



UNIT ZERO EXERCISES

NIVEL	3° MEDIOS D-E-F
OBJETIVO DE APRENDIZAJE	Aplicar Present Simple en actividades y desarrollar comprensión lectora
CONTENIDO	Present Simple
HABILIDADES	Reading Comprehension

(Leer texto, selección múltiple, elegir True ó False y responder las preguntas, sugiero uso de diccionario para dudas de vocabulario)

Japan's most famous dog



In front of the enormous Shibuya train station in Tokyo, there is a life-size bronze statue of a dog. Even though the statue is very small when compared to the huge neon signs flashing, it isn't difficult to find. It has been used as a meeting point since 1934 and today you will find hundreds of people waiting there for their friends to arrive- just look for the crowds.

Hachiko, an Akita dog, was born in 1923 and brought to Tokyo in 1924. His owner, Professor Eisaburo Ueno and he were inseparable friends right from the start. Each day Hachiko would accompany his owner, a professor at the Imperial University, to Shibuya train station when he left for work. When he came back, the professor would always find the dog patiently waiting for him. Sadly, the professor died suddenly at work in 1925 before he could return home.

Although Hachiko was still a young dog, the bond between him and his owner was very strong and he continued to wait at the station every day. Sometimes, he would stay there for days at a time, though some believe that he kept returning because of the food he was given by street vendors. He became a familiar sight to commuters over time. In 1934, a statue of him was put outside the station. In 1935, Hachiko died at the place he last saw his friend alive.



1. Hachiko's statue is small in comparison to:

- a. Life sized dogs.
- b. Huge billboard signs.
- c. Huge neon signs.

2. People get together at the statue of Hachiko because:

- a. They like to visit the bronze statue and pray for the dog's soul.
- b. It serves as a meeting point for lovers.
- c. People await there to meet with their friends.



Hachiko 1932

3. Where did the professor work?

- a. In a primary school.
- b. at a university.
- c. at a train station.

Select true or false

4.1 Hachiko waited every day at the station. True lse

4.2 Nobody gave Hachiko any food. True lse

5. In your own concept. How can you define the following words: Loyalty and Friendship.
 Do you consider yourself to have these qualities? Why?



A Terrific Cook

Do you see how slim I am? It's not on purpose and it's not my nature either; there's a good reason for me keeping in shape: Mom. She's a disaster in the kitchen, and besides being unable to fry an egg properly, she always causes accidents. I can't keep track of all the times the kitchen was on fire (4? 5?) because of something weird she decided to do, despite of our advice to keep out of the kitchen - especially the stove.



She doesn't pay attention to our advice and we have to eat what she prepares - or at least we eat what we can - so we live constantly on an undesired diet.

The last time she tried to prepare roast beef the result was a burning kitchen; Dad could barely save the family and extinguish the fire. When she goes to the kitchen we start fearing for our lives (and stomachs) and thinking of a sickness we'll fake in order to avoid the "result".

Despite the bad cook we have at home, our house is always full of guests for lunch and dinner. I suspect they come just to have fun watching the disasters. And - of course - they want to be the first to tell our friends what her latest calamity was like.





Mark true (T) or false (F) according to the text. You have to explain orally when it's false:

The girl's mother is a terrific cook. ()



The girl's mom tends to cause accidents in the kitchen. ()

The girl's mother knows how to cook. ()



The girl's mom gave up cooking. ()

The family asks the woman to stop cooking. ()



The woman keeps cooking and doesn't listen to her family. ()

They have to eat what she cooks. ()



She set fire in the kitchen more than once. ()

They have guests because they appreciate her food. ()



Who is the "terrific cook" mentioned in the title?

Is she a "terrific" cook? What adjectives would you use to describe her abilities in the kitchen?



Do you know someone who's a terrible cook? (If affirmative) What kind of situations does this person cause?

Who suffers the most with the consequences of bad cooking: the cook or his / her guests / family? Explain.



The girl used two strong words to refer to her mom's accidents in the kitchen. What are they? Why do you think she has chosen them?

¿Dudas? ¿Consultas? Me pueden enviar un e-mail a msanhueza@sanfernandocollege.cl y yo aclararé sus dudas.

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