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Reading: From waiter to head chef

Focus: reading a magazine profile: past simple, ago / for / in / when-clauses, education and life-event words

From waiter to head chef

Levon Sargsyan is 40 and the head chef at Café Ararat in Yerevan. He was born in Gyumri in 1986 and grew up there. His mother was a cook, and Levon helped her in the kitchen every day. At school his favourite subject was art. He failed his English exam when he was 16.

Levon left school at 18 and got a job as a waiter in a hotel. He worked there for three years. In 2007 he moved to London and did a two-year cooking course at a college. He practised English every day and improved a lot. After that, he worked in two restaurants in London.

Ten years ago, Levon came back to Yerevan and bought a café near the station. Finally, in 2020, he opened Café Ararat. Now he teaches young cooks there.

1 Read the text. True or false?

1. Levon was born in Yerevan. ☐ T ☐ F
2. His mother was a cook. ☐ T ☐ F
3. He passed his English exam at 16. ☐ T ☐ F
4. His first job was in a hotel. ☐ T ☐ F
5. He did a cooking course in London for three years. ☐ T ☐ F
6. Now Levon teaches young cooks. ☐ T ☐ F

2 Answer the questions about the text.

Example: Where was Levon born? → He was born in Gyumri.

1. What was his favourite subject at school?

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2. How long did he work in the hotel?

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3. When did he move to London?

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4. What did he do when he came back to Yerevan?

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ANSWER KEY

1 1 F, 2 T, 3 F, 4 T, 5 F, 6 T **2** 1 It was art. | 2 He worked there for three years. | 3 He moved to London in 2007. | 4 He bought a café.

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