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Part 1

App-solutely amazing!

Nick D'Aloisio got his first laptop when he was nine. He started designing apps when he was 12 and at 15 he launched an iPhone app called 'Summly'. It was an app which summarised stories in the news and it was downloaded by nearly a million people. His app has recently been bought by an Internet giant for \$30 million.

"The proudest moment for me has been seeing these tweets coming through from teenagers saying, 'You've inspired me.' I'm so excited about that," says Nick.

His mother says she was never worried about the amount of time he was spending on the computer, "because he would always show us what he was doing. I remember him creating 3D models on his computer as a 10-year-old."



Nick isn't a stereotypical computer nerd. Nor is he arrogant and self-centred, which you might expect of a boy who has been described as a 'genius'. He is polite, likeable, enthusiastic and self-aware.

He enjoys the humanities, cricket and rugby. "I want to do Philosophy at university and I'm studying Chinese and Russian at school," he says. He doesn't want to work in computer programming. He's more interested in product design.

What's he going to do with the money from his app? He might buy some clothes, he says, and maybe a new computer. One thing he'd like to do is to invest in small companies. "That's what is exciting, and if you are lucky to have a bit of money, you can take those risks. That's what I would do if I was going to go and spend it."

What is Summly?

"It helps publishers reach out to a younger audience," Nick says. He feels that young people are interested in the news, but they don't want to spend a lot of time reading long stories if they're not relevant to their lives. With Summly, you quickly find out whether a story might be interesting.

Source: The Guardian

Taken from Grade 9 Term 1 "Bridge to Success" Coursebook. Pg: 40

Questions 1-5

Complete the short summary with the words provided in the box. The first one has been done for you. There is one word you do not need.

	arrogant	design	polite
giant	invest	laptop	news

Nick D'Aloisio got his first **example**) laptop and started to 1) _____ apps from a very young age. One of his apps called "Summly" summarised the 2) _____ and was very popular and was later bought by an internet 3) _____ for a large sum of money. Despite his success, he has kept good personal qualities and hasn't become 4) _____. With his money, he wants to buy clothes, a new computer and 5) _____ in new companies.

Questions 6-10

Circle **True**, **False** or **Not Given** for the following questions based on the information from the text. The first one has been done for you.

Example) Nick D'Aloisio was a teenager when he started to program.

True

False

Not Given

6) Other apps created by Nick were sold for large amounts of money.

True

False

Not Given

7) Many teenagers were excited by Nick's story.

True

False

Not Given

8) Nick is the same as many other computer nerds.

True

False

Not Given

9) Nick wants to travel to China and Russia.

True

False

Not Given

10) Nick's app Summly allows publishers to connect with younger people.

True

False

Not Given

Part 2

Coming to England

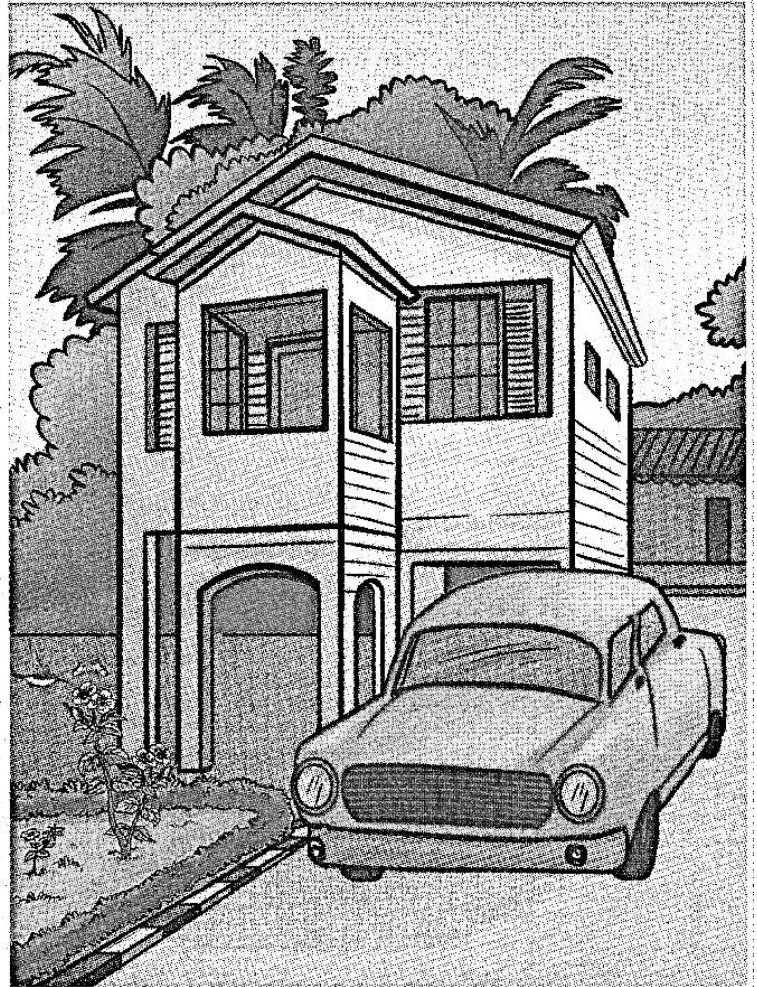
Life in Trinidad

The house we lived in was a small wooden building on stilts with dazzling whitewashed walls. There were windows and doors at the front and the back. We had two bedrooms which were the scene of many pillow fights and trampolining sessions, a small washroom with a sink and cold tap, an airy kitchen with a large glassless louvred window where we also ate all our meals, and finally a sitting room where no one was allowed except on special occasions or when we had visitors.

This room was my mother's pride and joy. Its brilliant white curtains always smelt fresh and the mahogany furniture was always highly polished, as was the wooden floor. My sister and I spent many hours polishing and shining that room from as far back as I can remember.

We had to do the polishing before we left for school each day. The comfortable wooden chairs in the room were draped with crisp white lace headrests and the round table, which we ate from on Sundays and other special occasions, had a doily in its centre, on which sat a vase of glorious fresh flowers. These were from our small front garden which was full of exotic, sweet-smelling flowers and shrubs such as beautiful flame-red hibiscus which seemed to attract swarms of exquisite butterflies and hovering hummingbirds, in search of nectar. The backyard

was where Marmie grew vegetables for our kitchen, like pigeon peas, cassavas, okras and dasheen. A tall bushy tree stood in the yard, reaching up to the kitchen window, and whenever one of us had a bad cold, Marmie would pick some of the leaves, boil them and give us the vile-tasting liquid to drink. It always made us better – I guess the thought of a second dose was enough to do the trick! Also in the backyard was a galvanised shower unit where



we had our baths. There was no hot tap but the cold water was always warm because of the heat of the sun. During the drought season, from around January to May, we would have to get water from a standpipe in the street. Everyone would queue up with large enamel buckets, oil cans, basins – anything big enough to carry the water.

The washing was done under the house in a big wooden tub with a scrubbing board, and the washing lines hung between two trees in the backyard. Our car was also parked under the house.

by Floella Benjamin

Taken from Grade 9 Term 2 "Bridge to Success" Coursebook. Pg: 68

Read the text, choose the best answer **A, B, C** or **D** for **Questions 11 to 17**

- 11.** Which of the following words best describe Floella Benjamin's house in Trinidad?
- A.** comfortable
 - B.** large
 - C.** special
 - D.** brilliant
- 12.** How many people are there in Floella's family including Floella?
- A.** 2
 - B.** 3
 - C.** 4
 - D.** 5
- 13.** Which was Floella's mother's favourite room in the house?
- A.** the salary
 - B.** kitchen
 - C.** sitting room
 - D.** washroom
- 14.** Where did the family eat on Sunday and special occasions?
- A.** At the round table
 - B.** In the garden
 - C.** In the kitchen
 - D.** In the backyard
- 15.** Why were many butterflies and hummingbirds attracted to Floella's house?
- A.** Because she was leaving behind a good career
 - B.** Because there were a lot of vegetables
 - C.** Because of the comfortable wooden chairs
 - D.** Because there were a lot of flowers and shrubs

16. Where was the washing done?

- A.** In the garden
- B.** Under the house
- C.** In the backyard
- D.** In the street

17. Why did everyone line up on the street with buckets, cans and basins?

- A.** Because of a drought and they all needed water
- B.** Because they use the water for showers and baths
- C.** Because the water is too hot from the sun
- D.** Because they need water to clean the car

For **Questions 18 to 20**, match the questions to the short answers. There are two that you do not need.

18. Where were the windows and doors
in the house?

19. Where was the garden from the
house?

20. Where did they park the car in the
house?

A. Inside

B. At the front and back

C. Above

D. In front

E. Under the house

Part 3

Questions 21-25

Match the students' descriptions of themselves to the job which would be most suitable for them in the future. The first one has been done for you. There are two headings you do not need.

chef	engineer	physiotherapist	race car driver
vet	accountant	artist	truck driver

Example) _____

I love playing sports especially basketball. Of course, it's not always fun as injuries are quite common. In the future I want to work in the health industry with famous sports people.

21) _____

Ever since I was a boy, I've always loved anything that moves fast, be it cars, planes, trains or motorbikes. I love everything about engines. My favourite thing to do on weekends is to go to Ferrari World in Abu Dhabi with my family.

22) _____

My father is a businessman so I've always been interested in how to help grow them. I enjoy working with numbers and helping people to run their businesses smoothly from keeping records to planning a budget. I hope to own my own business one day.

23) _____

My favourite thing to do on weekends is to visit my family's farm. We have many animals such as cows, sheep and even camels! I want to learn more about them and hopefully in the future, I want to work in a job that involves working with them.

24) _____

I'm keen to learn about machines and how they are built. In school I have always liked learning maths and physics in school over arts subjects such as history or languages. When I see a robot or an engine, I get very excited and want to study the inside of them.

25) _____

I have always been passionate about helping my mother in the kitchen. I have always been told by my family that I'm quite good at it. My favourite dishes to cook are Arabic and Italian. My hobby is to taste foods from all over the world.

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