ENGLISH A2 · UNIT 12 · READING

Name: _____ Date: _____

Reading: One year later

Focus: reading a learner's end-of-course blog post: present perfect with for / since, mixed tenses, future forms

One year later, by Elena

I've studied English for a year now. I started last September because I wanted a better job. When I began, I was working in a small shop near my home. I didn't speak any English. The first weeks were hard. I was tired after work, so I often missed classes.

Since January I've made a lot of progress. I've finished the A2 course and I've passed two exams. I feel more confident now, although I still make mistakes when I speak quickly. Listening is still difficult for me, so I watch films in English.

And next year? I'm starting B1 in September, and I'm thinking of doing a computer course. If I pass the B1 exam, I'll apply for a job at a bigger company. I'm going to practise every day. Wish me luck!

1 Read the text. True or false?

1. Elena has studied English for two years. ☐ T ☐ F
2. She started English last September. ☐ T ☐ F
3. She was working in an office when she began. ☐ T ☐ F
4. She has passed two exams. ☐ T ☐ F
5. She never makes mistakes now. ☐ T ☐ F
6. She watches films in English because listening is difficult. ☐ T ☐ F

2 Answer the questions about the text.

Example: How long has Elena studied English? → For a year.

1. Why did she start learning English?

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2. What has she achieved this year?

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3. What is she thinking of doing next year?

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4. What will she do if she passes the B1 exam?

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ANSWER KEY

1 1 F, 2 T, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T **2** 1 She started because she wanted a better job. | 2 She has finished the A2 course and passed two exams. | 3 She is thinking of doing a computer course. | 4 She will apply for a job at a bigger company.

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