

8th form

Read the text

Tony Redford was a journalist. He wrote articles for a magazine called *Business News*. He was a young man, of medium height. He had rather long, dark brown hair and a small moustache. There was always a very serious look on his face. He looked even more serious that morning. He was in his boss's office. His boss was called Liz Davis and she was the editor of *Business News*.

«Well, Tony. Your first article about the electronics industry is going to the printer's this afternoon. It's very interesting. But what about your second article? Are you sure you can write two articles about the electronics industry? I mean, isn't one enough? » she asked. «Listen, Liz, I tell you that the second article is going to be more interesting than the first! Far more interesting! »

«I am going to get some information this evening about a small company called Shandor Electronics. The director is probably one of the best electronics engineers in the world. But nobody knows very much about him. Not even where he comes from. He lives on a yacht. He never visits his factory in Southampton. Someone goes to the yacht from the factory every morning in a helicopter. Now... I know an engineer who works at that factory. His name is Presley, and Presley tells me that Shandor has plans for a new kind of electronic brain. It's much smaller but far better than any other electronic brains on the market today. I'm going to meet Presley in Southampton this evening. I am going to use the information I get from him in my second article. Presley says Shandor is going to make some new kind of robot, too. But he doesn't know very much about that. It's one of the company's biggest secrets! »

Liz Davis looked more interested than before.

«All right, Tony. Go ahead with your second article. But finish it no later than the end of next week! Do you understand? I must have it at the end of next week! No later than that! »

I. Say if the following statements True or False

1. Tony Redford was a journalist who wrote articles for a magazine called *Moscow News*.
2. Liz wasn't sure that they needed two articles on the same topic.
3. The director of the Shandor Electronics company went to his factory by helicopter.
4. Tony was going to get some important information from one of the factory's employees.
5. Presley is going to make some new kind of robot, too.

II. Correct the following statements according to the text

1. Tony Redford wrote articles for a newspaper.
2. The company's director was probably one of the best managers in the world.
3. Tony Redford's acquaintance knew all about the company's new plan.

III. Choose the correct word

1. Ann felt _____ (bad / badly) yesterday.
2. Go to bed! It's too _____ (late|lately).
3. I don't mind _____ (to play/ playing) computer games.
4. We were _____ (hungry / hungrily), so we ate dinner _____ (quick / quickly).
5. We want _____ (to eat /eating)

IV. Put in "the" where necessary

1. ... Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
2. The capital of ... USA is ... Washington, DC.
3. The longest river in the world is ... Nile.
4. ... Caspian Sea is the largest lake in the world.
5. ... United Kingdom consists of ... Great Britain and ... Northern Ireland.

6. His name is ... John Smith.

V. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Mind the tenses.

1. If I ... (know) his number, I would phone him.
2. I ... (not / buy) that computer if I were you.
3. If the weather is fine, we ... (have) a picnic tomorrow.
4. We would need a car if we ... (live) in the country.
5. I am not tired. If I ... (be) tired, I would go home now.
6. If I get a good education, I ... find a good job.
7. I was not tired last night. If I ... (be) tired, I would have gone home earlier.
8. If I were you, I ... (not / wait).

VI. Choose the correct variant

3. He said: «I can speak English very well».

He said that he ... English very well.

- a) can speak
 - b) could speak
 - c) will speak
 - d) may speak
4. She said: «I have been waiting for you since five o'clock.»
- She said that she ... for me since five o'clock.
- a) have been waiting
 - b) had been waiting
 - c) has been waiting
 - d) was waiting
5. «Do you often play tennis?» — he asked me.
- He asked me ... tennis.
- a) I often play
 - b) if I often played
 - c) if he often plays
 - d) if you often played

VII. Fill in the gaps with “do” or “make”

1. _____ an exercise
2. _____ one's bed
3. _____ a mistake
4. _____ nothing
5. _____ plans

VIII. Finish the statement. Write no less than 6 sentences

I'm a volunteer. Usually I _____
