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**English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension**  
**Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite**  
**Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura**

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Text A

## Super Biker: Daughter Carries Father Across India on Bike

- 1** When Jyoti was 15 years old, her father had a traffic accident. Because he couldn't walk, he was unable to work. As a result, he and his daughter could no longer pay their rent in New Delhi. Jyoti also realized that she and her father would not even have enough money for food if they stayed. The two needed to get home to their village, but trains can be expensive.
- 2** So Jyoti bought a bicycle for \$20 and began the 745 mile (1,200 kilometer) trip back to their home village. It took Jyoti 10 days to bike that distance with her injured father on the back of the bicycle. It was not easy because her father is big and carried a bag.
- 3** Some days they had little food. They slept at gas stations. The pair were lucky enough to have strangers give them food and water. Except for one short ride on a truck, Jyoti pedaled the whole way.
- 4** She continued in spite of being exhausted from the effort. "It was a difficult journey because of the heat, but we had no choice," Jyoti says. "I had only one aim and that was to reach our home in Darbhanga."
- 5** After the news spread about Jyoti's amazing cycling efforts, India's most important biking group, the Cycling Federation of India, offered to pay for Jyoti to go back to New Delhi to try out for the national team. In January, the Indian government gave her the National Children's Award (a medal and \$1,300) for her courage. The government also made her the ambassador for its social welfare project.

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**Text B**

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Text C

## Emma's story

5 **Emma has come to the UK to work for Erasmus+ Volunteering Projects. This organization, sometimes called EVS (European Voluntary Service), allows young people aged 17–30 to take part in unpaid and full-time volunteering activities for up to 12 months in another country. This is Emma's story.**

10 “My name is Emma and I am a full-time volunteer in Norfolk (UK). I support young people with learning disabilities in their day to day lives, whether it's going shopping, going to work or going to art classes. It is amazing to see them become more independent and more self-confident from week to week. And while they are making progress, I am also developing new abilities.

15 In my last year of school, I already knew I wanted to go somewhere new and do something different. However, I knew that travelling wouldn't give me all I wanted during my year abroad. I therefore decided to take part in EVS, because I get to live in another country and experience new places and I can take time to decide if social work is something I'd like to do as a job later in life.

I have been a volunteer for 9 months now and I have learnt a lot in this role, not only from other volunteers and friends here but also from the people I help.

25 I support a young woman who is volunteering in the local library. In the beginning she seemed shy. She had been to the library before but it was a new situation with lots of new people and new challenges for her. In the 8 months we have worked together she has improved so much. She has learnt the library's system and is able to find books quickly. She is confident in talking to people and happy to have a range of tasks. She has also taught me that everyone has their own pace. I used to be an impatient person! I now know that everyone will do and finish their tasks at a pace that is best for them.”



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