

**NIVEL INTERMEDIO- ALUMNOS OFICIALES**

**COMPRENSIÓN DE LECTURA**

**TASK ONE - Royal Household**

1. Pension and health insurance benefits are available immediately upon employment.
2. After 10 years of service staff can take over 30 days off.
3. Some employees are allowed to have lunch each working day without paying for it.
4. Your close family can enjoy special benefits.
5. Employees who want to pursue further studies significant to their post receive a grant.
6. All staff are given feedback on their performance.
7. Promotion happens on the basis of years of service.

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**TASK TWO - Six Green Celebrities**

- 1 Who wants to encourage the use of green energy?
- 2 Who uses a sports event as part of their campaign for a health environmental purpose?
- 3 Who has joined various environmental associations to increase consciousness?
- 4 Who got in trouble with the law?
- 5 Who doesn't want people to take a wait-and-see attitude?
- 6 Who raised money on a public sale through the internet?
- 7 Whose eco-cause won a prize for their work?

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**TASK THREE - TV pets training school**

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| 1. <b>A</b> so       | 7. <b>A</b> taught  |
| 2. <b>B</b> set      | 8. <b>C</b> remind  |
| 3. <b>C</b> training | 9. <b>C</b> such a  |
| 4. <b>C</b> theft    | 10. <b>C</b> keen   |
| 5. <b>B</b> kittens  | 11. <b>A</b> as     |
| 6. <b>C</b> make     | 12. <b>B</b> get on |

**COMPRENSIÓN ORAL**

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**TASK 1 – SOLDIER**

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1. Jeffrey has gained a degree in the army.		✓
2. Some people in the army shouted too much.	✓	
3. Jeffrey found no surprises in the army because he had seen many films.		✓
4. Jeffrey feels he's been too long in the army.		✓
5. What Jeffrey likes about his job is that he has opportunities to travel abroad.		✓
6. Jeffrey distributes humanitarian aid.	✓	
7. Jeffrey has hidden bombs underground.		✓

**TASK 2 – SPORTS VS EXERCISE**

1. According to the presenter, women ...  
**B** don't like to join team sports.
2. Sue Tibballs says that girls ...  
**A** start disliking sports very early.
3. Gerry Sutcliffe thinks that ...  
**C** playing sports is good for everybody.
4. Sue Tibballs says that ...  
**C** most women don't like the competitiveness of sports.
5. Sue Tibballs thinks that women ...  
**B** don't have time for sports.
6. Sue Tibballs wants ...  
**C** more government involvement in promoting sports.

**TASK 3 – ALEK WEK**

1. Alek Wek came to Britain ...  
**C** as a refugee.
2. Alek Wek's family almost died because they....  
**A** didn't have food to eat.
3. At one point when she was in Britain, she worked at the BBC ...  
**B** a cleaner.
4. Alek Wek realized that the war got serious when ....  
**A** she heard bomb explosions.
5. Alek thinks that village life in Africa is...  
**C** particularly difficult for women.
6. Alek's mother ...  
**C** didn't want Alek to be a model at first.
7. Alek thinks that ...  
**A** school is very important.

## TRANSCRIPCIONES

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### TASK 1 – SOLDIER

**Jackie:** Hello, welcome to the programme. Today, we take a look at some job related language with the help of Jeffrey.

**Jeffrey:** I'm Captain Jeffrey Scammerhorn and I'm a Canadian army officer. I'm currently stationed in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

**Jackie:** Jeffrey is a Captain in the Canadian army. A job he enjoys and which he has learnt a lot from. How does Jeffrey feel being in the army has changed him?

**Jeffrey:** The army has certainly changed me as a person. The clearest change from the man I was to the man I am now is the degree of confidence that I have in myself and my ability to take on completely new tasks, use the skills and planning and consideration that I've been taught and carry out the job.

**Jackie:** What did Jeffrey think of the army when he started out in training – did he think people were nice or nasty?

**Jeffrey:** Well in the training system, everything I expected of the military took place. There was the structure, there was the NCOs whose voice was occasionally a little too loud, but nobody was being malicious – it wasn't the way Hollywood tends to portray this thing.

**Jackie:** Now Jeffrey is going to tell us what drives him about the job – what he really likes about it. So what drives Jeffrey? And what is the most difficult thing about his job?

**Jeffrey:** What really, really drives me with this job is that every morning I get up and I put on these combat boots and I'm happy about what I am doing. I mean, I've been doing this for 24 years. And I can honestly say, whether it was on an exercise and it was pouring down rain, whether it was in Bosnia, whether it was back here and... every single day I enjoy what I'm doing. And it changes, the army never lets you get bored with what you're doing. The most difficult thing, I would have to say, is the way that military service takes you away from your family.

**Jackie:** Jeffrey has never had to kill anyone. He points out that most of the work they do in the army involves helping people and trying to stop fighting.

**Jeffrey:** When we go some place on behalf of Canada, and we get on the ground and we stop people from shooting at each other and we start taking mines out of the ground and we start making sure that fresh water and a decent supply of food is getting to people...

**Jackie:** Jeffrey talks about stopping people from shooting each other, getting clean water and food to people and taking out mines, which are bombs that are hidden in the ground. This is what makes Jeffrey happy about what he does.

**Jeffrey:** We can hold civilization together for just that moment in time, I can't think of anything else that makes you feel good about yourself.

### TASK 2 – SPORTS VS EXERCISE

**PRESENTER:** You may be aware that the government has suggested that we should all exercise for half an hour five times a week, and the expectation is that most of it would be achieved through sport, which seems to be fine if you are a man, but not if you are a woman. Only 3% of women take part in team games, although gym membership is pretty evenly split between the sexes. So, why do women exercise when men play sport? Well, this Thursday there is to be a conference raising the game, "The future for women in sport" where the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation will be announcing the results of their research on the gender differences in attitudes. I was joined earlier by Gerry Sutcliffe, who is Minister for Sport, and by Sue Tibballs, who is chief executive of the foundation. What do women tell them about why they dislike sport?

**SUE TIBBALLS:** I think school sports is a problem. We know that a quarter of women say that school sports put them off exercise for life. And it starts very young, by age 7, 40% of girls say they are not sporty, so sport amazingly just remains an extremely male and masculine activity still to this day, but when you consider that only 5% of all sports media coverage features women, maybe it's not that surprising.

**PRESENTER:** Gerry, why have you determined that 3 out of 5 of those exercise periods that you are recommending per week should come from sport and not from exercise?

**GERRY:** Well, it's to try and encourage a change of culture. I mean, I agree that part of the problem is people's bad experiences, but what we are hoping is that we can change that culture all the way through, so that, not only in school sport the people have a better experience, but trying to make sure that, you know, people feel

better about themselves, and we think sport can offer that. Now I accept that the split that's there and I think it's trying to offer new sports so that the women and girls do feel at ease with all what's going on...

PRESENTER: Sue, how would you define the difference between sport and exercise?

SUE TIBBALLS: Well, it is a bit blurred, isn't it? But, I think in the minds of most people they tend to think of team sports and competitive sports, exercise the things you do to keep fit. So there's a big difference there because we know that 60-odd percent of men enjoy the competitiveness of sport, compared to only about a third of women. I mean, at the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation we are passionate about sport, so we are not saying that there is no possibility of encouraging more girls to play sports, in fact, on the contrary, girls football is the fastest-growing sport in the country, so we know there's huge potential. But the sports sector has got to work a lot harder to understand women's lives, I mean, a reality that all women will understand is that women are busy. There's lots of other things to do with their time, so we've got to find ways of making sport fit into the time they have available. And yet at the same time, be realistic, that Sport is not going to achieve this on its own, other government departments have got to get involved, particularly the department of Health. We also know that 60 % of women think that they are doing enough, so there seems to be quite a bit perception gap.

PRESENTER: Gerry, just before we go on to the question of where women find the time for all of this...

### **TASK 3 – ALEK WEK**

PRESENTER: Alek Wek is one of the world's leading supermodels, one of a handful of women who command enormous fees for appearing on the catwalk or the front cover of the fashion magazines. But her childhood could not have been more different. She came to Britain from the Sudan as a child refugee when she was 14. She and her family had been forced to leave their hometown of Wau, when the civil war engulfed the country, and they came close to starvation as they tried to escape the fighting. At one point in her early years in London, she worked at the BBC... cleaning the toilets. Her autobiography is called "Alek", she explained what it was like for a conflict suddenly to change your way of life.

ALEK WEK: When the war got very serious, I mean, it's when I realized as a child that it was not going to be the same living environment anymore. I mean, when you start to hear bombs and gunshots going off and neighbours disappearing....

PRESENTER: And, eventually, you did arrive in the family village, and you found it very hard. You say "people like to romanticize life in Africa, there are many wonderful things, but for women the villages can be really rough places, it's true all over Africa". What do you mean by that?

ALEK WEK: When I say that I come from a small town in Wau, it's a completely different story than living in a village. I mean living a village life, it's very hard. Everything is basic, you know, you have to take the grain and pound it into flour before you can even consider to cook it. And then also the culture difference, we had to be told what to do regardless... In the village I felt that women didn't have much of a voice...

PRESENTER: You were, literally, discovered by a talent scout in Crystal Palace. But you didn't follow up, they said, you know, we think you could be a model, they gave you a phone number to ring. You weren't keen to follow it up, they had to pursue you... How much of an advantage has it been that you were never really that bothered at the beginning?

ALEK WEK: Well my mother did not want me to..., and she made it a point, every time, she was like, "do not think about those kind of things, just go to school", and I trusted her because she never would give me an advice to hurt me, so, I really took that very serious. And I didn't want to throw away, you know, my future, essentially when you've worked so hard towards it, and you've got any chance to go to school. So many young people are like "I want to be a model, I want to be a supermodel", and it's like, that is not so glamorous like you think, it's work, and even if you are lucky enough to even work.

PRESENTER: There was one point at which you were told...