

Reading

Read the text and answer questions 1-4.

Have you ever dreamed about opening a restaurant? If so, then you have something in common with me. Ever since I was a small boy I wanted to be a chef, with much of my childhood spent in the kitchen with my grandma making cakes and sweet things. Back then, my main ambition was to work in a restaurant, but since taking a number of stressful and badly paid jobs in different restaurants, my ideas have changed. When I first started to talk about my big plans, many people told me it was an impossible dream. They thought there was too much risk involved, particularly since there are so many restaurants close to where I live. However, I'm happy I didn't listen to them. It's actually quite possible to follow any dream you have as long as you are ready to deal with some difficulties and enjoy taking on new challenges. If you really love what you do, it may be the best step you have ever taken.

There are a number of things to consider before you go ahead with your plan. Money is always a big issue. There are a lot of things you need to buy before opening to customers such as furniture and supplies, and then once you open there will be staff to pay. They will need to be paid even during times when there isn't a lot of business so you need to have money in the bank. I'd recommend having enough money saved so that you can continue to serve customers for two or three months even without making any money. Otherwise you might have to shut down before you even get going. The next thing to consider is how to get customers. Choosing a popular location is vital, but even more important is offering a unique and interesting experience to diners. I love going to restaurants that serve unusual food or have a special atmosphere. You can do that by offering live music or hanging original art on the walls. I visited a lot of different restaurants when I was considering what my place should look like, and that helped me to decide what was important. I ended up opening a restaurant serving traditional food as I realised there was nothing like that in my local area.

The final aspect is becoming known to the public. Social media is a great tool for making sure that people hear about your restaurant, but traditional advertising is also important. Not everyone, in particular older people with plenty of money, use social networks, and you don't want to miss the opportunity to serve them. You can also organise special events that people will be excited to attend. Most importantly, show how passionate you are about the food you serve, the way you treat customers and the experience you offer. With enough love and dedication, you really can succeed.

1 Why did the writer's friends think opening a restaurant was risky?

2 What can go wrong if you don't have enough money in the bank?

3 How did the writer decide what type of restaurant to open?

4 Why is traditional advertising also important?

Read the passage opposite about starting a new school. Choose the correct options, A, B C or D.

- 1 Going to a new school can be
A exciting.
B annoying.
C worrying.
D disappointing.
- 2 Six-year old Anna
A spoke a little English before she came.
B studied English in her Italian school.
C liked her new school immediately.
D was hoping to go back to Italy.
- 3 Anna says her classmates
A didn't understand her difficulties.
B had friendly parents.
C took a long time to like her.
D thought she was lucky.
- 4 Eugenio
A is younger than Zoella.
B found it really easy to fit in.
C had some problem with the language.
D laughed at the boys in his class.
- 5 Eugenio believes the boys liked him because he
A liked laughing at their jokes.
B was a useful member of the football team.
C won a football competition.
D was good at making friends.
- 6 Patrick says that
A the international school is frightening.
B almost all the students have had a similar experience.
C the school solves problems very quickly.
D students at the school are worried about school.
- 7 New students at the school
A receive an advice sheet before they start.
B meet the teachers at a welcome party.
C must find somewhere to put their things.
D can wear any clothes they choose.

STARTING A NEW SCHOOL

Starting a new school can be an anxious time for anyone, but when it is in another country, it can be really scary, especially if you have to learn a new language.

Anna came to the UK from Italy when she was six. 'I didn't speak a word of English and everything seemed very strange. At first I wasn't happy and wanted to return to Italy. However, many of the kids in my class had had the same problem and were keen to help me learn English. They and their parents were very welcoming and it didn't take long for me feel comfortable. I think I was quite lucky because my older sister, Zoella, found it much more difficult even though she spoke some English.'

Eugenio, Anna's brother, was the oldest of the children and was sixteen when the family came to England. 'In some ways it was harder and in others easier than I expected. I already spoke quite a bit of English, but that didn't stop some of the other boys laughing at me when I made mistakes and there were some awkward moments when I came out with the wrong word or phrase. My way of dealing with it was to laugh with them. I soon made some good friends although I think that was mainly because I'm pretty good at football and helped the school team to win their first match in two years!'

Patrick is a teacher at the international school they all attend. 'It can be very scary for young people going to any new school. But I think it helps that most of the kids in our school have been through the same thing. They understand the problems and the worries and are usually happy to help any new arrival. Our students have also created an advice sheet which we send to all new students before they arrive. It covers everything from where to find things, who to see if there's a problem, what clothes to wear and so on. We also have a welcome afternoon before they start school properly, when they can meet some of their future class.'

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Test 1

Choose an appropriate answer

- 1 Whenever I see him, he smiles all the time. He's very ____.
A caring B cheerful C sensible D generous
- 2 How can Joe afford ____ a new laptop?
A buying B buy C buys D to buy
- 3 What were you doing when you ____ the text?
A were getting B got C get D getting
- 4 ____ your parents use to have mobile phones when they were younger?
A Were B Are C Did D Do
- 5 Jenny is only eighteen but she's ____ written two plays.
A yet B ever C never D already
- 6 Joe's lived in that flat since ____.
A a month B a long time C 2012 D two years
- 7 I ____ you later if you like.
A 'm helping B 'll help C 'm going to help D help
- 8 Students have to pay tuition ____.
A costs B expenses C fees D prices
- 9 If we ____, we'll catch the bus.
A to hurry B hurry C are hurrying D will hurry
- 10 If I ____ enough money, I'd go round the world.
A have B will have C would have D had
- 11 Everything's free, so you ____ bring any money.
A have to B can't C needn't D must
- 12 I phoned the ticket office but it ____ closed.
A has already B already C did already D had already
- 13 It's important to feel comfortable in your own ____.
A appearance B skin C face D fashion
- 14 He might come ____ as shallow, but in fact he's not.
A across B by C after D for
- 15 I ____ that aliens have visited the Earth.
A haven't believed B not believe
C 'm not believing D don't believe
- 16 I ____ to go out today.
A 'm not wanting B don't want
C not want D haven't wanted
- 17 I'm sorry I'm late. How long ____?
A have you waited B do you wait
C have you been waiting D are you waiting
- 18 I ____ three exercises. Can I have a rest now?
A am finishing B finish
C have been finishing D have finished
- 19 The athletes are out on the ____.
A course B court C track D pitch
- 20 He's very ambitious. I'm sure he'll ____ on any challenge.
A run B take C go D put
- 21 I ____ when I suddenly felt a pain in my leg.
A swam B have been swimming
C was swimming D had swum
- 22 I got to the final in 2010 even though I ____ never played tennis before.
A hadn't B haven't C have D had

- 23** Our teacher makes ___ homework every day.
A us to do **B** we do **C** us do **D** us doing
- 24** I don't mind ___ the party.
A missing **B** I missed **C** to miss **D** miss
- 25** I ___ my bus so I had to wait for the next one.
A caught **B** lost **C** missed **D** dropped
- 26** No one likes ___ stuck in a traffic jam.
A getting **B** picking **C** taking **D** catching
- 27** This ___ be our hotel. It's too old.
A could **B** mustn't **C** can't **D** might
- 28** Don't throw that shirt away. John ___ it.
A must want **B** might want
C can't want **D** would want
- 29** The train ___ yet. It's only 3.25pm.
A will have left **B** might have left
C can't have left **D** mustn't have left
- 30** I ___ camping when I was younger.
A would hate **B** used to hate
C have hated **D** was hating
- 31** This ___ be a beautiful, unspoilt resort.
A did **B** would **C** used to **D** used
- 32** These biscuits are ___! I won't eat them.
A crunchy **B** stale **C** ripe **D** mild
- 33** Don't put too much vinegar on vegetables or they will be too ____.
A tasty **B** sweet **C** sour **D** bitter
- 34** I'll phone you when I ___ up.
A will wake **B** woke **C** wake **D** 'd wake
- 35** We'll go out ___ it rains. I don't want to get wet!
A as soon as **B** unless **C** until **D** if
- 36** Don't ___ yourself up! You haven't done anything wrong.
A let **B** blame **C** beat **D** turn
- 37** My wallet ____!
A has stolen **B** is stealing
C has been stealing **D** has been stolen
- 38** I don't want to fall ___ with my homework.
A out **B** away **C** behind **D** off
- 39** My dad ___ always hide the newspaper so that no one could read it before he did.
A used **B** did **C** would **D** was
- 40** I thought Tom was so calm you couldn't make him angry, but yesterday he lost his ____.
A temper **B** heart **C** will **D** soul
- 41** Let's celebrate our good luck, ____?
A won't we **B** don't we **C** will we **D** shall we
- 42** I ___ to have gone out on the night before my exam.
A shouldn't **B** ought not **C** needn't **D** mustn't

Test 2

1 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 I look ____ to my older brother because he is generous and brave.
- 2 Joey picked ____ some dance moves while watching his sister's hip hop class.
- 3 My family came to cheer me ____ when I entered the baking competition.
- 4 Jill dropped ____ of the dance team because she didn't have time to go to practice.
- 5 I take ____ my mum with my brown eyes and small ears.
- 6 I like to hang ____ with my friends at a local café.
- 7 I fell ____ with my best friend when I discovered she had lied to me.
- 8 I sometimes fall ____ with my best friend, but we never stay angry for long.
- 9 Lucia picked ____ her cooking skills from her grandmother.
- 10 I tried not to lose touch ____ my old classmates when I moved to a different town.

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2 Complete the sentences with words formed from the words in CAPITALS.

- 1 Fresh vegetables are better for you than _____ ones. TIN
- 2 Tim should follow the news more closely, because he's really _____ when it comes to current affairs. INFORM
- 3 I'm afraid the accident was _____. No one could prevent it. AVOID
- 4 It was _____ that she would lose the competition because she was such a talented cook. THINK
- 5 Mark is a _____ person who doesn't worry about anything. CARE
- 6 The idea that people are starving when there is so much food in the world is _____. THINK
- 7 That athlete's _____ is amazing – he simply never gives up! RESILIENT
- 8 The accident was _____. There was nothing they could do to prevent it. AVOID
- 9 The new restaurant is very _____, with all of the most fashionable dishes. TREND
- 10 You shouldn't eat too much chocolate because it's very _____. FAT

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3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Two sentences are correct.

- 1 My parents used to get married in 1992. _____
- 2 This time next week I'll lying on the beach in Spain. _____
- 3 We'll leave when Tom gets here. _____
- 4 Sam fell over while he was running for the bus. _____
- 5 I didn't used to enjoy sport when I was young. _____
- 6 Sara won't be able to do sport again until her wrist will be better. _____
- 7 That was a difficult job. It can't be easy for you! _____
- 8 I can't stand to watch TV all evening! _____
- 9 Look! I think that might been a lion over there. _____
- 10 I can't find my purse. I think I might left it at school. _____

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words including the word given.

- 1 It will stop raining, and then we'll go on our bike ride. SOON
We'll go on our bike ride _____ raining.
- 2 My grandfather used to play with me every day. WOULD
My grandfather _____ every day.
- 3 My dad was very good at sport when he was young. USED
My dad _____ at sport when he was young.
- 4 It isn't possible that Jo stole the money. CAN'T
Jo _____ the money.

5 I'm happy to help you. MIND

I _____ you.

6 She isn't allowed to stay out late. LET

Her parents don't _____ late.

7 It's possible that Mike left early. MIGHT

Mike _____ early.

8 We'll go outside when it stops raining. UNTIL

We _____ it stops raining.

9 They finally brought the fire under control. MANAGED

They finally _____ under control.

10 You can't force teenagers to work hard at school. MAKE

You _____ hard at school.

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