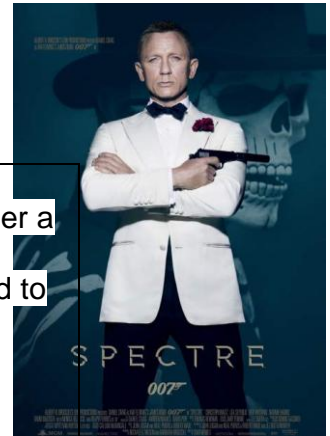


Nombre: _____

1. Read and answer.

James Bond talks.... An imaginary selfie



"My name is Bond. James Bond.

But you knew that already, didn't you. Everyone knows that, which is rather a pity in many ways. After all, I'm meant to be a secret agent, no-one's really supposed to know who I am. I should just be James to my friends, and Bond to the rest. My bosses in London call me 007.

Still I don't suppose it really matters if everyone knows who I am; I'm just proud to be the best, the most exciting and the most seductive agent in Her Majesty's Secret Service.

Actually, I'll let you a secret. It's not surprising I'm such a good agent — I've got so much experience; you know, I've been in the job since 1952. Not bad, eh!

In those days, the world was a dangerous place; there were Communists — we called them Reds - all over the place, trying to steal nuclear bombs and machines that would control the world! I made sure they never managed. I had some really frightening moments at times, of course, but I came through it all without a scratch. Of course my government is proud of me!

1) Why isn't anybody supposed to know who James Bond is?

2) How long has he been in his job?

3) James is really proud of himself.

TRUE FALSE

4) Why was the world dangerous when Bond started?

5) Reds were Communists. TRUE FALSE

2. Go on reading and complete the blanks with ONE word only

"When I look back on my younger days, I sometimes feel _____ I'm very lucky to be still alive. Actually, as I think _____ it, I realise how incredibly lucky I've been.

Officially, you know, I'm "licenced to kill". Frankly, I think the job description _____ to say that anyone has the licence to kill _____.

I've quite lost count of the number of _____ I've been close to death. I know, anyway, that I can die from one day _____ the next. Any job has its risks, I suppose — and I certainly don't want to die doing a boring job in an office, _____ some of my superiors. Men from the Ministry! Huh!

Perhaps you'd like to know _____ to become a secret agent like me? Well, honestly, if you really want to be a secret agent you should have the right background and, of course, the right character. But _____ of the two is enough on its own. To succeed, you actually need _____. Let me tell you about myself."

3. Complete the blanks with a suitable linking word

"My father was a Scotsman who loved adventure. _____, his life wasn't too long and unfortunately he died in a climbing accident _____. I was 11. That was a tragic moment for me and _____ of this, I made up my mind to lead the sort of life that would make my father proud. Of _____, I got a good start, and that really helped. _____ my mother didn't have much money, my uncle decided to help her and _____. I was 13, they sent me to school at Eton, England's most prestigious public school. That's the place _____ Prince William and David Cameron both went to school. Half the boys in the school went on to become important people — MP's, diplomats, top government officials and businessmen and so on, _____ I got a lot of useful contacts.

My school _____ helped me move easily in high society; you know, wearing a bow tie and a dinner jacket comes quite naturally to me, _____ that was more or less our school uniform!"

4. Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. If there's a +, use a modal

James Bond is the most productive agent working for the British Secret Service. He _____ (be) in the job for over thirty years, as he first joined in 1952. He says that the world _____ (be) a dangerous place in those days.

For most of his career, he tried _____ (stop) Reds from stealing nuclear bombs and machines that _____ (+ control) the world. He often got hurt, but he has come out alive in spite of all his adventures. He _____ (believe) that he may have a charming life, because his ancestors were Scottish and he says that if he dies, he _____ (not want) to die working in an office.

During his life as a secret agent, the Enemy _____ (keep) sending beautiful girls to seduce him. But Bond was too clever. He used _____ (say) "You _____ (+ tell) an enemy agent a mile off! She's the most beautiful girl of all." On one occasion, he _____ (stay) in Paris with a beautiful Russian spy when she tried to kill him. Of course, she failed!

5. Complete the conversation between James Bond and a reporter.

Interviewer: _____ ?
Bond: I started working for the Secret Service more than fifty years ago.
Interviewer: _____ ?
Bond: I suppose the real reason was that I wanted an exciting life.
Interviewer: _____ ?
Bond: Yes, a lot of money. In fact, I'm quite rich today.
Interviewer: _____ ?
Bond: Yes, I have. I've been all over the world.
Interviewer: _____ ?
Bond: Stop working?!?! Never! I don't want to have a quiet life.

6. Composition. Write about 60 – 80 words on one of the following

- Write an adventure story about spies
OR
- My life with the most famous hero in the world