

## READING COMPREHENSION TEST

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YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

It was my birthday last Thursday and I decided to celebrate it by inviting a few friends out to dinner. I chose a restaurant in a quiet part of town. It is one of my favourite restaurants because the food is good and the waiters are friendly. It is hardly ever crowded, however, because few people know about it, so it is not usually necessary to book a table. In any case, Thursday is not a busy evening as a rule.

When we entered the restaurant, I was surprised, therefore, to find it completely full. I looked around - but not a single table was free. One of the waiters recognised me. He came across and explained the situation. "A group of tourists came in about half an hour ago," he said. "It was like an invasion! Suddenly the place was full! We can hardly manage!"

The waiter then pointed to a table in the corner. "The people there are just about to leave," he said. "Just hold on and you'll find a place there." He was right. Fifteen minutes later, the people at the corner table paid their bill, got up and left. I led my friends across and we all sat down.

Unfortunately, our table was almost out of sight. We tried to attract the attention of the waiter who sent us there but he, like all the other waiters, was busy with the party of tourists. They ordered enormous quantities of food. But at last, nearly an hour later, the tourists were finishing their meal and looking very pleased with life. The waiter, now very tired, appeared at our table. I advised my friends about the best dishes and finally the waiter went off with our order.

A few moments later he came back to our table. We could tell from his face that he had bad news for us. Full of apologies, he informed us that there was no meat or fish left. "All we can offer you," he said, "is an omelette!"

### QUESTIONS

1.- How did the writer decide to celebrate his birthday? Where did they go?

2.- What did they find when they arrived at the restaurant?

3.- How long did they have to wait until they could sit down at a table?

4.- Why did they wait for a long time until the waiter took their order?

5.- Were they as happy as the group of tourists that had been there? Justify your answer.

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Jane's great passion in life was animals. She had dozens of books about them. The walls of her bedroom were covered with pictures of animals, just as other girls of her age had posters of popstars.

She used to keep animals in the garden and, if she could, she brought them into the house too. Usually, however, her mother caught her.

"Get those animals out of here!" she used to shout. "If you must keep them, use the shed at the end of the garden!"

Most of Jane's animals were quite small: rabbits, mice, birds - that sort of thing. But one day something quite big came her way.

Jane's mother noticed that she was spending quite a lot of time in the shed. She also noticed that food was disappearing from the house - especially bread and fruit. One evening she decided to go down to the shed to see for herself.

As she stood outside the door of the shed, she could hear Jane talking to someone inside. "She's got a friend in there with her," she thought. She opened the door and looked in. At first she could only see Jane sitting on the ground. Then she made out the shape of an animal sitting beside Jane. Two huge eyes stared up at her. She nearly screamed. It was a gorilla!

"Jane! Where on earth...?" she started to say. But then she remembered. A few days before, a young gorilla escaped from the zoo and, although they made big efforts to find it, the animal had simply disappeared.

"I found it wandering through the park," Jane explained. "It seemed so lonely! I talked to it and we became friends at once. And then it followed me back here..."

"Well, you know you can't keep it," her mother said. "You'd better phone the police and explain." Not long after, the police came and also a van from the zoo. Nobody was even angry with Jane when she told her story. The police knew all about Jane and her animals. And the zoo keeper said: "I can see that Gor likes you. But we need him back at the zoo! But you can come and see him as often as you like. We'll send you a free pass!"

These days Jane has almost given up collecting small animals - but you can often find her talking to her friend Gor at the zoo!

**QUESTIONS**

**1.- What did Jane like most of all? What did she do to have fun?**

**2.- How did the mother begin to suspect? (suspect = sospechar)**

**3.- What does the text say about the gorilla? Explain at least 3 things about it.**

**4.- Could Jane keep the gorilla? Were the police angry with her? Why?**

**5.- What did the keeper promise Jane? How do you know that the keeper kept his promise?**