

Multiple Choice Comprehension for Years 7 & 8

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Comprehension Exercises
for Year 7 and 8 students
involving different text types
with answer key & explanations

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UNIT 1

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPICE GIRLS LOSE THEIR FLAVOUR

Dear Ed,

I'm writing in response to the article on the Spice Girls that appeared in the last edition of this mag. Just let me say ENOUGH ALREADY!! I've had it! Spice Girls this, Spice Girls that. WHO CARES???? They're boring and I'm sick of them. They're not even talented. Dress any five girls in different styles, give them catchy names and repetitive songs and they could have the same success. How hard is it to jump around and sing meaningless songs? Well, it's hard on me! Don't insult your readers, Ed. We're past the Spice Girl stage. It's time to move on.

SIGNED: SPICELESS

YOU SPICE UP MY LIFE

Dear Ed,

Congrats on an informative and entertaining article last week entitled "Sugar and Spice". The more I read about the Spice Girls, the more I want to know!

They are the most talented thing to hit the music scene since,

FOREVER

(Well at least since New Kids hit the block).

Thanks for keeping us informed and for supplying your readers with such mad pictures (I am in the process of filling my third Spice Girls scrapbook).

GIRL POWER!!

SIGNED: YOURS IN SPICE

1. What does the author of the first letter find most aggravating about the Spice Girls?

- (a) They aren't very intelligent.
- (b) They're ugly.
- (c) They're boring.
- (d) Constant representation in the media.

2. "Dress any five girls in different styles, give them catchy names and repetitive songs and they could have the same success" suggests that the Spice Girls are

- (a) just like anyone else.
- (b) not particularly talented.
- (c) successful because of their clothes.
- (d) very successful.

3. In the letter entitled "SPICE GIRLS LOSE THEIR FLAVOUR" the sender's attitude towards the band can best be summed up as

- (a) favourable.
- (b) contemptuous.
- (c) disgust.
- (d) frustration.

4. In the letter entitled "YOU SPICE UP MY LIFE" the sender's attitude to the band can best be described as

- (a) bored.
- (b) tolerant.
- (c) enthusiastic.
- (d) moderately impressed.

5. The title "SPICE GIRLS LOSE THEIR FLAVOUR" is an example of a

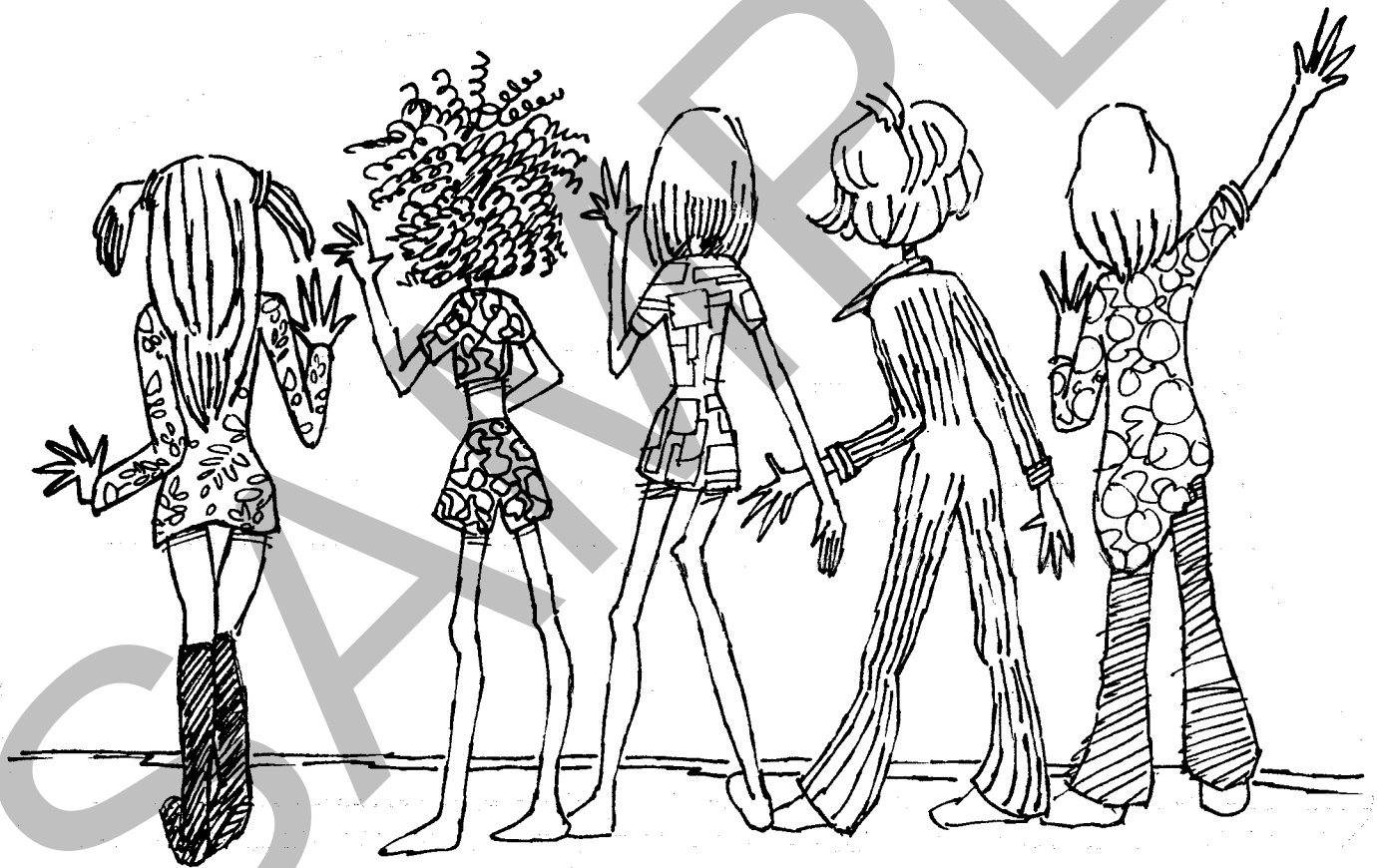
- (a) pun.
- (b) joke.
- (c) hyperbole.
- (d) personification.

6. What would best describe the level of language in the two letters?

- (a) Colloquial.
- (b) Formal.
- (c) English.
- (d) Australian.

7. These two letters are most different in terms of

- (a) literary devices.
- (b) style.
- (c) language.
- (d) attitude.



EXPLANATIONS FOR ANSWERS

UNIT 1

1. The best answer is D. The thing that most frustrates the writer is the continual appearance of the Spice Girls in the media: “ENOUGH ALREADY!! I’ve had it!” Although ‘Spiceless’ may also believe A, B and C, it is the overexposure (repeated appearance) of the Spice Girls that is most annoying.
2. The best answer is B. Although all four answers are correct in some way, B gives the most information and best sums up what the writer is trying to say. The author does not believe that the group is very talented and it is this that she/he finds annoying: “How hard is it to jump around and sing meaningless songs?”
3. The best answer is B. The writer strongly dislikes the group and although she is also disgusted and frustrated by them and their popularity, contempt best sums up the attitude of ‘Spiceless’. Constant criticism (eg. “They’re boring” and “They’re not even talented”) of the Spice Girls in the letter shows the writer’s level of contempt.
4. The best answer is C. The writer praises the group and the magazine for supplying information on them. Phrases such as “an informative and entertaining article”, “the more I read the more I want to know” and “they are the most talented thing . . .” show a very positive and enthusiastic attitude towards the group.
5. The best answer is A. A pun is a humorous play on words. Use of the word ‘flavour’ refers to the name of the group ‘SPICE Girls’ and also to the fact that they are losing their popularity.
6. The best answer is A. Level of language refers to whether or not the language used is like that of normal, everyday speech (informal or colloquial) or whether it is more formal (such as language used in essays and many textbooks). Words and phrases that suggest the language used is colloquial include: “mag”, “ENOUGH ALREADY”, “CONGRATS”, “since forever” and “mad”. Level of language does NOT refer to nationality.