

# The Old Colonel

## READING COMPREHENSION



I think I **have had** a very interesting life. I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired when I was 69. I **have been** to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I **ve been** to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I **have also been** once to Russia but I didn't like it at all: much too cold for me!

They say that love is the greatest thing and I agree. I **ve been married** four times but never for more than five years. I don't think women really understand me!

I **ve never been** on television, but I **ve been** on the radio once. It was a programme about life in the military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually, I **ve met** a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and also famous cinema and television personalities. I **ve never met** the American President though which is a pity.

Because I **ve travelled** a lot, I **ve seen** a lot of wonderful things and **have also eaten** and drunk some strange foods and drinks. I ate cats and rats in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.



Choose the best answer:

1. The colonel is...years old.

- a) seventy-one                      b)seventy -three                      c) seventy-five

2. He worked in the army for ...

- a) fifty-one years                      b) fifty - six years                      c) sixty-one years

3. He has been to Australia

- a) many times                      b) five times                      c) more than five times

4. He has been to Russia

- a) one time                      b) once                      c) once time

5. He didn't like Russia because...

- a)it's big.                      b)it's not cold                      c) it's cold

6. He has had ..... wives.

- a) four                      b) five                      c) six

7. He has been on television...

- a) many times                      b)once                      c)never

8. He has been on radio programme about

- A) his wives                      b)his work                      c) his television

9. He has met the Prime Minister many times.

- a)Yes.                      b) No.                      c)I don't know.

10. He has met the American President many times.

- a)Yes.                      b)No.                      c) I don't know.

11. He has never eaten cats and rats.

- a)Yes.                      b)No.                      c) I don't know.