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## Lingua e traduzione – Lingua inglese I

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READING COMPREHENSION: Read the passage carefully and answer the following question in your own words as far as possible.

### A not very British summer

Another summer over, and what did you do? Hopefully, you had a great summer holiday but spare a thought for those who were not so lucky.

You've worked hard all year and are really looking forward to lying on the beach in your new bikini on some Greek island but your bags never arrived at their destination so you end up wearing the same jeans and t-shirt you wore at Liverpool John Lennon Airport. Thousands upon thousands of Brits faced such a disaster as the bag-handling systems at all airports across the country were severely understaffed. Airports and airlines had laid off hundreds of bag-handlers during Covid but never rehired them. Fantastic! Photographs filled the tabloids every day showing hundreds of exhausted and angry holiday-makers waiting for their delayed flights as the poor bag-handlers scrambled to get suitcases on board the planes. But at least you got to the Greek Island, thousands more missed out on their holidays as literally thousands of flights were cancelled so the airports could catch up on the baggage backlog. And then the pathetic blame game started: the Government blamed the Airports, the Airports blamed the Airlines and round it went. Total incompetence.

And if you chose to have a staycation, many in this wet and cold country had to deal with soaring temperatures. 40 degrees centigrade is simply not British! Kids and adults alike were scorched on beaches from Brighton to Blackpool, from Bournemouth to Bangor whilst the elderly puffed and panted in the sweltering shade. They couldn't even go for a nice game of bingo. Our tourist industry was totally unprepared. The tourist attractions are well-equipped with heating systems but nobody seems to have thought about installing cooling systems. No, it was a very hot and sticky unpleasant summer for so many.

And if this was not all bad enough, Covid reared its ugly head once more. So you were all set to go on holiday, bags packed, you've called the airport and everything is fine and then you get a sore-throat. You get a Covid swab and the result comes back positive. You can't fly. You spend

two days with a sore-throat and the rest of your two weeks'	'holiday'	stuck at home	with one	very
unhappy family.				

But who cares! What we will remember about this summer is the England Women's Football Team winning the European Championship! At least the English will remember this, nobody else will!

QUESTION: What problems did many British people face as regards their holidays this summer?

A2. COMPOSITION (about 100 words/3-4 paragraphs): Write a short composition on how Italians spend their summer holidays.

### **B. GRAMMAR**

# REFORMULATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING THE WORD GIVEN IN BOLD.

1.	Travelling by plane is more stressful then traveling by t	rain.
AS		
Tra	avelling by train is	travelling by plane.
2.	My summer holiday was a disaster. I'm sorry I went aw	vay now!
WISH	I	
	My summer holiday was a disaster. Ihome!	at
3.	Even though the weather was awful, we still had a grea	t time.
DESP	ITE	
		, we still had a great time.
4.	I haven't got enough money to go on a cruise.	
AFFO	PRD	
Ι		to go on a cruise.
5.	The airline has cancelled a lot of lights.	
BY		
A lot o	of flights	the airline.

### **B.2. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT FORMS**

	(FLY) to Canada to see my brother who
(LIVE) there.	
In fact, he(EMIGRATE) from	(LIVE) there for 20 years after
Liverpool in the 1990s. I	(NOT SEE) him for a number of years so I
(BE) really excited about	(SEE) him again. Anyway, while there,
(GET) on like a house on fire	e and it(BE) as if we
(]	NOT BE) apart all these years.

## C. TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN: Translate the following passage from "A not very British summer"

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### D. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH:

### Una mente aperta

Quando ero piccolo credevo che le mucche fossero solo marroni ma quando, a 20 anni, sono andato in Inghilterra, ho scoperto che le mucche possono essere anche bianche e nere. Se non fossi andato all'estero, avrei avuto una visione ristretta del mondo. E, anche se non posso viaggiare, ricordarmi e sapere che ciò che so e che ho visto non è assoluto e che esistono tantissime altre realtà nel mondo è la chiave per vivere bene con se stessi e con gli altri.

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READING COMPREHENSION: Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in your own words as far as possible.

#### A SHORT HISTORY OF A WORD: "VILLAIN"

Words can tell a story. And every word has its own story. And so it is with the word "villain". The word goes back to Roman times when "villa" referred to a "country house" or "farm" but by Medieval times, villa had become *villanus* (Medieval Latin), meaning "a grouping of dwellings", and so we had "village". And the villagers often worked the land and so were considered low-born and uncouth and hence we had *villain* (Old Anglo-French). This is a bit like the Italian word "cafona" which initially referred to a "peasant" but became the tag of a rude, uneducated person. And even the Italian "villano" has the same origins but is now a false friend.

But I digress; by the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century the word "villain" came to refer to the evil character of a story and, jumping a century, we can see just how much of our literature and cinema, perhaps even our world view, relies on the evil character of the villain.

A villain is the bad guy, the one who comes up with diabolical plots to somehow cause harm or ruin. It is one of the archetype characters in many stories. In the old days, the villain (usually a man) would somehow be harming the damsel-in-distress (helpless female), who needed the hero (the strong he-man- the Knight in Shining White Armour) to save her.

There are great examples of villains in most of the Disney stories, a few of which are based on folk tales and stories compiled by the Brothers Grimm. In *Cinderella*, the villain is the wicked stepmother, while in *Snow White*, it is the jealous queen. So not all villains were males, just most of them. Nowadays, we are seeing more women as villains and heroes, and the damsel-in-distress may be a man or a community. However, the archetype characteristics remain the same: only the gender changes.

Villains are an important component in any work of literature. Without the villain, we wouldn't see how good the hero is; we wouldn't understand the dangers and conflict a community or person is facing, and we wouldn't have someone to hate and blame for all the problems. The villain is the foil for? the hero – his/her evil ways bring out the goodness of the hero, making the hero's traits stand out, just as the hero's goodness is a foil for the villain's evilness. It seems we love to hate them and that's also why we can't do without them.

**QUESTION:** How has the word villain developed over the centuries and how important is it today?

A2. COMPOSITION (about 100 words/3-4 paragraphs): Currently there are many debates regarding gender issues. Write a short composition on how attitudes to gender roles and gender in general have changed over the last 100 years or so.

### **B. GRAMMAR**

# 6. REFORMULATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING THE WORD GIVEN IN BOLD.

1.	I can't wait to go and see the new Batman film.  FORWARD  I_	seeing the new Batman film.
2.	The original Ben Hur film is better than the remake. <b>AS</b> The remake of Ben Hur is _	as the original.
3.	Although he was already very rich, he still thirsted for meaning the still third the still thirsted for meaning the still third the still the still the still the still the	
4.	The last time I went to the cinema was two years ago  FOR  I_ two years	
5.	Everton Football Club are making a film about the least BY A film about the legendary Dixie Dean _	egendary Dixie Dean.  Everton Football Club.

### 7. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT FORMS

I\_ (NOT BE) to the cinema for ages so I\_ (BE) really excited to go last Saturday night. I \_\_ (SEE) a modern version of Shakespeare's Othello. I remember \_\_ (STUDY) the original play at school and although it \_\_ (WRITE) at the beginning of the  $17^{th}$  Century, it \_\_ (BE) still so relevant today. As everyone \_ (KNOW), the villain of the play is Iago, Othello's advisor. Poor Othello, if he \_ (NOT PAY) so much attention to Iago so much, Desdemona \_\_ (NOT MURDER) by Othello. Like Othello, I too am a very jealous person. I wish I \_\_ (NOT BE) so but that's the way it is.

## C. TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN: Translate the following passage from "A short history of a word: 'villain'".

### A short history of a word: "villain"

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#### D. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH:

### Godspeed

Lunedì è uscito un film bellissimo turco dal titolo, *Yolun Açik Olsun*, tradotto in inglese con *Godspeed*. Non vedevo l'ora di vederlo! Il film parla degli effetti della guerra sui soldati e sulle loro famiglie ma è, soprattutto, un film sull'amore in tutte le sue forme, senza età, ranghi, che proviene da e si diffonde in tutte le direzioni. L'amore, "l'arma più forte di tutto e di tutti in grado di farci sentire vivi...di darci la forza di ricominciare" (citazione dal web).

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	The fitness obsession	ion	
world seems to have gone	keep fit mad! But why do p	g, press-ups and the list goes on and on a people do it? Why do they torture their bod times better. And, after all, a healthy bod	dies so? Ah,
	<u>-</u>	ths spent in the gym building up and toning how can all those drugs they take keep yo	_
nice physiques just end up	building bulging muscles w	abby ones don't get any less flabby and the where bulging muscles shouldn't be. And a a'll find skiers, footballers, keep fit fa	s for feeling

If that's not enough, then there's the diet. Either they overload their bodies with a high-protein diet – eggs and meat – or starve themselves with crackers and lettuce. And, apart from the damage these diets do to their bodies, the psychological addiction or obsession with them plays havoc with social interactions. Whatever happened to the Mediterranean diet? The most balanced and nutritional diet there is and one to be enjoyed in good company.

octogenarians all complaining about their bones and cartilages.

Pain and suffering? No thanks. God gave me this body and I may not look like a Greek god (myths anyway,
eh?) but I'm happy with it. I think I'll just go down the pub and exercise my arm and relax and converse at
the same time. That's what makes me feel good. What about you?

**COMPREHENSION QUESTION:** What does the writer think about some people's obsession with keeping fit?

A2. COMPOSITION (about 100 words and 3-4 paragraphs): Write a short composition on what people can do to keep fit and stay healthy

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B. GRAMMAR			

# REFORMULATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING THE WORD GIVEN IN BOLD.

1.	. Swimming is better for you than jogging	
	AS	
	Jogging	swimming.
2.	2. The council is building a new sports centre.  BY	
	A new sports centre	the council.
3.	3. I haven't got enough money to go to a private gym.  AFFORD	
	I	to go to a private
	gym.	
4.	He is sorry he didn't start going to the gym sooner. <b>REGRETS</b>	
	He	to the gym sooner.
5.	6. I didn't go to the gym last year because I was too busy with school work.  IF I	the gym lest year
	<b>11</b> 1	the gym last year
	riend Jack(GO) to the gym three times a week for th	
and	(LOSE) 20 kilos. He (start) g	oing to the gym
	for fun but now he (BE) very passionate about it. He wishes	
	(START) going sooner. I(NOT DO)	
	cise for years but next week I (JOIN) Jack's gym. Last	
	(STOP)(SMOKE) so hopef	fully when I go to
the gy	ym I (NOT SUFFER) so much!	

### C. TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN: Translate the following passage from "The fitness obsession"

### The fitness obsession

[...]

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### **D. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH:**

### Il potere delle parole

Diversi mesi fa, mentre descrivevo al mio psicologo che tutti sono più bravi di me in inglese, mi ha risposto: "«Tutti» non esistono". "Come non esistono?", gli ho chiesto. Mi ha spiegato, infatti, che la parola "tutti" corrisponde ad una quantità vaga e che può equivalere anche ad una sola persona o a nessuno. Mi ha suggerito, pertanto, di precisare sempre il nome e cognome della/e persona/e a cui mi riferisco quando mi paragono agli altri per evitare che le parole creino una realtà inesistente.

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READING COMPREHENSION: Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in your own words as far as possible.

### **Music and teenagers**

Back in 1976, John Miles wrote and performed the amazingly beautiful classic pop song 'Music'. The lyrics were short and consisted of just 8 lines sung repeatedly to a goose-pimping orchestrally inspired 'soundtrack'. For many, the lyrics sum up their relationship with music itself:

Music was my first love
And it will be my last
Music of the future
And music of the past
To live without my music
Would be impossible to do
'Cause in this world of troubles
My music pulls me through

In the article, "Music has Powerful (and Visible) Effects on the Brain", Dr. Jonathan Burdette underscores the close connection between music and emotions: "Music is primal. It affects all of us, but in very personal, unique ways. Your interaction with music is different than mine, but it's still powerful".

Music has a very intimate significance for the teen and there's little doubt that music means more to teenagers than to any other generation. Teens are especially receptive to music's power due to their quickly shifting emotions and, ah yes, and those hormones, too. Music helps teens explore ideas and emotions in a safe way and express themselves without words. Exposure to positive influences through music can help teens learn coping mechanisms and appropriate responses to stressful situations.

Teenagers often use music to relieve tension or to express their innermost feelings and thoughts. Moreover, like adults, teens use music for a variety of reasons. According to some studies, girls seem more likely to use music to handle sad feelings like loneliness or to handle a breakup. Boys tend to use music to invigorate and give them energy. My feeling is that these choices are true for all genders equally.

Music also helps teens connect to social groups and gain a feeling of belonging. By publicly expressing an appreciation for a particular singer, group or even genre, teens are announcing themselves as part of the bigger peer group. What's more, their musical taste may well be expressing and shaping their thoughts on the world. For example, the punk and new wave movements in the UK in the 70s were part of a greater dissatisfaction with an old, conservative sexist and racist system.

I think we can all think back to when we were teenagers and recognise how music helped pull us through those troubling and formative years.

**QUESTION**: What role does music have in the life and growth of a teenager?

**A2. COMPOSITION** (about 100 words): Write a short composition (3/4 paragraphs) on how your musical tastes have changed over the years.

### B. GRAMMAR

## REFORMULATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING THE WORD GIVEN IN BOLD.

a)	The last time I went to a con SINCE	ncert was in 2010.	
	I	2019.	
b)	Although he had had no for DESPITE	mal training, he was a great pianist.	
		, he was a great pianist.	
c)	The Beatles were more popul	ular than the Rolling Stones.	
	The Rolling Stones were	The Beatles.	
d)	I used to buy CDs before you	ou could download music from the in	iternet.
	Ipossible.	CDs when downloading music fr	om the internet became
e)	Whose is this iphone? BELONG Who	to?	
Many	years ago, I	(HAVE) a very large collection	on of albums, what people
today	(REFER) to	as vinyls. Unfortunately,	(MOVE) around
from c	one student flat to another w	hile at university, a lot of them	(LOSE). I
regret	(NOT BI	E) more careful as that collection _	(BE) be
worth	a lot of money today. Anyw	vay, for the past six months I	(GO)
around	l a lot of specialist shops	(TRY) to fin	nd copies of the originals.
So fa	ır, I	(ONLY MANAGE)	to find a few but I
	(NOT GIVE	EUP) until I find at least most of the	m.
	ANSLATION INTO ITAL	IAN: Translate the following pass	

[...]

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#### D. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH:

#### La musica

Non sono mai andato ad un concerto ma la musica mi piace molto. Mi piacerebbe, per esempio, andare ad un concerto di Einaudi. Ieri, mentre stavo leggendo un giornale in treno, ho letto che a dicembre suonerà a Roma ma non so ancora se ci potrò andare. Sto cercando un lavoro in questo periodo, infatti, e, se ci vado, vorrei pagarmi il biglietto del concerto, del treno e l'alloggio senza chiedere un prestito a nessuno. Non vedo l'ora di trovare il lavoro e di partire per Roma!

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		fully and answer the question in
your own words as far as pos	sible.	

"Hey Joe, remember the TV show 'Peep Show? I watched the first two episodes again on YouTube this weekend'. 'Did you now, Frank? Actually, I watched the whole 9 series this weekend!". This conversation actually took place.

**Binge-watching** 

Binge-watching is defined as when you watch 2 or more episodes of a particular show in one go but 9 series over one weekend is perhaps a bit extreme. Ever since the introduction of DVD box sets and now with YouTube, Netflix, Prime, Hula and other sites, binge-watching is becoming more and more common. But why do we do it?

Cultural anthropologist Grant McCracken sees it as a form of healthy escapism. Binge-viewers are escaping from the deluge of bite-sized media posts or short YouTube videos. They are leaving their daily cares to immerse themselves completely in another world. Moreover, they choose the shows that they like and that entertain them. In this regard, Dr Renee Carr, a clinical psychologist, noted that binge-watching a show produces a continuous stream of dopamine in our brains. Dopamine makes us feel good and the brain is telling us to continue with this pleasurable activity. Sounds great, eh? Maybe but, as with most things, there is also a downside.

This need for dopamine can become addictive and as we build up a tolerance to it we crave more and more of it. Also, as with any drug, when the flow stops, we feel down. When we're forced to stop watching (usually when we finish the entire series), we quite literally "mourn" the loss—a kind of "post-binge malaise"—as coined by Matthew Schneier in the *New York Times*. That feeling of emptiness doesn't do us any good. Other researchers have also noted that we have less

'enjoyment' when binge-watching than watching one episode per week as we do on normal television and that bingers remember fewer details. Binge-watching apparently also leads to a drop in quality of sleep. And, obviously, if you are just watching TV shows, you end up leading a rather sedentary way of life with reduced social interaction, neither of which are good for you.

As a final note, my advice to you is do whatever you want to do. There are too many people nowadays who want to tell us how to lead our lives. Don't do this, don't do that. Too much pressure. Let me be!

**QUESTION:** What are the positive aspects of binge-watching?

**A2.** COMPOSITION (about 100 words): Write a short composition on the good and bad aspects of Italian television.

## REFORMULATE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES USING THE WORD GIVEN IN BOLD.

AS American Television	a) British Television is	better than American T	elevision.	
Television.  b) Although he's a famous actor, he is a very modest person.  DESPITE	AS			
b) Although he's a famous actor, he is a very modest person.  DESPITE	American Television _			British
DESPITE	Television.			
a famous actor, he is a very modest person.  c) I hate when people use their mobile phones in a cinema.  WISH  I  d) The BBC are going to make a new documentary about the history of Liverpool.  BY  A new documentary about the history of Liverpool	b) Although he's a fam	ous actor, he is a very r	nodest person.	
c) I hate when people use their mobile phones in a cinema.  WISH  I  d) The BBC are going to make a new documentary about the history of Liverpool.  BY  A new documentary about the history of Liverpool by the BBC.  e) I can't wait to see the new Stephen Graham film.  LOOKING	DESPITE			
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d) The BBC are going to make a new documentary about the history of Liverpool.  BY  A new documentary about the history of Liverpool	c) I hate when people	use their mobile phones	in a cinema.	
The BBC are going to make a new documentary about the history of Liverpool.  BY  A new documentary about the history of Liverpool	WISH			
A new documentary about the history of Liverpool	I			
A new documentary about the history of Liverpool	d) The BBC are going	to make a new docume	ntary about the hi	story of Liverpool.
by the BBC.  e) I can't wait to see the new Stephen Graham film.  LOOKING	BY			
the new Stephen Graham film  the film Letter to Brezhev (set) in Kirkby in the mid-1980s. I remember tem (film) it in Kirkby. One day, I (have) a tink in my local pub, The Peacock, when the director (come) in looking		about the history of Li	verpool	
the new Stephen Graham film  the new S	e) I can't wait to see th	e new Stephen Graham	film.	
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ink in my local pub, The Peacock, when the director (come) in looking	iem	(film) it in Kirkby. On	e day, I	(have) a
r people to be in the film as extras. Fortunately, I (choose) to be one! If	rink in my local pub, The I	Peacock, when the direct	tor	(come) in looking

	(not choose), I	(never meet) the famous actor
		(be) the local girl, Margi Clark.
		(go) to infant school
together and I was	sure she(	become) famous after this film.
C. TRANSLATIO watching"	ON INTO ITALIAN: Translate t	he following passage from "Binge-
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escaping from the their daily cares to shows that they lik	deluge of bite-sized media posts immerse themselves completely i e and that entertain them. In this re	form of healthy escapism. Binge-viewers are or short YouTube videos. They are leaving in another world. Moreover, they choose the gard, Dr Renee Carr, a clinical psychologist, tous stream of dopamine in our brains.
D. TRANSLATE	INTO ENGLISH:	
	Il Visua	al-Concert
Non ci ero mai state gli ho chiesto intandarci. E così ho	ta ma mi sono ricordata che un mio formazioni in merito. Mi ha detto o o fatto! Ci sono andata ieri: mer	pe tenuto questa settimana il Visual Concert. co amico ci era andato. Per cui, l'ho chiamato che era stato bellissimo e mi ha suggerito di raviglioso! Immagini sullo schermo mentre e per di più ad un prezzo davvero economico!
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## A. READING COMPREHENSION: Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in your own words as far as possible.

### SPORTS IN SCHOOLS

According to Theodore Hesburgh, author of "The Importance of School Sports and Education," it is imperative for school age children to have access to sports and games. Not only does it empower youth and promote higher self-esteem, it also motivates students, enables them to earn better grades, especially in schools where obtaining certain grades is a pre-requisite to staying on the team. As the Romans said, 'mens sana in corpora sano', a healthy mind in a healthy body. Moreover, Hesburgh states, numerous physical benefits include maintaining a healthy weight, preventing chronic diseases and learning the skills necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle well into adulthood.

Growing up on the outskirts of Liverpool, we certainly had the opportunity, or more often the obligation, to do many sports: football, rugby, cricket, athletics, cross-country running, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, and as the school had its own swimming pool, also swimming and diving. So though there were some individual sports, the emphasis was always on team sports. The idea was to build character and team spirit, essential elements for responsible, productive citizens. And I must admit, the sports we did actually built up our sense of camaraderie and ability to socialise.

That's not to say it was all fun and games. Playing 11-a-side football in the autumn was brilliant but playing rugby in the winter was brutal, especially for the smaller kids like myself. Imagine playing rugby in the freezing rain trying your best to avoid the ball so you wouldn't get floored by some big deranged sadomasochist! And it was even worse when it wasn't raining as the ground was like concrete. I couldn't wait to get into the hot showers after the games. Yes, hygiene was also an important aspect of doing sports at school. Anyway, come the last term, we would play cricket, after which we would have showers even if we hadn't broke into a sweat or got dirty. A healthy mind in a healthy body one might say. All in all, we loved Physical Education (P.E.).

1. What does Hesburgh say about the importance of doing sports in schools?
2. What does the writer say about his experience of doing sports at schools?
A2. COMPOSITION. (about 100 words)
Write a short composition about your experience of doing Physical Education at school.

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a)	Football is more pop <b>AS</b>	oular than rugby.			
	Rugby is not		_ Alaska.		
b)	I couldn't play in the WOULD	e final because I was	injured.		
	If I			in th	ne final
c)	Despite never havin <b>ALTHOUGH</b>	g skied myself, I love	watching it on TV.		
			, I love watching it	on TV.	
d)	He started playing g SINCE	olf in 1990.			
	Не			_ 1990.	
e)	Everton FC are build <b>BY</b>	ding a new stadium.			
	A new stadium			E	verton
	FC.				
9.	PUT THE VERBS	IN BRACKETS INT	O THE CORREC	T FORMS	
The la	st time I	( <b>go</b> ) to a match	( <b>be</b> ) the	Merseyside derby	
five ye	ars ago. Liverpool	(wi	<b>n</b> ) 2-0 at half-time	but in the second-ha	alf
Everto	n (score	) 3 goals to win the m	atch. If the Everton	goalkeeper	
	(not save)	the last minute penal	ty, it	( <b>end up</b> ) a drav	w!

Anyway, I _	<b>(go)</b> to the next Merseyside derby next week. I		
	(not) been to a derby for 5 years so I	( <b>not wait</b> ) to go. I wish	
ī	(go) every year!		

## B. TRANSLATION INTO ITALIAN: Translate the following passage

**Sports in schools** 

According to Theodore Hesburgh, author of "The Importance of School Sports and Education," it is imperative for school age children to have access to sports and games. Not only does it empower youth and promote higher self-esteem, it also motivates students, enables them to earn better grades, especially in schools where obtaining certain grades is a pre-requisite to staying on the team. As the Romans said: "A healthy mind in a healthy body".

### D. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH:

### Camminare fa bene

Camminare fa bene perché mi permette di distrarmi e riflettere su ciò che sto vivendo, di schiarirmi le idee e di trovare, a volte, anche le soluzioni che fino a quel momento non avevo trovato. Due settimane fa, siccome non si può uscire tanto, ho iniziato a camminare e ballare regolarmente, tutti i giorni, sul balcone con indosso il cappotto, il cappello e i guanti, la musica nelle orecchie e, soprattutto, senza mascherina perché così mi sento più libera e aperta a ricevere le soluzioni dall'universo.