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OFICIALES Y LIBRES

CLAVE DE RESPUESTAS

COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA

TASK 1 – (MATCHING) FILM REVIEWS

1.	D	
2.	D	
3.	E	
4.	C	
5.	B	
6.	A	
7.	C	

TASK 2 – (MULTIPLE CHOICE) INFERNO

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. A 6. B 7. C

TASK 3 – (HUECOS ELECCIÓN MÚLTIPLE) GEORGE CARLIN

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. C 5. B 6. B
7. A 8. B 9. C 10. B 11. B 12. B

COMPRENSIÓN ORAL

TASK 1 – (MATCHING) CANCER RESEARCH

EXTRACT	ANSWER
EXAMPLE	<i>D</i>
EXTRACT 1	G
EXTRACT 2	J
EXTRACT 3	H
EXTRACT 4	C
EXTRACT 5	B
EXTRACT 6	E
EXTRACT 7	F

TASK 2 – (MULTIPLE CHOICE) READING THE OED

1. C 2. B 3. C 4. C 5. A 6. A

TASK 3 – (HUECOS) SINGLE PARENT BASICS

Para la corrección de las comprensiones orales de huecos se puntuará de la siguiente manera:

- A las palabras **reconocibles** se les otorgará **1 punto**, aun cuando presenten faltas de ortografía o errores gramaticales. Por ejemplo, si un verbo es correcto, pero está en una forma incorrecta se considerará reconocible.
- Se podrá otorgar **medio punto** en aquellos casos en los que hay dos palabras en el hueco y una de ellas es reconocible pero la otra no.
- A las palabras **irreconocibles** se les otorgará **0 puntos**.

1. FINANCES
2. THE CHILD/ CHILDREN/ YOUR CHILD
3. SUPPORT GROUPS / DIVORCE GROUPS / GROUPS
4. ALONE/ A MINORITY/ HELPLESS
5. RULES/ BOUNDARIES
6. ROLE MODELS / MALE-FEMALE MODELS
7. DREAM

TRANSCRIPCIONES

TASK 1 – (MATCHING) CANCER RESEARCH

EXAMPLE: PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE

People around the UK will be given the chance to find out more about how they can reduce their risk of cancer. The Cancer Awareness Roadshow will be touring Scotland, the North East, the Midlands and Wales over the coming months. Two mobile units, staffed by trained nurses, will be visiting nearly one hundred towns, providing information about the charity's Reduce the Risk campaign.

EXTRACT 1: CANCER AND THE BIG SCREEN

It's not every day that an A-list celebrity pops into Cancer Research UK's London Research Institute, so we were pleased to welcome actor Richard E Grant for a visit. His latest film "Cuckoo" sees Grant playing a research professor trying to keep his staff working in his laboratory, so he was keen to soak up the atmosphere of a few of the charity's real life labs.

EXTRACT 2: THE TOXIC APPROACH

Cancer Research UK scientists at the University of Dundee have uncovered the biological explanation for the use of arsenic as a treatment for a certain types of leukemia. The poisonous chemical has been used to successfully treat a particular type of acute leukemia for many years, but until now it wasn't known why it worked.

EXTRACT 3: RISKY FRUIT?

Cancer Research UK has played down reports of a link between eating grapefruit and an increased risk of breast cancer in postmenopausal women. Grapefruit is thought to interfere with oestrogen metabolism, and oestrogen levels are linked to breast cancer. So a team of US researchers asked around 46,000 women how much grapefruit they ate per day over a period of a year. Those who said they ate the most grapefruit appeared to be more likely to develop breast cancer.

EXTRACT 4: CAN OTHER TREATMENTS CAN HELP?

Complementary therapies are gaining in popularity for a wide range of illnesses, and in the UK as many as one third of people with cancer use some sort of complementary therapy at some time during their illness. There's no scientific evidence to suggest that such treatments can cure cancer, but many people find that complementary approaches can help to improve their quality of life, when used alongside conventional therapies. However, medical profession can still be skeptical of complementary therapy.

EXTRACT 5: CELLULAR SELF DESTRUCTION

Cancer Research UK-funded scientists at the Institute of Cancer Research have developed a new type of cancer therapy that can make cancer cells commit suicide, at least in initial experiments. The technique uses a modified virus that is injected alongside an initially harmless chemical. When the drug and the virus meet inside a cancer cell, the conditions inside the cell cause the virus to activate the drug, killing the cancer cell but leaving normal cells unharmed. In lab experiments, mice with bowel tumors that received the therapy lived twice as long as those that did not.

EXTRACT 6: FLIERS FOR THE DEPRIVED

a Cancer Research UK survey has found that people from poorer backgrounds are least likely to know about the symptoms of cancer. The researchers found that people from least privileged backgrounds are consistently around 20 per cent less likely to recognize cancer symptoms than those from more affluent backgrounds. And men were generally worse than women at spotting the signs. To improve awareness, Cancer Research UK has produced two versions of a leaflet describing some common signs and symptoms of cancer, called "Wish you knew the signs of cancer?". There's one for men, and one for women.

EXTRACT 7: CANCER AND THE GENETIC CODE

Cancer Research UK scientists at Newcastle University are starting the first UK trial of a new drug which targets breast and ovarian cancer caused by inherited faulty genes. The trial is open to women who have already developed an advanced form of breast or ovarian cancer and have been diagnosed with faults in the known cancer genes BRCA1 or BRCA2. The new drug, called a PARP inhibitor, works by knocking out a key DNA repair mechanism in cancer cells. The new treatment could potentially make a big impact on the way that women with these hereditary cancers are treated.

TASK 2 – (MULTIPLE CHOICE) READING THE OED

I'm Martha Barnette.

Years ago, I covered a story for a sports magazine about Tori Murden, a woman trying to row a 23-foot boat across the ocean. She set out from the Canary Islands with four months' provisions...and little else: No motor, no sail, no support vessel travelling with her.

And after 81 days, and 2,962 lonely miles at sea, she reached her goal, becoming the first woman ever to row a boat across the Atlantic.

But for Murden, the challenge of rowing an ocean was nothing compared to the struggle of trying to explain why she'd done it in the first place: Why endure crushing boredom, blazing heat, chilling rain, blisters, and backaches day after day - all to row a little boat from one continent to the next?

Recently I thought of Murden while I was reading a book about, of all things, dictionaries. It's by Ammon Shea, and it's called..."Reading the OED: One Man, One Year, 21,730 Pages."

Well you see where I'm going with this: When it comes to dictionaries, Shea is an extreme adventurer. And this book chronicles his quirky quest to scale the Mount Everest of lexicography: the great Oxford English Dictionary.

Shea is besotted with words. So much so that he quit his job as a furniture mover in New York and spent an entire year reading the OED. He did so, he writes, in order to find out "what words there are for things in the world that I'd always thought unnamed."

And find them he did. Words like:

Petrichor. That's p-e-t-r-i-c-h-o-r. It means "the pleasant smell of rain on the ground, especially after a dry spell." We knew there should be a word for that, right?

Or how about "apricity"? Apricity is "the warmth of the sun in winter."

And then there's "balter," "to dance clumsily." Now that's handy.

Trudging through page after page, he endures headaches, eyestrain, and a growing ghastly pallor from long days reading in a library basement. Fortunately, his girlfriend is a former lexicographer for Merriam-Webster - and, one assumes, an extraordinarily patient person.

Shea's long march from A to Z is often exhilarating for him and sometimes numbing. His heart sinks upon realizing that the section of words starting with the prefix "un-" — as in "unabandoned" — goes on for 451 pages. He writes: "By the time I've read one hundred pages I am near catatonic, bored out of my mind, and so listless I can't remember why I wanted to read any of this in the first place."

But pressing on past the letter U, he is rewarded with gems like velleity, which means "a mere wish or desire for something without accompanying action or effort." And zoilus. A zoilus, that is, an "envious critic."

As for the question "Why?" Shea has a ready answer. He writes that he read the whole dictionary cover to cover because, quite simply: "It was the most engrossing and enjoyable book I've ever read." It's also why, after finishing the last page of the OED, he writes, he happily went back to the letter A and started over.

And I thought I was a big word nerd.

The book is "Reading the OED" by Ammon Shea. Find out more about it and see all those odd words I mentioned at our website. That's "waywithradio.org".

And now, I have to get back to some dictionary-diving myself.

TASK 3 – (HUECOS) SINGLE PARENT BASICS (Extract from an interview with Jodi Seidler)

Interviewer: Are there benefits to being a single parent?

Jodi Seidler: I think there is a lot of benefits to being a single parent. I mean, I've been one for a long time but I would say that you become so strong because you are both mother and father in a lot of ways, without losing your femininity. But you gain this strength that you can pretty much do anything. And as long as you have the support, so that you feel like you are not alone - I can't emphasize that enough - there is just this strong, you know, "I am woman, hear me roar" kind of thing that happens, you know. And the best thing is you can find a lot of joy in being a single parent as well. It's not just the old "woe is me", like in the olden days when, you know, there weren't as many single parent households.

Interviewer: What are the challenges of being a single parent?

Jodi Seidler: The challenges of being a single parent are the juggling act. A lot of people have to kind of rethink their finances because it's not the same as when they worked as single. Finding time for yourself is really really important, no matter what it is, whether it's going to a movie, having a child call up or you exchange with another single mom, so that you have some time off. Time off is really important; that's why they put the mask on you on the airplane, so you take care of yourself first. Same thing, you want to make sure that you're not stressed out and you've time for you. And also just making sure that your child has resources, too, whether it's a therapist or something like that, so that they can be healthy through the transition as well.

Interviewer: How do I know if I can handle being a single parent?

Jodi Seidler: Well, you know, the best way to handle being a single parent is to just jump in, you know and What I did even before I got divorced I went to some divorce support groups just so I could prep myself and I also talked to people that had gone through it, so just sort of knowing what you are getting into because a lot of people think: "Oh good. My marriage is over. I'm so happy. I'm not in it any more". But they've no idea what it's really like, so they kind of dip your toe in the water and get a taste of what it'll be like through other people or through groups, I think it's really really important so you are not really surprised and go: "Oh my God", you know: "Why didn't someone tell me?", so it's important to kind of do your homework.

Interviewer: What is the key to being a good single parent?

Jodi Seidler: I don't know if there is just one key. There's probably a lot of keys, but mostly just knowing that you can do it, being there for your child, getting help when you need it and knowing that you are not alone. That's really important. I mean there's like I think it's like 62% of all parents are single now, so it's not the old minority; we're almost a majority now, so just knowing that you are not alone and you can handle anything.

Interviewer: Does single parenting change depending on the age of a child?

Jodi Seidler: I believe single parenting changes a lot depending upon the age of the child. My son now is 17, so now I'm still his mother but I'm more like a coach or a mentor and we are more roommates situation with rules and boundaries. But when your child is younger, it's really different, you know, and I know that a lot of single parents get like big brother, big sister, when the other parent is no longer available or not available enough and that's really important that the child has sort of a female-male role model so that's not in your household then it's good to get a big brother, big sister, an uncle, a coach, you know, as your child grows it's really important for them to have strong role models.

Interviewer: What if I unexpectedly become a single parent?

Jodi Seidler: When you suddenly become a single parent and you really didn't have time to plan it, the first thing I would say is jump on the internet, research groups, support groups, talk to your school, teachers, the principal, and guidance counsellors are amazing. Talk to your preacher, your Rabbi, and just get support, one on one or in a group, and that will really, really, really help because it's a shock to your system, it's a death of a dream and you need help to kind of move through it all.