

THEME 9 MY FRIENDS READING SKILL (SPICE UP)

A. Read the text and choose the proverb that best reflects the friendship described in it.

- a. A friend means well even if s/he hurts you.
- b. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- c. A false friend is worse than a real enemy.

When I was a teenager, I was always curious about what made someone a true friend. To be honest, I found out the answer when I met Laura, my best friend of 30 years now. I'll never forget the day I met her. I was busy preparing for a fundraising event at my school and was going crazy with the tasks. It was extremely important to me because we were going to raise money for street animals. There were too many things to do, and I was running from place to place to get everything done. My teacher told me that I had to add some more activities to the list just before the event. I tried to call some of my classmates to ask for help, but they were all busy. At that moment, Laura, with whom I just had a few words before, suggested helping me with the activities. She was like an angel. We made a to-do list together and worked like bees to complete the tasks. We even stayed up late the night before the event to make sure everything was in order. Thanks to Laura, I was able to arrange everything, and we raised a large sum of money. Following the event, Laura and I became best friends. We were always there for each other when we needed support. We went to the same university and shared a flat for several years. Now, we live in different cities, but we always find time to visit each other. I consider myself extremely lucky to have met a true friend.

B. Read the text again and write true (T) or false (F).

1. The narrator and Laura have been good friends since their childhood.
2. They were organizing an event to earn some money.
3. The only person who helped the narrator with the tasks was Laura.
4. They became roommates at college.
5. They have the chance to see each other every new day.

C. Read the booklet prepared for the city of İzmir. Tick Yes or No.

About İzmir : İzmir is the third most populated city in Türkiye, after İstanbul and Ankara, and the second largest metropolitan centre on the Aegean Sea after Athens.

Extra Info : It has a population of 4,367,251. The city enjoys a Mediterranean climate with hot summers. It has a specific geographical location. It is surrounded by the Madra Mountains in the north, the Kuşadası Gulf in the south, the Çeşme Peninsula and the İzmir Gulf in the west and Manisa in the east.

History : İzmir has a recorded urban history of 3,000 years and an 8,500-year human settlement history since the Neolithic period. Due to its special location in the middle of the western Anatolian coast, the city has been one of the major trade ports on the Mediterranean Sea for most of its history..

Interesting Facts : Izmir Clock Tower is the most famous landmark in İzmir, yet it is not the city's oldest clock tower. Urla is home to one of the world's three quarantine islands. The oldest olive oil factory in the world is in İzmir. The Temple of Artemis in Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, is in Selçuk.

Cuisine : The locals' favourite foods are green leafy vegetables and wild plants. İzmir köfte, sulu köfte, keşkek, zerde and mücver are some of the most popular foods here. Boyoz and lokma are İzmir-related pastries. Kumru is a Çeşme-specific sandwich made with cheese, tomato and pepperoni.

1. Its location makes İzmir an important trade port in the Mediterranean.
2. Kuşadası Gulf is in the west of İzmir.

3. İzmir is the second largest Aegean city after Athens.
4. One of the world's three quarantine islands is in Çeşme.
5. The residents of İzmir prefer veggies over meat dishes.