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Reading comprehension 1

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Safety first

Read the text and answer the questions in French.

Accidents in the home - better to be safe than sorry!

Thousands of people are injured in their homes every year, some of them very seriously.

There are many reasons for these accidents, but most of the time they happen because people are not careful enough.

They leave pills where children can find them, or they let their children play with boxes of matches and other dangerous things like plastic bags. They forget to switch off the cooker or

the TV before they go to bed, and they never check.

Some mothers do not know it is dangerous to cover a young baby with a heavy blanket or to leave a baby alone in the bath.

Some fathers smoke in bed!

Children sometimes drink their parents' beer or even whisky, which is not funny at all. In fact, it can be very serious.

Another problem is that when accidents happen many people are

not prepared. They just panic, for example.

Other people, even adults, do not know what to do in case of emergency, if they cut themselves or burn themselves, for instance. Or they don't know how to phone the emergency services.

They do not keep a first aid box at home and they do not make sure they know how to use what is in it. Remember! Prevention is better than cure. And cheaper too!

1. *Quelle est la cause principale des accidents domestiques ?*

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2. *Cite 2 accidents qui arrivent fréquemment avec les enfants.*

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3. *Les gens oublient souvent de vérifier certaines choses avant d'aller au lit, lesquelles (2) ?*

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4. *Cite un acte dangereux à ne pas faire avec des bébés.*

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5. *Le texte te dit que les gens sont rarement préparés aux accidents domestiques. Que te dit-il des adultes (2) ?*

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6. *Que te dit le texte à propos des troussees de secours (2) ?*

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Reading comprehension 2

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The Enchanted Village

1. Read the text

It all happened about ten years ago. I lived in a city and had a little yellow car. That year, it was a very hot summer. I needed some fresh air and I wanted to see more of the country. So I packed my things and started the car. I stayed at the wheel all night. At daybreak, my car stopped. No more petrol. I looked on the map. The nearest village was miles away. And then this girl appeared. She looked very pretty in her long pink dress. "Hello, maybe you can help me", I asked. "I need some petrol. Do you know where I can find some?"

"I don't", she answered, "but come to my village with me. Perhaps the village people can help you." We walked across the fields and there ... was a village with very small black and white houses. The village people were all farmers. I asked them for petrol but they didn't understand. So I asked them how they travelled. "On horseback", they answered.

I stayed in the village all day. I enjoyed it very much. I liked the girl - Catherine was her name - very much. I think I even loved her. Later that night, Catherine asked me to leave. But I promised her to come back as soon as possible. After a long walk, I reached a town. I asked an old man about Catherine's village. "Village?" he replied. "There was a village there, but soldiers destroyed it - three hundred years ago." "I don't understand," I cried. "The village was there and so was I only a few hours ago, and the people tried to help me." The man looked at me strangely. "Everybody here knows the story about the village. Every ten years it comes to life but just for one day. On that day, anyone can find it. People say that if this person doesn't leave the village before the next morning, he'll stay there for ever. If you go back there now, you won't find it."

I didn't believe the old man's story. On my way back, I looked for the village but I didn't find it again anywhere. All this happened exactly nine years and eleven months ago. Only one more month to wait. On the right day I'll go back. The village will be there again and I'll find my Catherine. And this time I won't leave. I'll stay with her for the rest of my life.

2. True (T) or false (F). Correct when it's false, in French

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1. Le narrateur a conduit toute la nuit.

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2. La jeune femme lui a indiqué la station service la plus proche.

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3. Le village était au milieu de la forêt.

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4. Les villageois se déplacent à vélo.

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5. Le narrateur est tombé amoureux de Catherine.

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6. Une vieille dame lui a raconté la légende du village enchanté.

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3. Answer the questions in French

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1. Quelle est la légende du village enchanté ?

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2. Que veut faire le narrateur dans un mois ?

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Here is some vocabulary to help you :

Text 1

- to be injured = to get hurt
- pills = medicine
- matches : allumettes

Text 2

- at the wheel : au volant
- at daybreak : à l'aube
- field : champ