

TESTI IN LINGUA DEL 6.12.2021

1 "I was at work, so was my husband, and the boys were playing with a neighbour's child", she said. "When my husband came home, another neighbour said the three had been just outside 15 minutes earlier, but they had gone". The third child, aged five, was also abducted. The families went to the police only to be met with the same response.

2 It was a rare moment of joy in this devastated town in North West Frontier Province, flattened in an instant when the earthquake struck. As survivors searched for the dead and rigged up makeshift tents, one thing was missing from the shattered landscape: children. Almost every child over the age of six had been in one of the town's five schools for the first lesson of the day when the earthquake struck.

3 In 1930 Mr Foster and his wife Marianne moved in. They didn't use to believe in ghosts but they soon changed their minds! Soon after moving in, they found mysterious messages on the walls. One message said simply: Marianne Please Help". The Fosters couldn't settle down in the house. Harry Price, a famous ghost hunter, spent a year studying the house in 1937.

4 The British are some of the untidiest people in the world. Wherever they go, they leave a trail of beer cans, hamburger boxes and bursting rubbish bags: treasure perhaps for future archaeologists, but disgusting for visitors and for those who have to live with it. Litter is one of the few problems for which even Margaret Thatcher, who loathes it, has not found a radical solution.

5 It has taken a century for mankind to wake up how rude the telephone is. People scramble from their showers, groggily abandon their dream, interrupt their conversations and drop whatever they are doing just to take the chance that somebody who wants to talk to them is somebody they want to talk to and not a salesman or a bore.

6 On the top floor, doors used to lock and unlock themselves, and furniture used to fall down the stairs. In one bedroom, the Blue Room, people used to fall out of their beds at night. There was even a ghost in the bathroom. A woman was going past the door when an invisible hand slapped her face, knocked her down and gave her a black eye.

7 Between 8 and 10 per cent of the population of Rome is now black. This is in part a result of the "sorpasso", the boom that has given the Italians a standard of living higher than the British. The traditional flow of cheap labour from South to North within the country has all but exhausted itself, and Italy has in recent years imported labour from the Third World.

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I found it very hard to fit in at school, mainly, I think, because we'd moved a lot. The chances of me settling into life in Australia disappeared when I was nine and we moved back to the UK and to Sussex, near Horsham. I enjoyed being back in England and have some happy memories of that period. I was just getting back into life in the northern hemisphere when we had to move yet again – back to Western Australia, when I was around twelve.

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I'm no psychologist, although I've met my fair share of them over the years. There is no doubt in my mind that we moved home way too much, and it was not good for a growing child. It made it very hard for me to become socially adept. At school it was very hard to make friends. I was always trying too hard. I was too eager to impress, which isn't good when you are a kid. It had the opposite result: I ended up being bullied at every school I went to. It was particularly bad in Quinn's Rock.

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We continued living in the same nomadic existence throughout my early teens. It was usually connected to my mother's business ventures. She was a very successful woman. At one point she started doing telemarketing training videos. Then she set up a woman's magazine called *City Woman*, which didn't so well. Sometimes we'd have plenty of money and other times we'd be strapped for cash. But that never lasted for long; she was a proper entrepreneur.

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Predictably, I got into drugs, at first sniffing glue, probably to escape from reality. I didn't get addicted to it. I only did it a couple of times after seeing another kid doing it. But it was the start of the process. After that I started smoking dope and sniffing toluene, an industrial solvent you find in nail varnish and glue. It was all connected, it was all part of a cycle of behavior, one thing led back to another and so on.

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Devant le comptoir en vieux marbre grainé, ils commandèrent deux cappuccinos, et chacun emporta sa collation vers la tablette qui bordait la vitrine. C'est là que Jonathan vit Clara pour la première fois. Vêtue d'une gabardine beige, elle était assise sur l'un des tabourets et tournait les pages du Herald Tribune en buvant son café crème.

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Ils traversèrent le grand hall du Dorchester, Peter s'arrêta devant le bureau du concierge. Il lui demanda la direction à prendre pour se rendre à l'adresse rédigée sur le papier qu'il lui tendait. L'homme en habit rouge fit promptement le tour de son comptoir, déplia un plan du quartier et traça au stylo l'itinéraire que son hôte devrait emprunter pour rejoindre la galerie d'art.

TESTI IN LINGUA DEL 10.12.2021

1 By 2010, 75% of people aged between 12 and 17 owned mobile phones and in the past two years that number has increased. Recently, the use of cell phones for cheating in tests, as a new method of passing notes, and even for cyber bullying have become major issues. So, for the good of the students cell phones need to be banned from schools.

2 A study shows that teenagers who use their phones constantly of fun experience "headaches, more careless lifestyles, more consumption of stimulating beverages, difficulty in falling asleep and more susceptibility to stress and fatigue." Health affects aside, it is well known that texting in class has become a growing epidemic.

3 This leads to disruption in class, bullying, and even cheating in tests. All in all, allowing cell phones in school is a danger to the health and education of students. Banning cell phones is in the best interest of everyone; it will help students' grades separate them from the negative effects for a few hours, and it helps the school to keep students safe in an emergency.

4 What is the International Day of Happiness? It's A Day to be happy, of course! The International Day of Happiness, was introduced by the United Nations during 2012 and was celebrated for the first time in 2013 as a way to recognise the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world.

5 The original idea came from the kingdom of Buthan in the Himalayan region of Asia. There, The population is thought by many to be among the happiest in the world due to the holistic approach to life and the importance placed on the well-being of people and communities, as much as material wealth.

6 A profound shift in attitudes is underway all over the world. People are now recognizing that progress should be about increasing human happiness and well-being not just economic growth. The UN General assembly adopted a resolution which recognize the happiness as a fundamental human goal and called for more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes happiness and well-being of all peoples.

7 The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution which decreed that the International Day of happiness would be observed every year on 20 March. For the very first International day of happiness in 2013, events took place all over the world and celebrated hundreds of heroes- those people in our communities who do so much to bring happiness to others.

8 As Action for Happinesses explains, lasting happiness does not come from what we consume or how much we earn...deep down we all know the things that make us happy. If only we could remind ourselves to appreciate those moments more often- and inspire others to do the same.

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The 2015 the International Day of happiness campaign focused on relationships. We are a social species and we thrive when we are closely connected to others. But modern society is leaving more and more people feeling disconnected, isolated or lonely. On the day, thousands of people all around the world reached out to make new positive connections with others.

TESTI IN LINGUA DEL 13.12.2021

1 Graphology, the science of analyzing handwriting for personality traits, has been around since the days of Aristotle. Today is used for a variety of purposes, from criminal investigations to understanding your health. Some employers even use handwriting analysis to screen potential employees for compatibility.

2 The graphologist Kathi McKnight claims that even insignificant details in your writing may say a lot about your personality. Just from analysing your handwriting, experts can find over 5000 personality traits that you may not have considered before.

3 You can analyse your own and writing or someone else's. It's best to to try to get a sample of "normal" handwriting; that is, handwriting that wasn't written especially to be analysed. If you are getting at sample from someone else, Don't tell them why you want it until they finished writing.

4 A handwriting sample should be on a piece of white, unlined paper. Choose a specific topic to write about. The topic itself doesn't really matter. What's important is it concentrating on the topic you are writing about- not on your handwriting! The sample should be made up of one or two paragraphs and finished off with a signature.

5 If the size of your letters and words is large, you want to feel understood and noticed. Many celebrities have large handwriting. On the other hand, you have a strong focus and concentration and you are introverted if you write small letters. If the size of your letters is average, you are well adjusted and adaptable.

6 If you're writing slants to the right, you are open to the world around you and like to socialise with other people. If it goes to the left, you generally like to work alone or behind the scenes. If your loops are closed for L, this implies you are restricting yourself in some way. If your loops are full for a L, you are spontaneous and relaxed and find it easy to express yourself.

7 Most people develop and practice a signature, Which isn't like normal handwriting. A Signature is one's own personal stamp and often reveals what a person thinks he or she is like. What insights can you get into the personality of a writer by examining the signature?

8 What smells evoke the most positive emotions for you? For much of the wort, one smell stands out as the clear favorite- The smell of fresh bread baking. Scientists have long known of the power of certain scents- baking bread, vanilla flowers- to evoke powerful emotions and memories in human beings.

9 Researchers concluded that there was something about the effect of the smell of bread baking that was not just subjectively pleasant, but that triggered more positive, helpful, kinder, and more altruistic behavior in people. In general, people become more generous in areas where pleasant ambient smells are spread.

10 The International Day of happiness has struck a chord. There are celebrations all over the world: meditation in Bhutan, happy flash mobs in London, laughter yoga in Hong Kong and screenings of the film "Happy" in Coffee shops all over the world. The day has a trending hashtag on Twitter and its website.

11 Pure water may become the medicine of the future. Our generation has the responsibility of taking care of our planet. We all are children of the earth. It is useless if only the decision-makers or a few of us are concerned about the water issue. This planet that belongs to us.

1 Après avoir annoncé la "DÉCISION (à titre de premier avertissement) de proclamer et organiser une grève de la maternité d'UN AN", l'appel conclut en toute sobriété: "Notre espèce n'a d'avenir qu'au prix du triomphe de notre liberté et de nos valeurs méprisées par la civilisation mâle; par le stoppage de la démographie, la limitation du travail "producteur" d'inutilités, le reboisement maximal, la destruction des centrales nucléaires et de toute industrie de guerre et surtout: L'ABOLITION TOTALE ET IRRÉVERSIBLE DU SEXISME ET DU PATRIARCAT".

2 "C'est sa liberté qui me fascinait", me raconte-t-il en 2020, alors que je suis en train d'écrire la biographie de Françoise d'Eaubonne, décédée à Paris quinze ans plus tôt. "le ton, la puissance, l'humour qu'il y avait dans ses mots me galvanisaient. Avec elle, tout semblait possible." Il n'est pas seul à me parler de ce courage et de cette liberté qui la rendaient magnétique. Françoise d'Eaubonne était la preuve vivante que l'on peut vivre, créer et lutter sans se soumettre aux normes sociales, sans se préoccuper des conventions ni des apparences.

TESTI IN LINGUA DEL 16.12.2021

1 Gulliver's Adventure in Lilliput begins when he wakes after his shipwreck to find himself bound by innumerable tiny threads and addressed by tiny captors who are in awe of him but fiercely protective of their kingdom. They are not afraid to use violence against Gulliver though their arrows are little more than a pinpricks.

2 But overall, they are hospitable, risking famine in their land by feeding Gulliver, who consumes more food than a thousand Lilliputians combined could. Gulliver is taken into the capital city by a vast wagon the Lilliputians have specially built. He is presented to the emperor, who is entertained by Gulliver, just as Gulliver is flattered by the attention of royalty.

3 Eventually Gulliver becomes a national resource, used by the army in its war against the people of Blefuscu, whom the Lilliputians hate for doctrinal differences concerning the proper way to crack eggs. But things change when Gulliver is convicted of treason for putting out a fire in the royal place with his urine and is condemned to be shot in the eyes.

4 For the next forty-five minutes or so, Bob sat quietly next to me, his face pressed against the glass of the bus window, watching the world go by. He seemed to be fascinated by all the cars, cyclists, vans and pedestrians whizzing past us; he wasn't fazed at all.

5 I began to forget Bob was there. Instead I started to immerse myself in the usual thoughts that went through my mind on the way to work. Was the weather going to be good enough for me to get a solid five hours "busking"? Answer: Probably. It was overcast, but the clouds were white and high in the sky.

6 That wasn't much chance of rain. What sort of crowd would there be in Covent Garden? Well, it was getting close to Easter so there were a lot of tourists. How long would it take me to make the twenty or thirty pounds I needed to get me- and now Bob "- through the next few days?

7 Ordinarily, no one would engage or even exchange a look with me. I was a busker and this was London. I didn't exist. I was a person to be avoided shunned even. But as I walked down Neal Street that afternoon almost every person we passed was looking at me.

8 I'd not planned on bringing him along with me so I didn't have much to give him. There was a half empty packet of his favorite cat treats in my rucksack so I gave him one of them every now and again. Like me, he'd have to wait until later to get a decent meal.

9 The next morning I was woken by a sudden, loud, crashing sound. It took me a moment to get my bearings but when I did so I immediately guessed what it was. The metallic, clanging noise had come from the kitchen. That probably meant that once again Bob was trying to open the cupboards.

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Tout l'enjeu, quand on est une personne adoptée, c'est qu'on ne dispose que de bribes de récits. Quand j'étais enfant, mes parents m'ont transmis les informations reçues des travailleuses sociales de la Cité de l'enfance à Lyon où j'avais été transférée après ma naissance: ma mère était marocaine, venue faire des études en France. Elle était tombée enceinte hors mariage et comptait retourner au Maroc, mais ne voulait pas retourner là-bas comme fille-mère.

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Un mois après mes 18 ans, je suis allée à la Ddas (Direction départementale des affaires sanitaires et sociales, aujourd'hui ASE, Aide sociale à l'enfance) à Lyon pour consulter le dossier de ma naissance. Il y avait une lettre dictée par ma mère biologique à l'assistante sociale. Dans cette lettre, elle disait qu'elle était venue à Lyon pour faire une école d'esthétique et surtout qu'elle avait 27 ans au moment de l'accouchement. J'ai été très surprise d'apprendre qu'elle avait déjà cet âge là quand elle m'a eue.

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Et j'ai découvert qu'elle vivait dans la région lyonnaise et qu'elle avait eu trois autres enfants. Pendant des années, j'avais grandi dans cette idée que ma mère de naissance était rentrée au Maroc, tout en ayant le fantasme que je vivais peut-être à proximité de potentiels frères et soeurs. C'était bien le cas! Parfois, enfant, j'aimais aussi m'imaginer que ma mère était une reine qui vivait dans un royaume au Maroc. Comme le dit mon amie psy, Sandrine Dekens, "l'adoption est une usine à fantasmes".

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Il y a quelques mois, j'étais invité dans une librairie pour la sortie d'un de mes livres. La soir-ée se passe bien, le public est chaleureux et joyeux. Le lendemain, sur un réseau social, une femme raconte la soirée de son point de vue, en faisant remarquer que j'ai plusieurs fois interrompu la libraire, et ça l'a énervée. Ma première réaction a été de me dire: "Je fais ça avec tout le monde, je parle de manière désordonnée". J'ai finalement compris que ce n'était pas vrai, j'ai surtout parlé comme un mec: fort, avec aplomb et en prenant beaucoup de place.

TESTI IN LINGUA DEL 17.12.2021

1) Fragrances and their affects on the human brain have been studied by scientists for some time, so something is known about their effect on the brain. Our olfactory receptors are most directly connected the areas of the brain called the limbic system, which are linked to emotion. Furthermore, smells are linked to the formation of the retention of memories.

2) So the smell of bread baking not only causes most people to experience positive emotions in response to it, but causes them to act on those positive emotions and do something nice for a stranger. Perhaps it's memory and the association of the smell of bread baking with pleasant memories of it in childhood.

3) If I were the mayor of a city and wanted to reduce crime and violence and make it a more pleasant place to live, I would promote the opening of more bakeries. It would be a better solution than using the police. It might not solve all the problems, but at the very least it would be more pleasant place to walk around in.

4) Two thirds of the earth's surface is covered in water and even the human body is 75% water, If so it is clear that water is one of the prime elements responsible for life on earth. Water circulates through the landscape just as it does through the human body, transporting, dissolving, replacing nutrients and organic matter, While carrying away waste material material.

5) Water has been used since antiquity as a symbol to express devotion and purity. Some cultures like the ancient Greeks worshipped gods who were though to live in and command the waters and settled in these areas as a result. Entire cities were built because of the location and availability of a pure drinking water.

6) Traditional and modern medicine make use of the diverse psychological and physiological uses of water in all forms of hydrotherapy. We all know of the simple, yet effective, claiming qualities of a warm bath or the invigoration of a cold shower. For centuries healing springs located all around the world have been recognised for their benefits.

7) The famous Belgian spas in the Ardennes are a fine example. Historical records of these cold springs have claimed "cures" since the 14th century. And hot springs have also been used. The hot Californian spas, the healing spas of Loutraki in Greece, the Dalhousie hot springs on the border of South Australia are just a few examples.