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READING**1 Read the interview and tick (✓) A, B, or C.**

Interview with Aleksandr Ivanov

Last weekend our journalist met Olympic skier Aleksandr Ivanov to ask him about his life and work.

Experience

I'm from St Petersburg in the north-west of Russia but I'm living in Alberta, Canada at the moment because it's where some of the greatest skiing teachers are. My wife and three children are still at home but I'm going to go back to Russia in two months. I learned to ski when I was four years old and that's normal for Russian children because it always snows a lot in winter. I was lucky because a famous skier, Oleg Semenov, knew my father and together they helped me to get better and better until I could ski at the highest level. Because I travel a lot, I've learned a lot of languages – English, German and French. I think French is the easiest.

Lifestyle and tastes

I work hard. I get up at 5 a.m., go to the gym for two hours, then go out in the snow for 5 or 6 hours every day. I eat healthily and I haven't drunk any alcohol for many years. At home in Russia, I have dinner with my family in the evening. I often cook the meal because I find it helps me to relax. Sometimes we go out to the theatre, but most evenings I prefer to relax at home and listen to classical music or watch a film on TV. I also play the piano – my wife says quite badly – and I enjoy taking photos. There are some of my photos in one of the art galleries in St Petersburg.

Places

I have fallen in love with Canada. The Nordic Centre where I train is in Canmore, Alberta and the mountains here are fantastic. I'm going to come back next year. Another favourite place is Geneva in Switzerland. Of course, I've been there to ski but I've also visited in summer when it is very sunny and warm. It's an interesting city but it isn't cheap so you can't go out every night. There's a lot to see and last year I had a nice surprise when I found a beautiful Russian church. I feel very comfortable in Geneva.

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| 1 Aleksandr's family live in St Petersburg.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 He never goes out in the evening.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Russian children learn to ski when they are young.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 He's good at taking photos.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 He says speaking French is difficult.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 He went to Switzerland last year.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 He usually goes to bed late.
A True <input type="checkbox"/> B False <input type="checkbox"/> C Doesn't say <input type="checkbox"/> | |

2 Read the text again and answer the questions.

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| 1 When did Aleksandr start skiing?
_____ | 5 What kind of music does he like?
_____ |
| 2 Who taught him to ski well?
_____ | 6 Does he play the piano well?
_____ |
| 3 What time does he get up in the morning?
_____ | 7 What does he like about Canmore?
_____ |
| 4 Why does he often cook dinner?
_____ | 8 Why doesn't he go out every night in Geneva?
_____ |

LISTENING**1 Listen to a radio interview. Tick (✓) A or B.**

- 1 Rafaella hasn't been to the Britain before.
A True B False
- 2 She's Mexican.
A True B False
- 3 Her grandparents were happy about the concert.
A True B False
- 4 She has been in Manchester for three months.
A True B False
- 5 The film 'Angels' is about a football team.
A True B False

2 Listen to five conversations. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 Jill _____ Gabe's favourite films.
A has seen B hasn't seen
- 2 Emilio _____.
A hasn't met anybody new recently
B met someone new on Saturday
- 3 Harry is going to the _____ restaurant tonight.
A Indian B Italian
- 4 Nigel has been to _____.
A Bogota B Cartagena
- 5 Jude has talked to a famous _____.
A scientist B film star

VOCABULARY**1 Complete the music words.**

- 1 What are they singing about? I can't understand any of the **l** _____.
- 2 There are usually about twelve songs on an **a** _____.
- 3 Robbie Williams was in a band called Take That before he left and went **s** _____.
- 4 Mozart is my favourite **c** _____. I love the music he wrote for the piano.
- 5 Their last record was a **f** _____ and didn't sell many copies.

2 Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 1 I've always *made/done* a lot of work for charity.
- 2 I wanted to *earn/take* a lot of money when I was young.
- 3 I *passed/did* my driving test yesterday. I'm so pleased.
- 4 I *did/won* an award for journalism when I was a student.
- 5 When I was twenty-five I *said/gave* a speech at an international conference.

GRAMMAR**1 These statements are incorrect. Correct them with a (-) sentence and use the info in an (+) sentence.**

- 1 Ronnie Biggs was born in 1919. (1929)

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- 2 Ronnie Biggs committed fraud. (robbery)

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- 3 Biggs stole 2.6 million dollars. (pounds)

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- 4 He ran away to Madrid. (Paris)

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- 5 A police officer recognised him in Australia. (reporter)

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2 Write questions about Ronnie Biggs using the prompts below.

1 When/be born?

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2 What crime/commit?

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3 How much/steal?

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4 police/catch him?

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5 Why/fly to Brazil?

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs from the box.

eat	see	not be	read	hear	_____
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1 _____ you ever _____ of a band called *Midlake*? They're really good.

2 I _____ to many countries because I don't like flying.

3 Jack _____ Mariah Carey in concert three times.

4 I _____ all the Harry Potter books – I love fantasy books.

5 _____ you ever _____ sushi?

WRITING**Describe your life. Choose two or more ideas from the list. (75–100 words)**

- 1 Your tastes (music, books, films, etc.)
- 2 Your abilities (languages, musical instruments, etc.)
- 3 Your favourite places (in your town, for holidays, etc.)
- 4 Your work experiences (first job, worst job, etc.)