

Reading Comprehension Test

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Directions: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in **COMPLETE SENTENCES**.

It was my birthday last Thursday, and I decided to celebrate it by writing a few friends out to supper. I chose a restaurant in a quiet part of town. It is one of my favorite restaurants because the food is good and the waiters are friendly. It is hardly ever crowded, however, because few people know about it, it is not usually necessary to book a table. In any case, Thursday is not a busy evening in a city.

When we entered the restaurant, I was surprised to find it completely full. I looked around, but not a single table was free. One of the waiters recognized me. He came across and explained the situation. "A party of tourists consists about half an hour ago," he said. "It was the only vacant table, the place was full for me today tonight!"

The waiter then pointed to a table in the corner. "The people there are about to leave," he said. "Just hold on and you'll find a place there." He was right. Within minutes later, the people at the corner table paid their bill, got up, and left. I had my friends across, and we all sat down.

Unluckily, our table was almost out of sight. We tried to attract the attention of the waiter who had let them out to, like all the other tables, was busy with the party of tourists. They ordered enormous quantities of food. At last, nearly an hour later, the tourists