READ AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

Sarah Miller is in New York. She is writing a letter to her best friend.

Dear Sophia,

How are you? How is London? I am having a very good time in New York. It's Sunday and it's sunny and warm. Now it's ten in the morning and we are in Central Park. I am sitting under a tree, I am listening to my radio... and I am writing to you, of course.

My Canadian cousin Rosemary is here with us, she is reading a comic. She's very pretty. She's tall and slim and she has got long wavy brown hair.

Her parents are in Toronto. My father is reading The New York Times, an American newspaper. My mother is playing with my little brother Jimmy on the grass and they are eating popcorn.

There are many people in the park. Some men are jogging, two girls are walking their dogs, and an old man is skating! And he can do that quiet well.

We often come to this fantastic park, in this wonderful city because we are relaxing here. But sometimes we visit other interesting places: museums, shops, galleries, etc...

New York is great! There are many fantastic skyscrapers, great shops and there are people everywhere!

Love, Sarah

Now answer the following questions:

- 1. What is Sarah's surname?
- 2. Where is Sarah?
- 3. What is she doing?
- 4. Who is Sarah writing to?
- 5. What is Sarah's father doing?
- 6. Is Sarah's brother eating a hamburger?
- 7. How many girls are walking their dogs in the park?
- 8. What is her cousin doing?
- 9. Does Sarah like New York? Why?

HELPING AT HOSPITAL

Every year many young people finish school and then take a year off before they start work or go to college. Some of them go to other countries and work as volunteers. Volunteers give their time to help people. For example, they work in schools or hospitals, or they help with conservation.

Mike Coleman is 19 and lives in Omaha, Nebraska, in the United States. He wants to become a teacher, but now he's living in Namibia. He's working in a hospital near Katima Mulilo. He says, " I'm working with the doctors and nurses here to help sick people. I'm not a doctor but I can do a lot of things to help. For example, I help carry people who can't walk. Sometimes I go to villages in the mobile hospital, too. There aren't many doctors here so they need help from people like me. I don't get any money, but that's OK, I'm not here for the money."

" I'm staying here for two months, and I'm living in a small house with five other volunteers. The work is hard and the days are long, but I'm enjoying my life here. I'm learning a lot about life in southern Africa, and about myself! When I finish the two months' work, I want to travel in and around Namibia for three weeks. For example, I want to see the animals in the Okavango Delta in Botswana."

Mark the statements as true (T) or false (F):

- 1. Mark usually lives in Nebraska.
- 2. Mike is studying to become a doctor.
- 3. Mike is unhappy because he doesn't get any money
- 4. Mike is living in a house with five other people.
- 5. Mike wants to go home when he finishes his work.