



DO YOU KNOW THE ROLLING STONES?



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IMPROVE YOUR READING SKILLS

On pages 2 and 3 there is a reading passage about the history of the Rolling Stones. A good way to improve on your reading skills is to follow these steps:

READING STRATEGIES

1. Look at the text and title quickly. It will give you an idea of what the text is about.
2. Read the first sentence of each paragraph quickly. What does it tell you about the text?
3. Look at the questions. Read them carefully and underline the key words. Do NOT read the three choices, ONLY the questions.
4. Start from the top. Read the first question, and then read the text. Underline the part that gives you the answer. Then, compare that with the three choices. Have you found the answer? Circle it. Now continue with the rest of the questions.
5. If you cannot find an answer, do not worry. Leave it and return to it afterwards.

When you are finished, you can check your answers with the key at the end of this worksheet.

The Rolling Stones



The Rolling Stones have been popular for more than 50 years. In 1962, Mick Jagger, Keith Richard and Brian Jones met at school and started the band. In 1963, Charlie Watts and Bill Wyman **joined** the band. Brian Jones was a great guitarist who could also play the saxophone and the clarinet, but the band's singer, Mick Jagger, got most of the attention because the fans loved his style.

In the 1960's, the Rolling Stones were the 'bad boys' of rock but teenagers loved them because they were rebellious and different. From 1965 to 1968, they performed concerts everywhere and their records were very successful. Tragically, in 1969, Brian Jones was found dead after a wild party, but nobody really knows what happened.

During the 1970's and 1980's, they still had a lot of fans although they were not as popular as before because there were many other new groups. The Stones remained successful because they continued doing concerts in many countries and releasing records. In 1974, Ronnie Wood joined the group. The Stones were always in the news because of their marriages, fast cars and drug problems.

Mick Jagger is **the most well-known member of the group**. After leaving school, he attended the London School of Economics, but he always loved music. He gave up his studies to become a rock star. Mick has seven children from various marriages. In 2003, he received a knighthood from Buckingham Palace.

The Stones have been one of the top touring bands in the world. Their recent concert at Copacabana Beach, Brazil, was a huge success. The entrance was free and around 1,000,000 fans turned up. During the show, Mick Jagger wore a shirt with a Brazilian flag on the front and the crowd went wild. The band says that they are not going to retire. Love **them** or hate them, the Rolling Stones continue rolling on till this very day.

1. Which of the following options can replace the word **'joined'** in the first paragraph?
 - A. disliked the band
 - B. became members
 - C. left the group

2. What is **TRUE** according to the first paragraph?
 - A. The Rolling Stones all went to college together.
 - B. Brian Jones could play more than one musical instrument.
 - C. Mick Jagger was not so popular in the beginning.

3. According to the text, what happened to the Rolling Stones in the late sixties?
 - A. They weren't as successful as before.
 - B. One of the original members died.
 - C. Teenagers stopped liking their style.

4. According to the 3rd paragraph, which of the following statements is **FALSE** about the Rolling Stones?
 - A. The band had a new member in 1974.
 - B. People could hear about them in the news.
 - C. The members of the band didn't like fast cars.

5. Which of the following options can replace the phrase **'the most well-known member of the group'** in the fourth paragraph?
 - A. the oldest singer of the group
 - B. the most famous member of the group
 - C. the richest member of the group

6. According to the 4th paragraph, Mick Jagger
 - A. decided to be a rock star instead of an economist.
 - B. has had seven marriages and four children.
 - C. never visited Buckingham Palace.

7. At the concert at Copacabana beach,
 - A. everyone had a Brazilian flag.
 - B. there were about a million people in the crowd.
 - C. people paid a lot of money for a ticket.

8. What does the word **'them'** in the last paragraph refer to?
 - A. the Rolling Stones
 - B. the concerts
 - C. the crowds

ANSWER KEY

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1 - B	3 - B	5 - B	7 - B
2 - B	4 - C	6 - A	8 - A

The colours in the highlighted text correspond to the answer key above. The order of the questions and highlighted answers follow the order of the text.