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UNIT 1

Read



A Read the article quickly. Check (✓) the statements that are true.

- 1. The Web_Rats is a band from Brazil.
- 2. Jessica doesn't like the Web_Rats singers.
- 3. All members of Web_Rats write songs.

Web_Rats

Hi, I'm Jessica and this is my Web_Rats fan Web site. Web_Rats is a cool boy band. They're not famous, but I like their music a lot. They're not only a band, they're also friends. They all live in the same apartment building in Seattle, United States.



There are four boys in the band: William, Jasper, Hugh, and Brian. William is the oldest in the band. He's 24. Jasper and Hugh are 22. Brian, the youngest, is 21.

William is the lead singer, but all four boys write songs. Their most popular song on the Web – "Beautiful" – is about a special girl. Their other songs are about typical teenage things like friends.

All the boys are good at acting, too. All their music videos on the Web tell funny stories. The band has only a few hundred fans, but they're amazing. I love to watch them on the Internet!

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B Read the article slowly. Check your answers in Part A.

C Answer the questions.

1. What's the name of the band? The name of the band is Web_Rats.
2. Where are they from? They are from Seattle (and/or) United States.
3. Are there five brothers in the band? No, there aren't. There are four boys in the band (No, there are 4 boys in the band).
4. Are the brothers good at acting? Yes, the boys are good at acting (Yes they are).
5. How old is Jasper? Jasper is 22 years old (He is 22 years old).

Comments

for C.2: They live in the US, does not necessarily mean they come from there.

for C.3 & 4: The question suggests they are brothers, but no mention of that in reading at all. The "brothers" should be "boys" for both questions.

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UNIT 2

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A Read the article quickly. Check (✓) the words you find.

appears eats gives has helps lives lunch makes says

Quizlet

Do you have quizzes in school? Are they fun? If not, **check out** the quizzes on Quizlet – a cool Web site with lots of quizzes. Quizlet makes learning vocabulary words fun and exciting. And it's free!

The quizzes on Quizlet help students **review** languages (like English, Japanese, Spanish, and Korean) and school subjects (like history, geography, biology, and math). The quizzes are like games, so they're fun to do. Many students use Quizlet – over 30 million users per month on their Web site and apps.

Andrew Sutherland is the creator of Quizlet. Quizlet is very popular in schools around the world and it is also a very successful company. Andrew has a team that helps him with important things, like marketing and computer software questions about Quizlet. Andrew is really smart – he gives interviews and appears on many Web sites. He says that his passion is education.



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B Read the article slowly. Check your answers in Part A.

C Are these statements true or false? Write **True** or **False**. Then correct the false statements.

1. Quizlet makes learning fun and exciting. True.
2. The quizzes on Quizlet are for languages only. False. They're for school subjects, too.
3. Few students use Quizlet. False. Many students use Quizlet.
4. Quizlet is a successful company, too. True.
5. Andrew has only one person that helps him. False. Andrew has a team that helps him.

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UNIT 3

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A Read the article quickly. Check (✓) the main idea.

- 1. Missy Franklin is a famous world champion.
- 2. Missy Franklin doesn't have a big family.
- 3. Missy Franklin is a talented swimmer and a positive role model, too.

Missy Franklin

Meet the very talented Melissa Jeanette Franklin! Her nickname is Missy, and she is a tall and athletic **world champion** swimmer. She has four Olympic gold **medals** and six World Championship gold medals. Missy is from the United States, and she lives in Berkeley, California. Her parents are Canadian. Missy doesn't have any brothers or sisters. She's an **only child**. Missy loves swimming, and she trains two hours a day. She is a hardworking athlete! She knows that being a champion takes constant practice. It means swimming every day! She is always in the water. Because of pool chlorine, she wears goggles to protect her eyes. But Missy doesn't only swim. She is a great person, too. Missy likes to help people. She is involved in volunteer activities. She likes to be a positive **role model** for young athletes in all sports. Her **teammates** think she's awesome. They say that she always has a smile on her face. So, what do you think? Isn't she a cool person? Do you like to help people, too?



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B ➡ Read the article slowly. Check your answer in Part A.

C Answer the questions.

1. Does Missy like swimming? Yes, he does.
2. Does she have a sister? No, she does not (No, she doesn't).
3. Does she practice swimming every day? Yes, she does.
4. Does she wear any special sports equipment? Yes, she does. She wears goggles to protect her eyes.
5. Does she need to wear a helmet? No, she does not (No, she doesn't).

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UNIT 4

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A Read the article quickly. Check (✓) the words you find.

- 1. boring 3. exciting 5. interesting
- 2. cool 4. fun 6. popular

Check Out Online Music Stores!

American teens like to listen to music. They spend a lot of time **downloading** songs from the Internet, and they usually listen to music on their cell phones. Where do they download songs from? From various online music stores. There are a few stores that are very large companies and sell all kinds of music on the Internet, and there are some other stores for specific audiences. And they are not only popular in the U.S. People from many countries now buy and download songs from these stores.



Some large companies have more than 20 **million** songs – from rock to classical to rap to country. And they also **sell** TV shows, movies, **podcasts**, and **e-books**. How much are songs? One song is usually \$0.99 and an **album** is about \$9.99. TV shows are around \$2.99, and you can **rent** a new HD movie for \$4.99.



You don't need to go to a music store or a bookstore. Check out any online music store. It's really **convenient** . . . and it's fun.

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B Read the article slowly. Check your answers in Part A.

C Answer the questions.

1. Do American teens like to listen to music? Yes, they do.
2. Do American teens usually spend a lot of time downloading songs? Yes, they do.
3. How many songs do large online music stores have? Some large online music stores have more than 20 million songs.
4. How much is one song? One song is usually \$0.99.
5. How much are new HD movies? New HD movies are \$4.99. (You can rent a new HD movie for \$4.99.)

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UNIT 7

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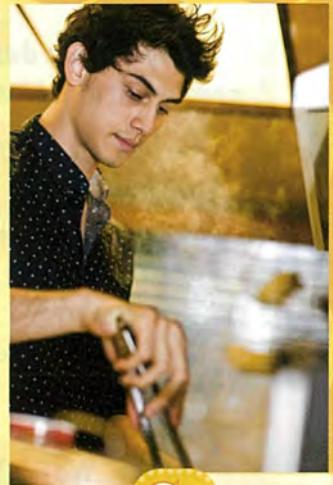
A Read the Web site quickly. Write the names of five foods in Get Cooking.

1. (stroganoff) pizza 2. salad 3. strawberries 4. cheese 5. pasta

Cooking with Marcelo Montenegro

Marcelo Montenegro is from Minas Gerais, Brazil. He's only 17, and he's already a cooking **genius**. Marcello is very interested in cooking and he has more than 100 **cookbooks**! He has a cool blog – “Marcelo Montenegro Cooking” – where he **posts** his own recipes, photos, videos and cooking **tips**.

Marcelo doesn't just cook his own recipes, though. He also accepts **challenges** from his friends. So he takes his friends' favorite foods and creates new and sometimes very weird **recipes**. These include appetizers, main dishes, and desserts. Would you like a stroganoff pizza recipe? Or maybe a salad with strawberries and cheese? Pasta hamburger with ketchup and pepper? These are just some examples of the creative combinations you can find on his blog. There are also some special recipes with chocolate – one of Marcelo's favorite foods. And Marcelo gives some great **nutrition** tips. Check out his blog the next time you cook.



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B Read the Web site slowly. Check your answers in Part A.

C Are these statements true or false? Write True or False. Then correct the false statements.

1. Marcelo Montenegro doesn't like cookbooks.

False. He has more than 100 cookbooks.

2. Marcelo has a TV show.

False. He has a blog.

3. He only cooks his own recipes.

False. He accepts challenges from his friends and create new and sometimes very weird recipes.

4. Marcelo's favorite food is pizza.

False. His favorite food is chocolate.

5. There are cooking and nutrition tips on his blog.

True.