



## **PET - Reading Part 4**

Read the text and questions below.

### **Ainsley Harriott**

I've always been a bit of an entertainer and played the funny man. I was a part-time comedian for years, so I learned how to stand in front of audiences. It made me sure of myself. I like being liked and I love making everyone smile.

I've lived in London all my life and have just moved to a larger house with my wife Clare and our two children, Jimmy and Madeleine. We spend a lot of time just singing and dancing around the house. I grew up with music because my dad is the pianist, Chester Harriott – who's still playing, by the way. My working day is divided between television and writing cook books, though TV takes most of my time. I spend about five days a fortnight working on the cooking programmes I appear in. I eat all sorts of things at home but I only buy quality food. When I'm cooking, I experiment with whatever is in the fridge – it's good practice for my TV series.

I'm a football fan and enjoy going to matches, but I'm a home-loving person really. I don't like going to the pub but we do go out to eat about twice a month. There's nothing better than a night at home playing with the children. I rarely go to bed before midnight. Late evening is when fresh thoughts on cooking usually come to me, so I often write or plan my programmes then. When I eventually get to bed, I have no trouble sleeping!

1. What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

A to describe how he lives

B to say what makes him laugh

C to talk about his cooking ideas

D to explain how he started in TV

2. What would a reader learn about Ainsley from the text?

A He is a very good musician.

B He likes to plan the family meals.

C He is nervous about performing on stage.

D He enjoys spending time with his family.

3. What does the writer say about himself?

A He loves going out and meeting people.

B He is very similar to his father.

C He enjoys being popular.

D He should go to bed earlier.

4. What does he say about his working life?

A He would like to appear less on TV.

B He gets his best ideas at certain times.

C He prefers being a comedian.

D He should practise cooking more.

5. Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

A The popular TV comedian who enjoys cooking, watching football, and having a busy social life.

B The TV cook who loves making people laugh, watching football and, above all, having a happy family life.

C The singing TV cook who likes making jokes, playing with his children, and having an early night.

D The cook and comedian who takes great care about the way he cooks his food and enjoys listening to music more than anything.

