PRUEBA DE ACCESO A GRADO SUPERIOR MADRID 2009 INGLÉS

MY FAMILY

I have never lived in a so-called traditional family in which people live with their grandparents, uncles, aunts, and other relatives. Even though I have never lived in a traditional family, I still prefer to live in a modern family.

Our family is considered average in size, my parents, my two sisters, and me. Since there are only three children, we are given a lot of attention and freedom. I remember when we were still in Hong Kong, we always had new clothes, supplies, etc. Everything we needed was provided for us.

On the other hand, my parents were very strict about our homework, and how we did at school.

I remember every night they spent time to sit down with us while we were doing our homework and they had to sign all our test papers.

In our family, most of the housework was done by our parents. I used to wash a few dishes at night and sweep the floors. During the weekend we were allowed to stay out late.

Sometimes, my friends and I decided to go up to the mountains and spend a few days there. My parents usually liked to go with us. I will never forget those times.

Things haven’t changed much since we came to this country, except we don’t have family trips anymore because our parents are busy working everyday, and we kids are busy studying and going to school.

(Taken from IN Our Own Words by Rebecca Mlynarczyk)

1. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

What kind of family is the writer’s family? …………………………………………………

Is the writer of the text a boy or a grown up? …………………………………………………

Does he miss having a traditional family? …………………………………………………

How does the writer describe his parents? …………………………………………………

What does “average in size” mean? (Dar la respuesta en español)
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2. REPORTED SPEECH. Complete the sentences with the correct tenses

2. 1 “You play tennis very well.” He told me I …………………………………………………very well.

2. 2 “We are leaving New York.” They told us they …………………………………………in New York.

2. 3 “I am very tired”. He said he ……………………………………………………………very tired.
2. 4 “Peter’s had an accident”. Pamela rang to say that Peter .........................an accident.
2. 5 “Can you help us? They asked if I ..................................................help them.
2. 6 “He hasn’t brushed his hair”. I noticed that he .................................his hair.
2. 7 “I left school at fourteen”. She said she .................................al fourteen.
2. 8 “She won’t say anything”. I knew she ..............................................anything.
2. 9 “Nobody will know” I thought nobody ................................................
2. 10 “This parcel has been opened” I could see that the parcel .............................

3. FILL IN THE GAPS WITH SOME ANY OR NO ARTICLE
3.1 We need .........................milk.
3.2 Is .............money something you worry about?
3.3 This car hardly uses .....................petrol.
3.4 This car doesn’t use ..................petrol; its battery powered
3.5 Do you ever read .....................newspapers?
3.6 We met.....................doctors at the party
3.7 I haven’t got my camera, so I can’t take .....................pictures.
3.8 Could you lend me.....................money?
3.9 I have read ..................... wonderful novels by Vargas Llosa when I was on holiday.
3.10 In Belgium they make a stew with .....................beef and ..........beer.

4. MATCH THE BEGINNINGS 1-10 TO THE ENDINGS A-J TO MAKE A CONVERSATION
1 You look tired. A I have been gardening all day.
2 Aren’t you hungry? B Helen’s been looking at them.
3 Why is your hair wet? C I’ve been swimming.
4 Mary seems very cheerful. D Yes, he’s been stealing things from the shops
5 She is very dirty. E Yes I’ve been painting the walls
6 You all look very miserable. F No I’ve been eating all day
7 You are very late. G She’s been cleaning the cellar
8 Is true that Peter has been arrested? H She’s been skiing with Peter last week
9 Your hair is all white. I Yes, we’ve been telling each other our life stories
10 Why are my books all over the floor? I’ve been talking to Henry and he just goes on and on.

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Letras

5. COMPOSITION: Write 40 or 50 words about YOUR FAMILY.