

THEME 2 HOBBIES AND INTERESTS READING SKILL (SUNSHINE)

A. Read the text and match the paragraphs with the following main ideas.

1st: Some people choose to travel as a means of education and experience. And some others never choose to visit historical churches, monasteries, castles and fortifications, libraries, etc. as they think it is a complete waste of time. Majority of these people may further say that one can read the account of these or see the films of the important places in the world. However, they certainly forget that touch of actuality gives a different type of sensation and satisfaction to mankind.

2nd: Traveling may sound like an expensive hobby to most people, but it compensates the financial loss as it is worth every penny you spend. If a traveler has interest in life and its manifestations, that person can find much to keep oneself absorbed and happy. Most people claim that anyone can definitely find something of his own interest and studies if he takes up traveling as a hobby. Some others also add that a traveler can definitely find everything that satisfies his intellectual desires while traveling. In the end, life depends on choices and these choices will shape what kind of a person you will become.

3rd: As a hobby, traveling keeps us busy during leisure time it is the best method to make use of time. One cannot find satisfaction until he breaks from dull routine, physically and mentally. Traveling helps us to achieve this break by providing us with choices to make. At a new place, one is curious to know and eager to gather all the unknown information about the place which he has neither read nor heard before. Therefore, he gets thrills and surprises which keep the interest and enthusiasm alive and encourage him to keep the journey on.

4th: What's more, while traveling, one comes across a number of people from varied backgrounds and places. By interacting with them, he comes to know about their heritages also. As a result, he increases his experience and power to understand others. Understanding human nature is, perhaps, the best part of education. Traveling satisfies all demands of a good hobby - it combines education and refreshment to the mind, body and soul.

- a. There are opposing ideas about traveling.
- b. One of the benefits of traveling is meeting new people from different cultures.
- c. Sometimes, it is necessary to break out of the routine.
- d. There are more benefits of traveling compared to what you pay for it.

B. Read the texts and insert the sentences.

- a. However, this disability never stopped him.
- b. Eventually, she could make herself known by other people and Turkey could hear their voices.
- c. Then, he continued his studies at Cambridge University to do research in Cosmology.
- d. After she had married to a man from Arslanköy, Mersin, she moved there.

Stephen Hawking, who was an English theoretical physicist, was born in 1942 in Oxford, England. He was a hardworking student; therefore, after successful high school years, he enrolled in Oxford University. He studied Physics there although his father wanted him to become a doctor. _____ . When he completed his PhD, he left the Institute of Astronomy and came to the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. Meanwhile, he was diagnosed with ALS, a rare neurological disease, at the age of 21 and in time he lost his motor abilities. Although he was bound to wheelchair and dependent on a computerized voice system, he could combine a good family life with three children and his academic career. Stephen Hawking could walk when he was young but then he lost this ability. _____

Considering his condition, it is obvious that it was blood, sweat and tears which brought him that success.

Ümmiye Koçak was born in 1957 in Adana, Turkey. Although she wanted to become a university graduate, she wasn't sent to school after primary school. She had 9 brothers and sisters so her parents couldn't afford to send all of them to school. When she

was young, she could improve herself by reading a lot of books. _____. There, she chose to become a different person and founded “Arslanköy Women Theatre Community” to show what women in the villages experience in 2001. With the help of this community, she could express herself. She was on the stage at Sabancı International Theatre Festival with the play “Hasret Çiçekleri” that she wrote herself in 2006. _____. For 6 more years of hard work and saving, she managed to write and direct her full length film, “Yün Bebek”, which talks about violence against women. She won “Eurasian Women in Cinema Award” from New York Eurasian Film Festival with that movie in 2013. In the past, she couldn’t imagine this fame but now she can even act out in an advertisement with a famous football player, Ronaldo.

C. Read the texts again and write T for true and F for false for the following statements.

1. Stephen Hawking attended Harvard University before he started Cambridge University.
2. Hawking worked at Cambridge University at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics.
3. Hawking couldn’t walk when he was a child due to his illness, ALS.
4. Ümmiye Koçak only went to primary school as her parents couldn’t send her to school.
5. “Yün Bebek” is the first play script that Ümmiye Koçak wrote herself.
6. Nowadays, Koçak is so famous that she can act out with internationally popular people.

D. Read the texts again and answer the questions

1. What kind of a student was Stephen Hawking?
2. Which universities did he attend?
3. When did his illness start? How did his illness develop?
4. Which abilities did he lose due to his illness?
5. Why couldn’t Ümmiye Koçak go to school?
6. What was her goal when she established “Arslanköy Women Theatre Community”?
7. Describe “Yün Bebek”.
8. How do you think she became that successful?
9. Do you think Hawking’s and Koçak’s choices affected their lives? In what ways?