



II. READING

A B C **D** F

1a Read the text and tick off the correct answers.

**Irish spoken?**

English and Irish are the official languages of Ireland. Children have to learn Irish at school and it is necessary for many jobs, e.g. jobs in the police. Irish is the native language of both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. But only 3% of Ireland's population actually speak Irish.

Many people think the reason is that most students aren't serious about learning Irish. It is not really necessary to do well in Irish at school, compared with other subjects like English, History, and Maths. And, as most students learning English know, if you don't practise the language, you won't improve. Students of Irish face this same problem.

1 Which is true?

- All Irish people can speak Irish.
- Irish is spoken in a small part of Northern Ireland only.
- Irish is important to get some jobs in Ireland.
- You hear Irish spoken often in Ireland.

2 How can people improve their Irish speaking skills?

- They can choose to take it as a subject at school.
- They can become police officers.
- They can listen to the teacher.
- They can practise speaking more.

1b Which problem, mentioned in the text, do Irish and Austrian kids have in common?

- Only 3% of Ireland's population actually speak Irish.
- Children have to learn Irish at school.
- Many people think the reason is that most students aren't serious about learning Irish. **≠ Question!!**

2a Read the article and choose the correct answers.

**A good read!**

This week's book is written by Alexander McCall Smith. It's called *The Number One Ladies Detective Agency\**. It's about a woman who becomes a private detective in her home country, Botswana, in Africa.

As a child, Precious Ramotswa spends a lot of time with Obed, her father, who has no other children. She learns many things from her father – to use her ears when following a lion kill, and to use her eyes when she is out hunting animals. Her father also teaches her to use her memory. He gives her a love of animals and nature, and she learns to try and do the right thing at all times. But he also gives her something she will use later in her job: a love of mysteries and solving problems.

Many years later Obed dies, and Precious, now in her 30s, becomes the owner of her father's one hundred and eighty cows. She sells them at the market and with the money she makes, she opens a detective agency. Most of the people in the town are surprised when she opens her new office because she is the first woman in the country to be a detective. She hasn't got much – only a small car, two desks and two chairs. But the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency is a big success. Most of the mysteries that Precious solves are not serious crimes, but she always tries her best to find out the truth. The first woman she helps is called Happy. Happy has a problem: she is worried that the man who says he is her father isn't her father at all. Precious helps another woman find her missing husband, and helps a teacher find his missing son. But the most horrible crime she has to investigate is when human bones are found in a stolen car.

This book is different from other detective books; it's funny, the characters are interesting – and most of the mysteries have a happy solution! If you want a book that makes you feel good after reading it, try this one!

\*agency – Agentur; Büro

1 What kind of article is this?

- an article about animals
- a book review
- an article about travelling
- an article about jobs

2 How does Obed help his daughter?

- He buys her a detective agency.
- He reads mystery stories to her.
- He helps her find missing people.
- He teaches her that it's important to use your memory.

3 Why does Precious become the owner of 180 cows?

- When her father dies, the cows become hers.
- She buys them so that she can open her detective agency.
- She buys them so she can sell them for a higher price at the market.
- Her brothers and sisters don't want them.

4 Why are most people surprised when she opens her detective agency?

- Because there aren't any crimes in their town.
- Because she's the first woman in Botswana to become a detective.
- Because there is hardly any furniture in her office.
- Because there are already many female detectives in Botswana.

5 Why is the woman called Happy worried?

- She thinks someone is lying.
- Her father is missing.
- She thinks her father might have stolen a car.
- Her father thinks she isn't really his daughter. *wrong!*

6 What is horrible about the worst crime Precious investigates?

- An expensive car has been stolen.
- A woman's husband is missing and might have left his wife.
- Human bones were found, so someone has died or been killed.
- A teacher's son is missing and might have run away.

7 How can the reader expect to feel after reading this book?

- miserable
- happy
- scared
- worried

8 What is the best summary of the book?

- It's about people in Botswana.
- It's about an African woman with an unusual profession.
- It's about dangerous criminals.
- It's about a funny woman who makes you laugh.

2b Answer the following questions.

How many brothers or sisters has the main character of the book got? *didn't have any*

The main character of ~~the~~ *his* book ~~have~~ *hadn't* sisters and brother

How did Alexander McCall Smith help Precious Ramotswa to open her new office in her home country?

*she ~~he~~ became, now in her 30s, the owner of her father's one hundred and eighty cows.*

*written*

III. WRITING

A B C D F

\*The Curious Case of the Locked Room\*.  
Imagine you are Inspector Fell.  
Write an article about the case for a police magazine.

My name is Inspector Fell, I was investigating a really strange case.....

One day I had a mysterious <sup>case</sup> in a Firma. Mr. Murdoch  
Oliver, Isabel and Charles <sup>were</sup> having a party. Nobody <sup>else</sup> was  
in the building. Mr. Murdoch went to his office. After a while  
Mr. Murdoch didn't come back to the party. All the others went  
to his office, but they <sup>couldn't</sup> get in <sup>to the room</sup> because the door  
was locked. <sup>from outside</sup> Isabel broke the window from the door and put the  
key into the lock and unlocked the <sup>door</sup>. They found their dead  
<sup>boss</sup> later. <sup>from the police</sup> found out that Isabel <sup>was</sup> the  
murderer. In this case didn't give a weapon.



Some important facts for the report are missing.

- suspects? / motive

IRELAND

1 Write down 4 different facts in full sentences.

- The official languages <sup>are</sup> Irish and English
- The capital of the <sup>republic</sup> of Ireland is Dublin
- More than 100 000 people speak <sup>fluently</sup> Irish
- The kids <sup>learned</sup> at the primary school Irish, but not in all families <sup>Irish is</sup> spoken there.

2 What do you know about the dramatic situation in September 1845?

In September 1845 a fungus <sup>was</sup> destroyed the potato crop.  
Many people <sup>were</sup> starving <sup>because of</sup> which this <sup>and the rest</sup> later the people  
went to other countries. like the USA, Australia and New Zealand.  
<sup>fled</sup> & What did the landlords do?

BOSTON

1 Which problems did the Americans have in the 17th century? Describe 3 of them.

In the 1700s, Boston  
America was a  $\neq$  ? <sup>Stbg. 39 ?!</sup>  
colony of Britain ....

2 Did the \*Boston Tea Party\* help the Indians to close Boston harbour?

<sup>wrong</sup> It happened on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1773.  
There were three ships in Boston Harbour with tea.  
- The groups of 50 men went on to the ships.  
- They threw 315 boxes of tea into the sea.

Question!