

I. READING

100 thousand tons of chewing gum is chewed every year. We chew to clean our teeth and freshen our breath but also because we just like chewing. Babies are born wanting to chew. Everything goes straight into their mouths.

Chewing gum has a very long history. In Sweden in 1993, the skeleton of a teenager was found, he was nine thousand years old. And in his mouth was a gum made of tree sap and sweetened with honey – the first known chewing gum. The ancient Greeks and the Mayans chewed natural gums from trees. The Mayan Indians in South America wrapped it in leaves and put it in their mouths. The North American Indians also chewed tree sap – they gave it to the English when they arrived. It was a few hundred years before chewing gum became really popular in America.

The history of modern chewing gum began in the nineteenth century in America. Thomas Adams wanted to develop a cheap new form of rubber. He didn't succeed, so he used his materials to make chewing gum! Fruit and mint flavours were added later to make it taste better. In 1892, William Wrigley, a clever young salesman decided that chewing gum was the thing of the future. Wrigley was really an advertising genius. He hired hundreds of pretty girls, who walked up and down the streets of Chicago and New York handing out free gum. Millions of pieces were given away. He also had huge billboards – one billboard was a mile long, it ran along the side of the train track. So chewing gum became very popular all over the USA.

During the Second World War American soldiers were given Wrigley gum to help them relax. They often gave it to children. Soon they were followed everywhere by the cry: 'Got any gum, chum? The popularity of chewing gum spread all over the world very quickly. The strangest thing about gum today is that nobody knows what it's made of. The chewing gum industry keeps the recipe top secret.

Chewing gum was banned in Singapore in 1992 for twelve years because it made the streets dirty. People who brought chewing gum into the country were even sent to prison!

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1. The first chewing gum, which was found in Sweden, contained

- ☐ A) sugar ☒ Б) tree sap
☐ B) rubber ☒ Г) honey

2. chewed tree sap.

- ☒ A) The Mayan Indians
☐ Б) American soldiers in the World War II
☒ B) The ancient Greeks
☒ Г) The North American Indians

3. William Wrigley

- ☐ A) invented modern chewing gum
☒ Б) made chewing gum popular in the USA
☒ B) could advertise chewing gum ingeniously
☐ Г) gave chewing gum away to children in Europe

4. Choose true sentences.

- ☒ A) Chewing gum was found in the mouth of a nine thousand-year-old skeleton.
☐ Б) Babies are born to chew gum.
☒ B) South American Indians made the first packets of chewing gum.
☐ Г) Chewing gum was taken to North America by the English.

5. Chewing gum became popular outside the USA

- ☐ A) 9000 years ago
☒ Б) after the Second World War
☐ B) in the nineteenth century
☐ Г) in the ancient times

6. William Wrigley to advertise chewing gum.

- ☐ A) bought the train track
☒ Б) decided to give away lots of pieces free
☐ B) had hundreds of girlfriends
☒ Г) used billboards

7. Chewing gum was banned in Singapore

- ☒ A) to keep the city clean
☐ Б) to send people to prison
☒ B) not to dirty streets
☐ Г) to encourage people to bring it from other countries

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: What does your mum do?

B:

- ☒ A) She's a housewife.
☐ Б) She's at home.
☐ B) She's doing the washing up.
☒ Г) She works as an accountant.

9. A: How do I get to the British Museum?

B:

- ☐ A) It takes a quarter of an hour by bus.
☒ Б) Go down this road and turn right at the traffic lights.
☐ B) It's quite a long walk from here.
☐ Г) I don't like visiting museums.

10. A: I've got a headache and a temperature.

B:

- ☒ A) You should go to the doctor.
☐ Б) Sure, it doesn't matter.
☒ B) I'd go to bed now if I were you.
☐ Г) I don't mind going to bed early.

11. This sign says that you here.

- ☒ A) mustn't stop
☐ Б) don't have to stop
☒ В) can't stop
☒ Г) aren't allowed to stop



12. A: Can I borrow your smartphone, please?

B:

- ☒ A) No way. ☒ Б) It's out of the question.
☒ В) I'm afraid not. ☒ Г) No, I'm sorry, you can't.

13. When did Alexander Graham Bell invent the telephone?

- ☐ A) About seven miles.
☒ Б) About 140 years ago.
☒ В) In the nineteenth century.
☐ Г) Twice a year.

14. A: What shall we do this weekend?

B:

- ☒ A) Let's go swimming at the sports centre.
☐ Б) I don't believe it's a good idea.
☒ В) Why don't we play football in the park?
☐ Г) You must be joking!

III. VOCABULARY

15. You can see this notice

For security reasons
please keep all your luggage
with you all the times.
Any unattended items will
be removed by the Police.

- ☐ A) on a motorway ☐ Б) at the post office
☒ В) at the airport ☐ Г) in a public toilet

16. Tourists come to Australia to admire

- ☒ A) Ayers Rock
☒ Б) Kosciuszko National Park
☒ В) the Great Barrier Reef
☐ Г) Loch Ness

17. Your brothers and sisters are your

- ☐ A) cousins ☐ Б) twins
☐ В) nephews ☒ Г) siblings

18. Match the words with the right festivals.

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| 1. hot cross buns | A. Christmas |
| 2. shamrock | B. Guy Fawkes Night |
| 3. bonfires and fireworks | C. Good Friday |
| 4. carols | D. St. Patrick's Day |

- ☐ A) 1 - D; 2 - A; 3 - C; 4 - B
☒ Б) 1 - C; 2 - D; 3 - B; 4 - A
☐ В) 1 - B; 2 - C; 3 - D; 4 - A
☐ Г) 1 - A; 2 - B; 3 - D; 4 - C

19. Mark is always He never lies.

- ☒ A) honest ☐ Б) witty
☐ В) stubborn ☒ Г) truthful

20. have got huge tusks.

- ☒ A) Elephants ☐ Б) Giraffes
☒ В) Walruses ☐ Г) Salmon

IV. GRAMMAR

21. Susan's eyes are red because she a very sad film.

- ☐ A) watched ☐ Б) was watching
☒ В) has been watching ☐ Г) has watched

22. The plane took and soon I was looking down on the Black Sea and the Crimean Peninsula.

- ☐ A) up ☐ Б) on
☒ В) off ☐ Г) away

23. He's already read that novel,

- ☐ A) doesn't he? ☐ Б) isn't he?
☒ В) hasn't he? ☐ Г) wasn't he?

24. It has been raining since the morning. If the weather (1) beautiful, we (2) tennis.

- ☒ A) (1) was; (2) could play
☒ Б) (1) was; (2) might play
☐ В) (1) is; (2) will play
☒ Г) (1) were; (2) would play

25. She's the girl I met on the beach in Yalta.

- ☒ A) that ☐ Б) which
☒ В) who ☒ Г) —

26. There is ice cream left.

- ☐ A) any ☒ Б) a little
☒ В) no ☐ Г) a few

27. dancing at the party! It was wonderful.

- ☒ A) Everybody was ☐ Б) Everybody were
☒ В) Everyone was ☐ Г) Anybody were

28. My mum (1) TV while I (2) computer games.

- ☐ A) (1) watched; (2) played
☐ Б) (1) has been watching; (2) was playing
☐ В) (1) was watching; (2) played
☒ Г) (1) was watching; (2) was playing

29. Paul and Linda married in December.

- ☐ A) would get ☒ Б) are getting
☒ В) got ☒ Г) are going to get

30. I help you with your Maths homework?

- ☒ A) Can ☐ Б) Will
☒ В) Shall ☐ Г) Would