentences below. Then write: True or False**

1) Ralph graduated in 2010. \_\_\_\_\_

2) He became interested in poetry when he was young. \_\_\_\_\_

3) Ralph spoke Arabic. \_\_\_\_\_

4) His wife and daughter went back to Canada after he died. \_\_\_\_\_

5) Khadija was 2 years old in 2005. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 2A

Complete Nick's story using the verbs on the left.

Use them in the correct form and tense.

make  
~~meet~~  
be  
invent  
do  
receive  
appear

**Meet** Nick D'Aloisio. Nick was not an average teenager. While most teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ busy with football, snapchat and hanging out with friends, Nick was busy becoming rich. At the age of just 15, he \_\_\_\_\_ 30 million dollars. A couple years later, he \_\_\_\_\_ the "Innovator of the Year" award in New York City by the Wall Street Journal. He also \_\_\_\_\_ in TIME Magazine's top 100 most influential teenagers. So, what did he \_\_\_\_\_ to get so much fame and fortune? He \_\_\_\_\_ an app.

create  
return  
be  
live  
move  
attend  
create  
be  
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Nick \_\_\_\_\_ born in London, England in 1995, but his family \_\_\_\_\_ to Australia while he \_\_\_\_\_ still a baby and they \_\_\_\_\_ there for 7 years. After that, he \_\_\_\_\_ to England with his family and \_\_\_\_\_ King's College School. In March of 2011, Nick \_\_\_\_\_ an iOS app called Trimit (sounds like "trim it"). The App could take a text and \_\_\_\_\_ a summary of the text. It \_\_\_\_\_ condense the text to 1000, 500 or 140 character summaries.

give  
promote  
buy  
release  
remake  
notice  
take

Apple \_\_\_\_\_ the app and \_\_\_\_\_ it on the app store. Soon after that, the billionaire Li Ka-Shing \_\_\_\_\_ Nick \$ 300,000 in capital. Nick \_\_\_\_\_ the criticism from his app, \_\_\_\_\_ it into a new app called Summly, and \_\_\_\_\_ it in December of 2011. In March, Yahoo \_\_\_\_\_ Summly for 30 million dollars. This made Nick one of the youngest self-made millionaires alive.

study  
appear  
receive

Nick \_\_\_\_\_ many awards for his app and \_\_\_\_\_ in many publications. He now \_\_\_\_\_ computer science and philosophy at Oxford University.

### Exercise 2B

Answer **True** or **False** next to the following sentences about the reading. If the sentence is False, rewrite it so that it's true.

1. Nick D'Aloisio became a billionaire when he was just a teenager.

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2. Nick is from Australia.

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3. Nick now studies at Oxford university.

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4. The name of the original app was Trimit.

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5. Nick studies computer programming.

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6. Nick got money from an investor to relaunch his app.

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### Exercise 2C

Write the **questions** to the following answers

1. He was born in **London, England**.

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2. **Apple** promoted his app.

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3. He **remade** his app with the money.

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4. He made 30 million dollars when he was **15 years old**.

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5. Yes, he received **many awards**.

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### **Exercise 3A: Speaking Practice**

In pairs, ask each other about what you did last weekend.

**Example: Student A:** What did you do last week on Friday?

**Student B:** I went to an American restaurant with my friend.



**Example: Student A:** What did you do with your SR 1 million which you won in a competition?

**Student B:** I bought a new Dodge Challenger for my sister.



**Exercise 3B: Pair work**

Complete the table below with your partner's information

My partner's name:	
Day:	What did he / she do?
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

**Exercise 3B: Pair work**

Use the information above to write a short paragraph about your partner's weekend.

**\*\* Don't forget about capital letters, and commas and full stops.**

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