

Niveautest Engels Lezen 2018-2019
Niveau 4, jaar 1

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Wet Hair?

“Having wet hair that suddenly gets cold has the same effect as applying an ice cube to your neck to stop a nose bleed,” says Ron Eccles, director of the Common Cold Research Centre in Wales. The cold shock constricts the nasal blood vessels, which actually lowers the body’s resistance to infection. “A damp head can make you more susceptible to colds. If there’s a cold bug in the air, then you’re more likely to develop a sniffle,” says Eccles – providing a valid argument against wet-look perms making a comeback.



Men's Health, 2002

1. Wat beweert Ron Eccles in dit tekstje?

Als je naar buiten gaat met nat haar,

- A is dat slecht voor de conditie van je haar.
- B loop je het risico een bloedneus te krijgen.
- C vergroot je de kans verkouden te worden.
- D versterk je je weerstand tegen infectieziektes.

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2. Wat moet je doen als je een fles *Polycell 3 in 1 Mould Killer* hebt gekocht?

Je moet de fles

- A bewaren op een plaats waar kinderen niet bij kunnen.
- B controleren, omdat de dop misschien niet goed vast zit.
- C inleveren bij een verzamelpunt voor chemisch afval.
- D terugbrengen naar de winkel waar je hem gekocht hebt.

Alligator on the Loose

Police responding to an alligator sighting in suburban Kansas City took quick action to dispatch of the beast, shooting it in the head, as instructed, while it was lying in the weeds leading down to a pond.

A resident of a house near the pond called the police Saturday evening to report that his children had spotted the alligator while they were playing in some nearby woods. The police consulted conservation agent Derek Cole,

who advised them to kill the gator if they felt it posed a danger. Cole said: "I told them there's a kill shot on alligators, a small kill shot on the head. I said if they can get a shot like that, go ahead."

"One of the officers shot it twice in the head before realizing something was up," said Tom Gentry, a police spokesman. "It didn't move," Gentry said. "They inched up closer and closer and discovered it was a concrete copy of an alligator made to look like it was real." In the officers' defense, it was growing dark when they shot at the gator and it was partially hidden by the weeds.

The property owner told the police that the gator was meant to keep people off his property. Officers told him a no-trespassing sign would have been wiser and cheaper. "Now he'll have to 5 this alligator, if he still thinks warning people off in this way is a good idea," Gentry said. There have been calls in the past about alligators that had been set free in populated areas, so there was no reason to doubt the Saturday sighting.



3. What is this article about?

It is about the police

- A failing at catching an alligator.
- B killing somebody's pet alligator.
- C not being allowed to hunt alligators.
- D shooting at a fake alligator.

4. Welke reden geeft de eigenaar voor het hebben van een alligator?
Geef antwoord in het Nederlands.

5. Kies bij 5 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.

- A chase
- B find
- C hide
- D repair
- E sell

Beat the School Bully



For years Michaela suffered torment at the hands of school bullies. But Michaela, who is just 14, used the misery she was going through as inspiration to come up with an anti-bullying board game. Yvonne, her mother, tells her story:

(1) "My husband and I had no idea at first about the bullying. When Michaela did tell us, she said she'd try to deal with it herself. She didn't want us to get involved. But it was tough for her! She would come up with reasons for not going to school in the mornings, she'd become so uptight she couldn't eat breakfast. The bullying was affecting her health with headaches and stomach upsets.

(2) What we didn't realise was that while she was seeking refuge in the art room on her own at lunchtimes at school, she was working on a board game idea. The game is a bit like Monopoly in that you move round a board but it's question-based and each of the questions gets you talking about aspects of bullying.

(3) Looking for support to realise her game, Michaela spent months trying to contact Duncan Bannatyne¹⁾ and was finally invited to meet him.

I went along with her, taking along a little prototype of the game with us. When I asked him why he had agreed to see her, he said that it was her not giving up trying to get in touch that made him think she might have something. Duncan took Michaela's game home to play with his kids and, in less than a week, he was back in touch.

(4) He suggested that we get together with design students. Now it has been more fully developed and we're hoping Duncan may offer help in getting it marketed. In the meantime, Michaela and I have set up an anti-bullying website where those who are affected can talk and let off steam. And we're all so proud of what Michaela has done, after all she has been through."

The Weekly News, 2010

noot 1 Duncan Bannatyne = een bekende, rijke Britse ondernemer

6. How did Michaela react to being bullied according to paragraph 1?

- A She asked her parents if she could change schools.
- B She became very aggressive towards other pupils.
- C She concentrated on studying hard at school.
- D She wanted to solve the problem without any help.

7. Geef van elk van de volgende beweringen aan of deze juist of onjuist is volgens alinea's 2 en 3.

Omcirkel 'juist' of 'onjuist' in de uitwerkbijlage.

- 1 Door het spel van Michaela te spelen word je gestimuleerd pestgedrag te bespreken.
- 2 Michaela hoopte dat Duncan Bannatyne het spel met haar wilde spelen.
- 3 Duncan Bannatyne werd nieuwsgierig naar wat Michaela had, omdat ze erg veel moeite deed hem te spreken.
- 4 Duncan Bannatyne wilde Michaela helpen nadat hij het spel met zijn gezin gespeeld had.

8. What has Duncan Bannatyne done to help Michaela so far according to paragraph 4?

- A He has changed the game to make it a commercial success.
- B He has created a website to help promote her game.
- C He has given her advice about how to improve her game.
- D He has paid a lot of money to become the owner of her game.

Life on Mars

American billionaire Dennis Tito has plans to send a couple on a mission to Mars. Tito and his team don't want just any couple on this 501-day return trip to the planet. They want two peas in a pod: the ideal candidates would be people who can cope with being together all the time, for about a year and a half, in a confined space.



And there will be no distractions. The facilities will be very basic in order to save money. For the same reason, there is no landing on the cards. So you will go all the way to the Red Planet and back, without ever leaving your spaceship. No leg-stretching stroll, no glorious holiday snaps by your Martian sandcastle to show the family, no 'meet the neighbours'!

Is there any excitement left in this trip? After the fun of the first week in space, all you'll have around is your partner. The risk of flying in the face of danger under such precarious conditions is that when radiation overexposure gets you, you'll be long dead... of boredom!

I'm passionate about space and sci-fi things. When I was a kid, I wanted to be an astronaut. But the journey to adventure has to be a bumpy ride. If I'm sent to Mars, I want to go with a total stranger. The more alien the better. Each mind, each personal history, is like a planet and I would have all that to discover on my way to Mars. It is the unknown that is exciting! I would want to go to space with my own alien on board.

bbc.co.uk, 2013

9. Wat maakt deze expeditie naar Mars een onaantrekkelijke onderneming, volgens de schrijver?

- A de gebrekkige financiering
- B de landing
- C de ruimtewezens
- D de spanning
- E de straling onderweg
- F de verveling

How to Make the Most of Rubbish

By Geoffrey Lean



The green economy at work: 400 jobs have been created via the recycling scheme on Bali, which has been extended to Java

(1) It's known as the 'Island of the Gods', but it's sinking under a rising sea of rubbish. You see garbage almost everywhere in Bali: on the beaches, dumped by roadsides, clogging rivers and streams and blocking drainage channels. This has got so bad that it is threatening not only people's health, but also that of the economy: two thirds of tourists surveyed said that it would prevent them from coming back. But, still, little is collected, and rubbish tips are overflowing.

(2) And yet, on a disused pig farm not far from the main tourist beaches, a rubbish revolution is under way; it is spreading throughout Indonesia, and could have a bearing all over the Third World. I discovered it in between meetings of the world's environment ministers on the island last week. I visited Bali to find out more about how to tackle environmental problems and watch the green economy at work. So I decided to trace what happened to the contents of my hotel room wastepaper basket.

(3) Beneath the corrugated iron roof of an open-ended old pig shed – amid hundreds of hungry birds – workers were painstakingly hand-separating paper, plastics, glass, aluminium, food scraps, vegetable matter and other material that can be used again, leaving only the leftovers to go into the island's elementary waste disposal system. Every week, 140 lorryloads of waste arrive. Only 10 leave carrying real rubbish.

(4) I was shown the operation by Yuyun Ismawati, who started it 12 years ago, then in her early thirties. An environmental engineer, designing water supply systems for wealthier areas, she decided to switch to working with the poor and picked garbage 'because no one else wanted to touch it'. She found the pig farmer was paying hotels for their waste – five-star food scraps for his animals – and persuaded him that recycling it would be more profitable. Now 25 hotels – including mine – pay him to take their garbage away. Almost all is recycled: food scraps are bought by pig farmers and grass clippings and other vegetation is composted, and mostly returned to the hotels for flowerbeds.

(5) This is the green economy in action, providing new employment for those that need it. It is very basic but it succeeds. If you want a hi-tech solution in a developing country, you will wait and wait and wait until you get the money, or big donors to fund it. And even then it may not work.

(6) A big blue machine, provided by the local government to process the waste, stands idle in a corner, proving the point. The electricity needed to power it costs too much: human energy is cheaper, and employs more people.

(7) The scheme was the first of its kind in Indonesia. Ms Ismawati has since established six more. No wonder she won the world's biggest prize for grassroots green activists, the Goldman Award, last year.

Daily Telegraph, 2010

10. Which of the following is said in paragraph 1?

The present garbage situation in Bali

- A is causing major traffic problems on the island.
- B is putting people's well-being and income at risk.
- C is the result of floods and unforeseen high tides.
- D will improve only if local people take action.

11. What becomes clear from paragraph 2?

- A Many tourists do not realise how much garbage they leave behind on the island.
- B Other countries in the region have better ways of disposing of their waste.
- C The local inhabitants are fed up with the present political situation.
- D The writer went to Bali with the purpose of learning more about green issues.

12. Which of the following characterises the work described in paragraph 3?

- A It is dirty but challenging.
- B It is inefficient but cheap.
- C It is simple but risky.
- D It is tough but effective.

Louis C.K. wasn't prepared for his Emmy nomination

B2.

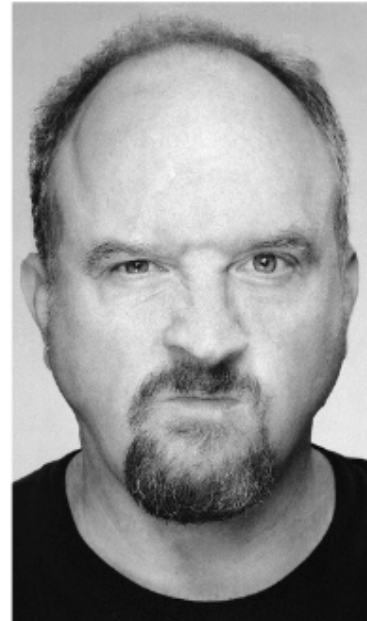
By Joe Flint

1 Like the character in his comedy show *Louie*, Louis C.K. was ready for bad news when the Emmy Award nominations were announced Thursday morning.

2 "I was expecting to be disappointed," said C.K., who was nominated for lead actor in a comedy series. *Louie* has become a cult hit for cable TV network FX. A dark show starring C.K. as a somewhat depressed comedian struggling to make sense of the world around him, *Louie* is not the type of comedy that the sometimes conservative Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Emmy voters typically embrace. Besides being peppered with language that is raw even for cable, *Louie* is unafraid to address taboo topics in the raunchiest of ways. His character often finds himself in awkward situations with results that swing seamlessly between the comic and the tragic.

3 C.K. attributes his success among critics and viewers to the network's creative freedom – an atmosphere that encourages him to explore his inner demons and put it all on the screen. "It takes a huge amount of courage on their part, that's why I'm glad to pay them back with this," C.K. said of the network.

4 In typical C.K. mode, the comedian doesn't give himself much of a chance of winning on Emmy night, which is slated for Sept. 18. "I'm pretty outclassed there," he said of his fellow acting nominees, which include Steve Carell of *The Office* and Alec Baldwin of *30 Rock*. But even if he doesn't get a statue, C.K. figures he and network FX have already won. "We don't expect to get serious consideration. Still, that doesn't matter. We've proven that if you spend a hundredth of the money the big networks do, you can land at the same place."



latimes.com, 2011

13. "I was expecting to be disappointed" (paragraph 2)

Why did Louis C.K. say this?

- A He feared the character in his show had turned out to be an embarrassing person.
- B He knew his show had been given bad reviews in many of the mainstream papers.
- C He realised that the show he had created caused a lot of public indignation.
- D He thought his show would be considered too outspoken to be nominated for an award.

14. What is the main point made in paragraph 3?

- A Despite his problems, Louis C.K. has created a commercial success.
- B Network FX gave Louis C.K. the artistic independence needed to succeed.
- C The average viewer dislikes being told by critics which shows to like.
- D Unlike many of its rivals, network FX is a financially sound company.

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1. C

2. B

3. D

4. een antwoord met de volgende strekking:

om mensen (van zijn terrein) af te schrikken/uit zijn tuin weg te houden /
als waarschuwing tegen onbevoegden

5. D

6. D

7. Alle vier moeten goed zijn om deze vraag goed te hebben

1 juist

2 onjuist

3 juist

4 juist

8. C

9. F

10. B

11 D

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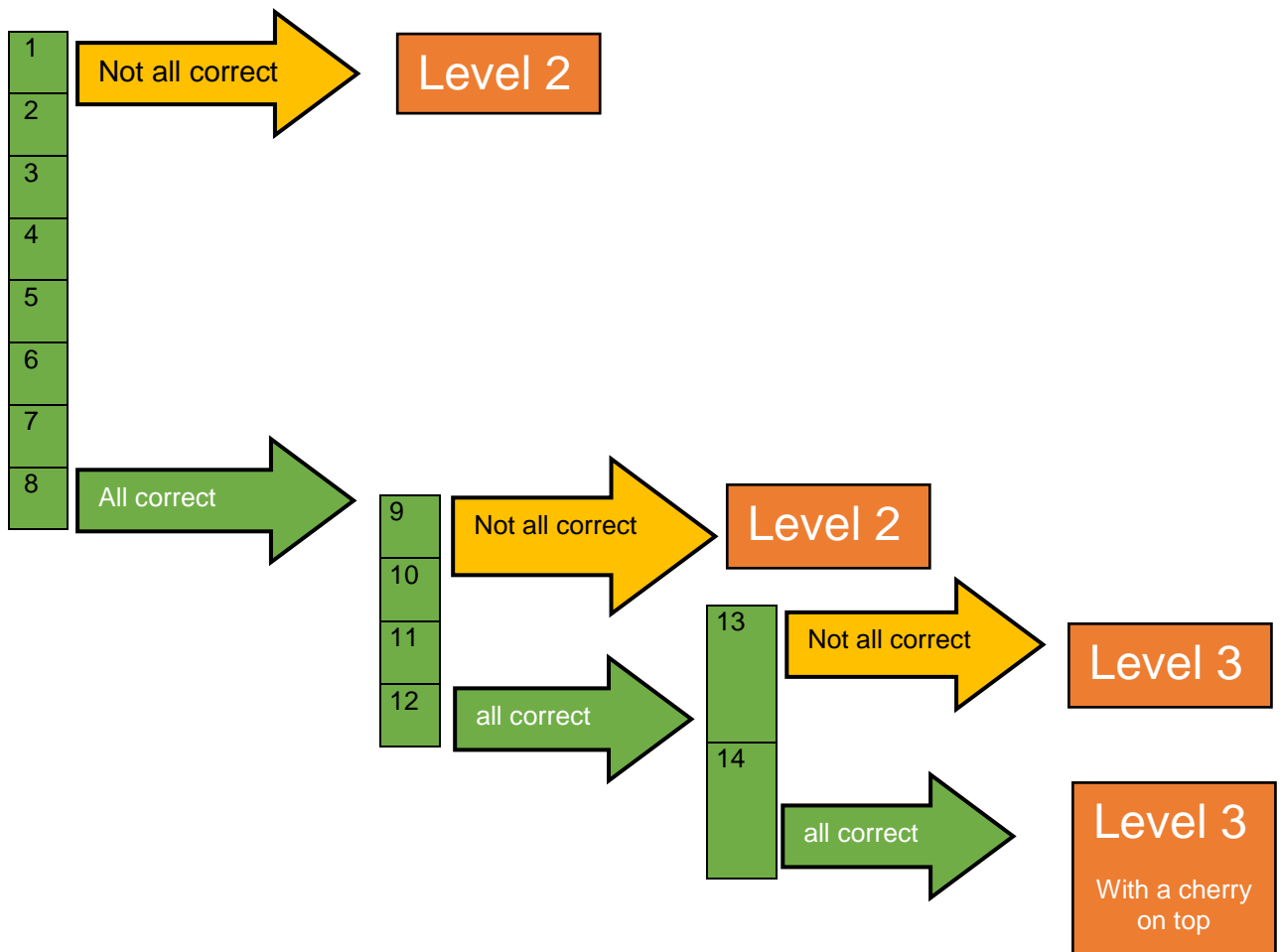
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