

## 6 Read the text and do the tasks.

## Leonardo da Vinci

When they hear the name Leonardo da Vinci, most people think of his famous painting, *Mona Lisa*. This picture is in an art gallery in Paris, and it is visited by millions of tourists every year. But Leonardo wasn't just a painter. He was also a talented inventor\*, engineer, architect and sculptor. He was full of new and exciting ideas. Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452 at his father's country home near the town of Vinci in Italy. He spent his childhood surrounded by the wonders of nature, perhaps watching animals and insects that were all around him.

Leonardo was hungry for knowledge. He studied the world around him and drew the things he saw. He read everything he could find, listened to other people's ideas, and made notes of the things he learned. Some of his notebooks were as large as wall posters, and others were small enough to carry in his pocket. Many have been lost, but some of them were published in the 1800s and can be seen today.

Although he was full of new ideas, Leonardo didn't build many of his inventions\*\*. One of his notebooks includes a drawing of a person with a parachute\*\*\*. Only 300 years later, in 1783, a Frenchman became the first person who made and used a parachute.

Leonardo did lots of drawings of arms and legs and other parts of the body and he designed a mechanical man — a robot! This robot could sit up, wave its arms, move its head and open and close its mouth.

Leonardo da Vinci died in 1519. He was truly a man ahead of his time.

\* inventor — изобретатель

\*\* invention — изобретение

\*\*\* parachute — парашют

- What kind of text have you just read?
  - a fairy tale
  - ☒ a biography
  - an adventure story
  - science fiction
- Which of these would be the best as a different title?
  - Leonardo da Vinci — a famous painter.
  - Leonardo da Vinci — a man who invented a parachute.
  - Leonardo da Vinci — a man who studied the world around him.

d) Leonardo da Vinci — a man ahead of his time.

- Choose the sentence which is not true.
  - Leonardo da Vinci is a world famous painter.
  - Leonardo da Vinci wanted to learn as much as he could about the world around him.
  - Leonardo da Vinci made notes of the things he learnt.
  - Leonardo da Vinci was the first man who made a parachute jump.
  - Leonardo da Vinci designed a robot.
- The article says that Leonardo da Vinci was hungry for knowledge. Find in the text and underline the sentences which prove it.
- What do the words "a man ahead of his time" mean?
  - человек, идущий в ногу со временем
  - человек своего времени
  - человек, опередивший свое время
  - умнейший человек своего времени

## 7 Write a postcard to your pen friend from the English-speaking country and send greetings to him / her on a holiday (New Year, Christmas, birthday, etc.).



## 8 Listen to two teenagers talking about their jobs. Fill in the table.

	Wendy	David
Where does she / he work?	6 days a week	3 days a week
How much is she / he paid?	5 pounds per hour	3 pounds per hour
What do they spend their money on?	clothes, food, etc.	clothes, food, etc.

- Tell your friend about a self-made person whom you know / have read about / have seen a film about.
  - Read the problems below and decide what advice you would give to each person. Act out the imaginary conversation with your partner.

Marie: "I'm worried about my best friend. She doesn't eat breakfast or lunch any more and she is getting very thin. When I talk to her about this she says she is fat! What should I do to help her?"

Steve: "All my friends have forgotten about me. They make fun of me because I've got a Summer job. What should I do?"