

TEXT NO.1**Questions**

- 1) Tell me something about your studies and current job.
- 2) Have you seen a good film recently? Tell me about it.
- 3) Are you going on holiday next year?

Read and translate into Italian**Penguin swims 5,000 miles every year to visit the man who saved his life!**

Joao Pereira de Souza, 71, lives on an island near Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is a retired bricklayer but still works as a part-time fisherman. One day, about five years ago, he found a tiny, sick penguin on the beach near his home. The penguin's feathers were covered in oil. Joao felt sorry for the sick, little bird, and so he took him back to his home. He cleaned him and fed him sardines, and he gave him the name Dindim. The penguin soon became strong and healthy again.

After a week or two, Joao went down to the seashore and tried to put Dindim back into the water. The penguin didn't want to go. He stayed with Joao, getting bigger and bigger. Then suddenly, one day Dindim disappeared. Four more months passed, when suddenly Joao heard a familiar 'honking' sound – Dindim was back.

TEXT NO. 2**Questions**

- 1) Tell me something about your studies and current job.
- 2) Which country would you most like to visit in the future?
- 3) Have you got any plans for this weekend?

Read and translate into Italian**Brotherly Love**

Brothers Alistair and Jonny Brownlee were just six and eight years old when they began doing triathlons. Two years ago, they went to London to compete in the Triathlon World Series. It was a hot day, but the boys were doing well. Alistair was running behind his younger brother. He thought to himself, 'This is perfect – Jonny's going to win, and I 'm going to come second or third'.

Suddenly, with only 700 metres to go, Alistair saw that Jonny was in trouble. He wasn't running, and he couldn't breathe. Alistair ran up to his brother. He put his arm round him, and started to run with him to the finishing line. Then Alistair pushed his brother over the line and Jonny fell to the ground. Fortunately, Jonny was soon well and running again.

TEXT NO. 3**Questions**

- 1 Tell me something about your studies and current job.
- 2 Have you done anything interesting with your family/friends recently?
- 3 Which country would you most like to visit in the future?

Read and translate into Italian**My Grandfather's shop**

My grandfather lived until he was 101 years old. He was a shopkeeper. He had a fish and chip shop in an old village near a big, industrial town in the North of England. He had a son and a daughter. The daughter is my mother. The family lived above the shop. In those days, fish and chips was the most popular dish in the whole country. My grandfather made the best fish and chips in the area. People came to the village by bus especially to get them. Everybody loved my grandfather because he was such a happy and contented man. He worked hard, but once a week he closed the shop and went to have lunch with friends in the local pub. He didn't retire until he was 78 years old. He said that the secret to a long life was a glass of whisky before going to bed and lots of fish and chips.

TEXT NO. 4**Questions**

- 1) Tell me something about your studies and current job.
- 2) Is there a sport or hobby you enjoy doing?
- 3) Have you got any plans for this weekend?

Read and translate into Italian**Ice Lollies**

In the UK, they're 'ice lollies' but the original US name for them is 'popsicles'. And the wonderful truth is that this children's treat was actually invented by a child! It was a cold winter's afternoon in 1905. Eleven-year-old Frank Epperson was playing with friends on the front porch of his house in San Francisco, ^{and} had made drinks for them by mixing flavoured powder with water. It got really cold, so the boys went inside. Frank left a glass of the drink outside, with mixing stick standing in it. It was a bitterly cold night. In the morning, when Frank went out, he found the drink frozen in the glass, with the stick still inside it. He ran hot water over the glass, and pulled the frozen drink out with the stick. It looked good so he licked it with his tongue ... it was good!