

1. Answer the questions:

a) When was the last time you read a comic book? Justify.

b) Why do siblings usually argue with each other? Justify.

c) Is it easy to discuss feelings of your heart? Justify.

2. Complete with: in/on/kind of/to

a) What **kind of** magazine does she read?

b) Do you prefer soccer **to** handball?

c) He wrote his blog **on** January, 2017.

d) She called me **in** April.

3. Translate into English:

a) Nossa professora reprovou dois alunos no ano passado. **Our teacher flunked two students last year.**

b) Ela reprovou em seu teste de matemática porque não escutou sua mãe. **She failed her math test because she didn't listen to her mom/mother.**

c) Eu não escrevo mais cartas. Prefiro enviar e-mails. **I don't write letters anymore. I prefer to send e-mails.**

d) O menino ainda não sabe ler. **The boy still doesn't know how to read / The boy can't read yet.**

e) Eles costumavam ficar de castigo porque discutiam sobre os brinquedos. **They used to be grounded because they argued about the toys.**

f) Eu posso fazer qualquer trabalho, por exemplo, lavar a louça. **I can do any work, for example, do the dishes.**

g) De acordo com a mãe dela, ela precisa estudar mais. **According to her mom, she needs to study more.**

4. Reading and comprehension:**Flunked? - by Gideon Burton**

Everybody knew it was impossible to fail the school competency test. My high school told us that we couldn't graduate unless we passed. But it was just a test of basic reading and writing. Passing it meant little. Failing it, on the other hand, meant you were probably incapable of spelling your own name.

I took the test and thought no more about it until one afternoon that summer when the mail came. I had just come home when I heard my mother reads a letter from my high school – I had failed the competency test. I was so nervous, so sad! My mother said. "Wait until Dad hears this."

At school, my friends, teachers, even kids who didn't know me stopped me in the hall to ask if I was the person who had failed the competency test. Ten minutes later I was reviewing a photocopy of my composition. I started my arguments on the first page, but there was no second page! My second page had been lost somewhere and my paper was graded with a sentence that ended with the word *although*.

The counselor apologized and said he didn't know how it happened. There was, unfortunately, nothing he could do. I'd have to retake the test. I signed up to take the test again. It was just an accident.

Answer:

1. What kind of test was it? **It was the school competency test.**
2. If he failed the test, what could happen? **He couldn't graduate.**
3. Was it an easy test? **Yes, it was just a test of basic reading and writing.**
4. When and who was reading a letter? **When he arrived home, his mom was reading a letter.**
5. What did the letter say? **He had failed the competency test.**
6. Who stopped him in the hall and why? **His friends, teacher, even kids who didn't know him wanted to know if he was the person who had failed the competency test.**
7. What had really happened? **The second page of his composition had been lost somewhere.**
8. How did the school solve the problem? **He had to retake his test.**