

Billionaire lifestyle?

I can understand an article about an unusual multi-millionaire.

Revision: Student's Book page 80

1 Circle the correct words (a or b) to complete the text.

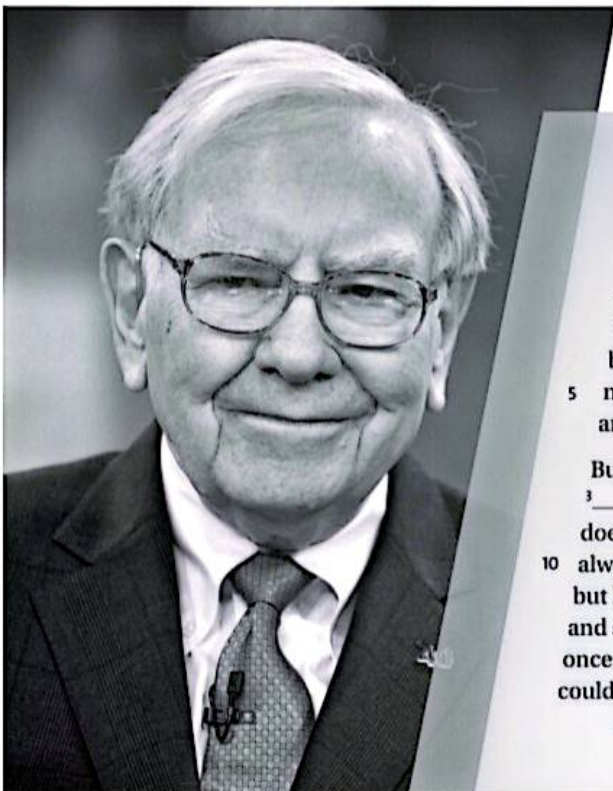
My uncle is the ¹ _____ of a small company that makes mobile phone batteries. His company has ² _____ with one of the biggest mobile phone companies in the world. It generates a lot of ³ _____ for my uncle's company.

My sister is ⁴ _____. She has started a number of businesses, and taken quite a lot of risks. She is always asking for ⁵ _____, but it is difficult to find ⁶ _____ who want to lend her money. Although her companies make quite big ⁷ _____, she doesn't pay herself a very big ⁸ _____.

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 a CEO | b entrepreneur |
| 2 a a contract | b a funding |
| 3 a salary | b income |
| 4 a an investor | b an entrepreneur |
| 5 a profits | b funding |
| 6 a CEOs | b investors |
| 7 a profits | b investors |
| 8 a funding | b salary |

2 Read the text about Warren Buffet, ignoring the gaps. Which sentence is true: a, b or c?

- a Warren Buffet is a billionaire who enjoys spending money.
 b Warren Buffet made billions, but has given all his money away.
 c Warren Buffet is a billionaire and leads a modest lifestyle.



Warren Buffet

Warren Buffet is the most successful investor of the 20th century and one of the richest men in the world. Buffet was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1930. He first became an investor at the age of eleven. ¹ _____. He also bought chewing gum, Coca-Cola and magazines from him and sold them to ⁵ neighbours. ² _____. By his early thirties, he had become a millionaire, and by 1990 he was a billionaire.

But although he is very rich, his lifestyle isn't particularly extravagant. ³ _____. It only cost him \$31,500! He doesn't carry a mobile phone and he doesn't have a computer on his desk. Buffet says he eats the same things he has ¹⁰ always eaten: burgers, fries and Coke. ⁴ _____. Not only is he very modest, but he is also very generous. He has already given billions of dollars to charities and says that he will eventually give away 99% of his money. ⁵ _____. He once said, 'I want to give my kids just enough so that they would feel that they could do anything, but not so much that they would feel like doing nothing.'

www.pardistalk.ir/library

Reading Strategy

When you do a task with gapped sentences, study the sentence after each gap and look for any connections with the missing sentence. For example, if it begins with *but*, there is a contrast. Other words suggest other types of connection:

- similarity: *too*
- cause / result: *so*
- a different option: *or*

3 Read the Reading Strategy. Then match sentences A–G with gaps 1–5 in the text. There are two extra sentences.

- A He doesn't plan to give his children very much money when he dies.
 B By the age of twenty he had made and saved \$9,800 (about \$100,000 in today's money).
 C However, he became the richest man in the world.
 D As a teenager, he worked in his grandfather's shop and delivered newspapers.
 E Although he is rich, he isn't very happy.
 F Only his clothes are expensive, but he says they look cheap when he puts them on!
 G He still lives in Omaha, in the house he bought more than fifty years ago.

4 Read the text again, including the missing sentences in exercise 3. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Buffet is over 80 years old.
 2 He started earning money when he was a teenager.
 3 He has recently moved into a very expensive new house.
 4 The food he eats now is the same as the food he ate when he was young.
 5 He plans to give a lot of money to his children.