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?

2. What has she achieved this year?

3. What is she thinking of doing next year?

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

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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