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## Esercizio 1: Vero/Falso

Leggete attentamente il testo *Southwest France's best truffles* e svolgete l'esercizio.

# Southwest France's best truffles

By Dana Facaros, adapted from <<http://www.timesonline.co.uk>>, January 18, 2009

True story. In 1974, a Parisian banker arrived home to find his cook had committed an act of treachery. She had served the very last truffle in his larder to her friends. He shot her. The judge, being a man of discernment, refused to try him, declaring it "a crime of passion, completely understandable and completely forgivable".

As far as I'm concerned, it was the right verdict. Perhaps you have a passion for chocolate; perhaps you love your lobster. That's fine. But truffles operate on an entirely different plane. The Périgord black truffle is the most muskily orgasmic food on earth.

When talking about truffles, it pays to be precise. There are more than 70 kinds in all, but only the white ones from Alba, in Italy, can hold a candle to the indescribable melanospora. I was lucky to be in the company of two charming experts — Dany Chouet, a local chef, and her Australian partner, Trish Hobbs, the former patrons of the celebrated Blue Mountains restaurant Cleopatra.

We started in Cahors, the river Lot area, which is paradise for truffles. In the late 19th century, the Lot produced 20% of the total French crop of 1,000 tons a year. Today, the entire country manages just 40 tons.

For once, Dany explained, global warming isn't to blame: the bountiful period a century ago was a by-product of the destructive fly that ravaged France's vineyards. Farmers, seeking alternative crops, planted oaks in known truffle zones, and the results exceeded their dreams. Delicacies once reserved for royalty became so common, country folk used to eat them whole.

That golden age ended with another catastrophe, the First World War. The subsequent lack of manpower coincided with the end of the 30-year productive life of the truffle fields. Suddenly, truffles were scarce. They have been ever since.

In Cahors, Dany and Trish took me to visit their friends the Peyberes, France's leading truffle merchants. "We can never get enough to

meet demand," Babé Peybere told us as we roamed the family's sublimely fragrant factory, where workers brush, sort, jar and ship some of the crop.



Cheese stuffed with truffles.

By the end of the tour I was a drooling wreck, but lunch was coming to the rescue. The Balandre restaurant, in Cahors, serves a menu marché de truffes on winter Tuesdays, with truffles in every course. Meals don't come more memorable than this. A large truffle shaving curled over my foie-gras-laden chestnut velouté; truffled lentils wreathed the paupiettes de veau; the Coulommiers cheese was sandwiched with truffles, the panna cotta studded with truffle bits.

The main course, however, was still to come — a trip to the Tuesday truffle market in the village of Lalbenque. And oh ... the smell. The aroma of hundreds of fresh, perfectly ripe truffles came at us in waves, a shocking wall of wild, pungent perfume, the Chanel No 5 of the earth.

That day at market, the going rate, whispered sotto voce, was an eye-watering £680 a kilo. My brain whirred, trying to weigh the price of the smallest basket against the risk of a homicidal husband, when the whistle sounded. It was 2pm sharp; the rope went down, buyers rushed forward and, 10 minutes later, the truffles (and untold sums in cash) had all vanished, leaving only a tantalising whiff in the air.

Indicate se le seguenti affermazioni riguardanti il testo *Southwest France's best truffles* sono vere (T) o false (F) tracciando il segno (✓) sulle caselle corrispondenti della tabella.

**Example:**

		T	F
0.	<i>The story is true.</i>	✓	

		T	F
1.	The banker was tried for murder.		
2.	Chouet is a woman.		
3.	1,000 tons of truffles have been produced since the 19 <sup>th</sup> century.		
4.	In France the truffles have always been eaten only by rich people.		
5.	Now there are not enough truffles for all consumers.		
6.	Truffles cannot be used in desserts.		
7.	Truffles are difficult to sell because they are so expensive.		

(7 punti)

## Esercizio 2: Abbinamento

Leggete attentamente il testo *Oprah Winfrey* e svolgete l'esercizio.

# Oprah Winfrey

Adapted from <[http://www.people.com/people/oprah\\_winfrey/biography/0,,20006996,00.html](http://www.people.com/people/oprah_winfrey/biography/0,,20006996,00.html)>

Leaving her grandmother's home in Mississippi, Winfrey splits her time between her mother, Vernita, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and her father, Vernon, in Nashville, Tenn. She is raped and abused by family friends. Winfrey moves to Nashville permanently in 1968, secretly pregnant at 14. Her father, a strict disciplinarian, helps her rebuild her life when her week-old baby dies.



**B** Winfrey starts dating Stedman Graham, then the executive director of Athletes Against Drugs, an organization that teaches children about the dangers of drugs. She tells PEOPLE, "He's kind, and he's supportive, and he's 6'6"!" In 1992, they get engaged.

**C** A month after Winfrey opens her own studio, Harpo Productions (her name spelled backwards), *The Oprah Winfrey Show* goes into national syndication and quickly becomes the highest-rated talk show in TV history. It goes on to attract 49 million viewers each week in the U.S. alone and is distributed to 122 other countries. In 2000, after winning more than 40 Emmys, Winfrey takes her show out of Emmy consideration.

**D** Winfrey heads to Amarillo, Texas, where a group of cattlemen sued her, alleging she defamed beef during a 1996 show on mad cow disease. While in the South, she tapes five shows a week at the Amarillo Little Theatre. The following month, the court rules in Winfrey's favor. She is sued again in April and wins her case again four years later.

**E** Winfrey launches *O, the Oprah Magazine*. After discord arises among the editing staff, Winfrey flies them all to her home in Miami. "The retreat was to sync ourselves up," Winfrey tells *The New York Times*. Six years later the magazine hits a circulation of 2.6 million.

**F** Told that a Hermès store in Paris is closed and then denied entry, Winfrey becomes angry when she sees other people inside. Her spokespeople terms it her "*Crash* moment," after the movie about racial tensions. She calls the CEO of Hermès' U.S. subsidiary to inform him that she will not be shopping there again, but calls off her boycott after he apologizes to her on the air.

**G** Winfrey testifies to the Senate in favor of the National Child Protection Act, which aims to create a national database of convicted child abusers. Two years later President Bill Clinton signs the "Oprah Bill."

**H** Oprah's South African all-girls academy is hit by allegations of abuse. Winfrey, herself a survivor of childhood abuse, flies to South Africa and hires counselors for the students. While publicly apologizing to families, she says, "I've disappointed you. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry." On Nov. 2, police in South Africa arrest the academy's former school matron on charges of physical and sexual abuse.

**I** Winfrey kicks off her TV book club with Jacquelyn Mitchard's *The Deep End of the Ocean*. Every book selection since has become a bestseller. In 2001, Jonathan Franzen becomes the only author to turn down Winfrey's invitation to be on her show. In 2003, she revamps her book club to feature mainly classic works.

**J** In the August issue of her magazine, Winfrey denies rumors that she's having a romantic relationship with best friend Gayle King. "I understand why people think we're gay," Winfrey writes in *O*. "There isn't a definition in our culture for this kind of bond between women."

Abbinare i seguenti titoli ai singoli paragrafi del testo *Oprah Winfrey* e scrivete nelle caselle le lettere corrispondenti a questi ultimi. Tenete presente che a un paragrafo non corrisponderà alcun titolo.

**Example:**

0.	<i>Editorial Success</i>	<i>E</i>
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8.	Battling Cowboys	
9.	Oprah's Experience of Racism	
10.	Irregularities at Oprah's Educational Institution	
11.	Hard Childhood	
12.	Steady Man	
13.	Just Friends	
14.	Political Involvement	
15.	Nationwide Phenomenon	

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### Esercizio 3: Scelta multipla

Leggete attentamente l'articolo *UN prepares for 'first contact' with alien life* e svolgete l'esercizio.

## UN prepares for 'first contact' with alien life

By Steve Connor, The Independent,

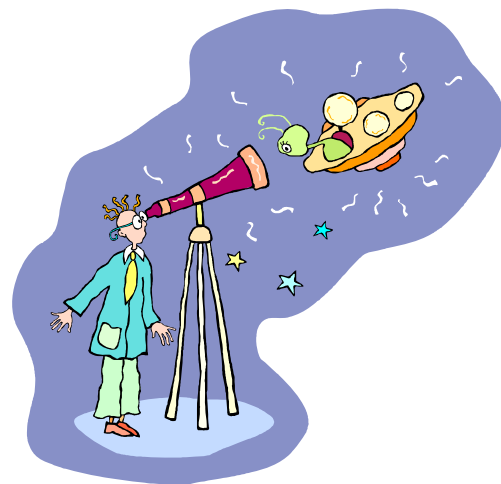
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/un-prepares-for-first-contact-with-alien-life-2090420.html>,  
September 27, 2010

*The vexed issue of who should speak to an alien from another planet that demands "Take me to your leader" might soon be resolved.*

The United Nations is about to appoint a little-known Malaysian astrophysicist to head its Office for Outer Space Affairs, which could soon be designated with the task of communicating with extraterrestrials. Mazlan Othman will tell delegates to a scientific conference next week at a country house outside London that she will head the UN office and be in charge of talking to any aliens who either arrive here from another world or, more likely, communicate with us.

Dr Othman recently told fellow scientists that the discovery of many Earth-like planets orbiting distant stars suggests that intelligent life may be more common in the Universe than many scientists had once supposed. "The continued search for extraterrestrial communication, by several entities, sustains the hope that some day, humankind will receive signals from extraterrestrials," Dr Othman said.

"When we do, we should have in place a co-ordinated response that takes into account all the sensitivities related to the subject. The UN is a ready-made mechanism for such co-ordination," she said.



Professor Richard Crowther, an expert on space law and governance at the UK Space Agency, and who leads Britain's delegation to the UN on the issue, said: "Othman is absolutely the nearest thing we have to a 'take me to your leader' person."

The UN has a history of being closely involved in the debate over how to handle the discovery of life on other planets. It has drawn up a protocol to decontaminate equipment that may be carrying alien microbes, and it has worked on the sort of greetings that humans should give to intelligent extraterrestrial life forms.



**Cerchiate le lettere che precedono le risposte corrette alle domande riguardanti il testo *UN prepares for 'first contact' with alien life*. Per ciascuna domanda è possibile scegliere soltanto una risposta.**

**Example:**

0. *What does 'UN' in the title of the text stand for?*

- a) *Utter Nonsense*
- b) *Universal Nations*
- c) *United Nations*
- d) *Unknown Non-human*

16. *Who is Mazlan Othman?*

- a) *A male Malaysian scientist.*
- b) *A female Malaysian scientist.*
- c) *A male United Nations secretary.*
- d) *A female United Nations secretary.*

17. *What will the astrophysicist's job include?*

- a) *Communicating with potential visitors from outer space.*
- b) *Living at a country house outside the city of London.*
- c) *Organizing scientific conferences for the United Nations.*
- d) *Bringing aliens to United Nations scientific conferences.*

18. *Why is Dr Othman optimistic about establishing contact with aliens?*

- a) *Because scientists know that life is common in the Universe.*
- b) *Because extraterrestrials are believed to be highly intelligent.*
- c) *Because humankind is receiving some alien signals every day.*
- d) *Because of Earth-like planets and the constant search for alien signals.*

19. *What requires 'a co-ordinated response'?*

- a) *Humankind's reaction to alien signals.*
- b) *Humankind's reaction to Dr Othman's words.*
- c) *Humankind's reaction to potential alien invasion.*
- d) *Humankind's reaction to UN ready-made mechanisms.*

20. *What does Prof Richard Crowther say about Dr Othman?*

- a) *Dr Othman is expected to greet the aliens.*
- b) *Dr Othman will be the enemy of alien visitors.*
- c) *Dr Othman is Prof Richard Crowther's leader.*
- d) *Dr Othman is a successful scientist.*

21. *How long has the UN been discussing the possibility of extraterrestrial life?*

- a) *Not long; it's a recent development.*
- b) *Since the day the organisation was created.*
- c) *A long time, but we don't know exactly how long.*
- d) *Since the formation of intelligent extraterrestrial life.*

22. *What is the function of the decontamination protocol?*

- a) *It carries extraterrestrial organisms.*
- b) *It fights microbes on cleaning equipment.*
- c) *It gives rules about fighting alien microbes.*
- d) *It states information about alien equipment.*

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**Esercizio 4: Completamento**

Leggete attentamente l'articolo *Born to Shop: What Americans do for Leisure and Pleasure* e svolgete l'esercizio.

## **BORN TO SHOP: WHAT AMERICANS DO FOR LEISURE AND PLEASURE**

Adapted from: Faul, Stephanie. 2008. *Xenophobe's Guide to the Americans*. Oval Books.

The American love affair with shopping is more than the natural by-product of a materialistic society. Shopping isn't \_\_\_0\_\_\_, it's recreation. It's a pleasure, an amusement, \_\_\_23\_\_\_.

Friends will make a date to go shopping together and happily return home empty-handed.

The most popular tourist attraction in the state of Virginia is not Mount Vernon, home of President George Washington, nor Monticello, \_\_\_24\_\_\_, nor even Williamsburg, the colonial capital-cum-theme park originally restored by the Rockefellers. It's Potomac Mills, a 152-acre shopping centre.

American shopping malls (and supermarkets) are places of \_\_\_25\_\_\_, vast labyrinths of shops and restaurants. Surrounded by many acres of car parks, laden with costly merchandise from all over the world, America's malls beckon with glitter and lights. In suburban communities (now called '\_\_\_26\_\_\_'), it's common for schools to hold dances and parties in shopping malls. They're clean and safe and patrolled by private security guards who show far greater latitude than \_\_\_27\_\_\_.

The ultimate in shopping convenience, of course, is the Internet, now rapidly replacing mail-order. At one time Sears Roebuck even sold houses by mail-order, and many of these homes are sturdy and habitable 90 years on. Today hundreds of \_\_\_28\_\_\_ still offer every imaginable item (and some unimaginable ones) through the mail. But the interactive Internet is faster and more fun to use. Many Americans go online for everything – making investments, learning to drive, finding love, procuring a sonic roach repellent. This same strategy applies to finding a variety of other desires, including mates. There are dozens of \_\_\_29\_\_\_ for all kinds of groups, including divorced singles, Jewish singles, gay singles, dog-owning singles. It is no longer considered unusual to admit that you met your spouse online. Indeed, \_\_\_30\_\_\_ has an advantage since personality becomes more important than looks.

Scrivete le lettere (A–J) corrispondenti alle espressioni che completano l'articolo *Born to Shop: What Americans do for Leisure* sulle righe numerate (23–30) che trovate qui sotto. Un'espressione è di troppo.

**Example:**

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| 23. _____ | A consumerism                        |
| 24. _____ | B publicly funded police             |
| 25. _____ | C a reliable shopping mall           |
| 26. _____ | D <del>a chore</del>                 |
| 27. _____ | E a way to spend time                |
| 28. _____ | F dating sites                       |
| 29. _____ | G mating online                      |
| 30. _____ | H home of President Thomas Jefferson |
|           | I coloured catalogues                |
|           | J edge cities                        |

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