

PART 1 READING COMPREHENSION Wednesday

Marathon tv series are getting more and more popular among teenagers. One of the most popular is “Wednesday”, the gothic daughter of the Addams family.

The Addams family started as a television series in the 1960s, but they had actually appeared in a series of comic panels for the New Yorker from 1938. The creator was Charles Addams and the series was filmed in black and white; it proved to be a show success and has been a triumph since then: after the series, there were animated series, cartoons, the new Addams family in 1998-1999, which was an American-Canadian sitcom that ran 65 episodes, the musical in 2010 and the animated movies in 2019-2021.

Currently, Netflix is showing “Wednesday”, developed by writers Alfred Gough and Miles Millar, an immediate hit that has had a high impact even on social media. On TikTok there are ingenious memes created by Wednesday’s dancing and the eccentric weird music tracks employed on this show, so it is not surprising that it has gained over one billion hours watched. Wednesday is a student at the outcast boarding school Nevermore, after she has been sent away from her previous school because she tried to kill her brother’s bullies. She always wears black, she has black hair in a braided pigtail, she is thin and pale, shorter than the other students, and she has supernatural abilities like her mother Morticia: she has psychic visions of the past and of the future, only when she touches an object that triggers them while trying to solve a mystery, a streak of murders at Nevermore Academy. At the beginning of the show, she says she is going to love staying there. All the people at school are supernatural and mysterious creatures, including the Principal; the story tells how she opposed to a monstrous killing massacre in the local town and solves the problem that entangled her parents 25 years before, while living in the school, and her relationships. The question is obvious: will there be a season 2? Everyone expects it to be released as soon as possible: Wednesday has attracted spectators from all countries and the success has been worldwide spread. So, let’s wait for season 2!

1. These words are in the text. Circle the closest translation to the words.

- a. **Actually** in realtà/attualmente
- b. **To prove** dire/dimostrare
- c. **Developed** sviluppare/svolgere
- d. **To gain** guadagnare/comprare
- e. **Hit** tonfo/colpo
- f. **High** basso/alto
- g. **Billion** milione/miliardo
- h. **Outcast** emarginato/solitario
- i. **Pigtail** coda/nastro
- l. **To trigger** bloccare/innescare

2. The film...

- a. was a success.
- b. was a disaster.
- c. had no importance.

3. Wednesday has:

- a. normal faculties.
- b. magical talents.
- c. is without skills.

4. Visions are triggered by:

- a. objects.
- b. people.
- c. animals.

2. True or false? Write T or F.

- 1. The Addams family were known before 1960.
- 2. There was only a film about the Addams family.
- 3. Wednesday is the name of their daughter.
- 4. Wednesday loves dark.
- 5. Wednesday walks from home to school.
- 6. The series attracted only American spectators.

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3. Read the text again and circle the correct answer.

- 1. The first series of the Addams family...
 - a. was a cartoon.
 - b. was a sitcom.
 - c. was a black and white film.

WRITING - Write 50-60 words

What is your favourite series?

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PART 2 GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer.

1. The soup nice.
A) is
B) taste
C) tastes
D) sounds
2. I often to my Internet friends.
A) writes
B) am writing
C) write
D) are writing
3. I you at work yesterday.
A) see
B) didn't saw
C) don't see
D) didn't see
4. She tv when I called her.
A) was watching
B) watched
C) watches
D) watch
5. John isn't here, he has out.
A) been
B) was
C) were
D) gone
6. She hasn't studied Maths
A) already
B) still
C) yet
D) ever
7. They've been friends ten years.
A) for
B) since
C) yet
D) already
8. You've known him Christmas.
A) for
B) since
C) yet
D) already
9. It is the first time
A) I buy sweets.
B) I bought sweets.
C) I did buy sweets.
D) have bought sweets.
10. You wait for me. You can go now.
A) should
B) must
C) mustn't
D) don't have to
11. John is ill. He rest.
A) must
B) has
C) should
D) mustn't
12. There are people today.
A) too much
B) too
C) too many
D) /
13. They worked Paul and Tom.
A) better than
B) best of
C) gooder than
D) good than

14. Juliet her doctor tomorrow at 3.

- A) is seeing
- B) will see
- C) sees
- D) is going to see

15. They us next week.

- A) helped
- B) are going to help
- C) help
- D) is helping

16. What would you like? Tea or coffee?

- A) I am going to have tea, please
- B) I am having tea, please
- C) I'll have tea, please.
- D) I have tea, please.

17. If you early you on time.

- A) will leave/ arrive
- B) are leaving/ are arriving
- C) leaves/ arrives
- D) leave/ will arrive

18. My friend Tom a gift yesterday.

- A) gave
- B) is given
- C) will be given
- D) was given

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