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*You have found an inspiring article on the Internet. Read the article.***Text 1 Web article**

Anyone can be a hero!

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- ① Roisin Smith does not look like our traditional idea of a hero. She's not a super sports star, an influential politician or a
- 5 formidable philanthropist running a huge charity organization. She doesn't wear a cape or leap into burning buildings to save babies. And yet, in the eyes of another little girl called Lucy, Roisin is the biggest hero in the world. And that is all that matters.
- ② In 2015, at the tender age of nine, Lucy O'Connor was
- 10 diagnosed with cancer. Due to the chemotherapy treatment she was required to go through, most of her hair fell off, leaving her almost completely bald. Chemotherapy is difficult enough for a child without the added shock and embarrassment of having to look in the mirror and not recognize the person staring back at
- 15 you.
- ③ One day, four-year-old Roisin saw a picture of Lucy, who was the daughter of her father's coworker. Though she had never met the other little girl, Roisin wanted to help cheer Lucy up. Roisin decided to cut off some of her own hair to make a wig for Lucy,
- 20 in the hope that this would at least help Lucy feel more normal as she battled her terrible disease. A simple haircut may sound like a small insignificant gesture, but to a nine-year-old who already has the weight of the world on her shoulders, it was something that made a significant difference. Wigs allow cancer patients to walk

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25 confidently down the street without suffering the shocked or
pitying stares of passers-by.

④ After talking to her parents about it, Roisin cut off 23 cm of her
hair, which was then donated to a charity called Little Princess
Trust, which provides free wigs to children suffering from cancer.

30 Roisin's small but kind act was soon noticed on social media and
the news with many people praising the little girl for her kind heart.
Roisin used the attention she received to raise money for another
charity called BUMBLEance, which is a children's ambulance
35 service that provides state-of-the-art medical equipment in an
entertaining and fun atmosphere that makes children feel safer
and more cheerful during a stressful time. Roisin's choice of
charities makes it clear that she understands that while we may
not be able to cure cancer today or completely prevent children
40 from catching various diseases or being involved in accidents, we
can at least improve the lives of child patients.

⑤ Roisin is an inspirational figure and an example to us all. A
simple act of kindness makes you a hero! You don't need to save
the world in one massive jump. Small steps can get us just as far
over time. If we all decide to be charitable like Roisin, the world
45 will be a much better and kinder place.

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Comprehension 1 *Your teacher wants to know if you understand the article. Answer his questions using information from the web article. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 According to paragraph 1, what are three jobs that are considered 'heroic'?

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

2 Which of the following best matches the meaning of 'formidable' (line 5)?

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| A enormous | | | | |
| B very strong | | | | |
| C powerful and respected | | | | |
| D wonderful and unusual | | | | |

A	B	C	D
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3 What does 'that' refer to in line 8?

4 What was the side effect Lucy's cancer treatment?

5 Why might a child going through chemotherapy 'look in the mirror and not recognize the person staring back' at him/her?

6 According paragraphs 2–3, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Roisin is younger than Lucy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Lucy felt upset and angry when she first saw herself without hair.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Roisin's father works at the same company as Lucy's mother.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) Roisin only met Lucy once before she decided to help her.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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7 i) What was Roisin's 'small insignificant gesture' (line 22)?

ii) What was the purpose of the gesture?



8 Why does the article say Lucy had 'the weight of the world on her shoulders' (line 23)?

9 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

When cancer patients _____ down the street, they do not want people to _____ at them with _____ or _____ expressions.

10 What do the following charities do?

Little Princess Trust:

BUMBLEance:

11 Why do you think Roisin chose BUMBLEance as a charity to support? Explain with your own words.

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12 What is the purpose of paragraph 4?

13 According to the article, what are the two ways people heard about Roisin's actions?

- i) _____
- ii) _____

14 Why is Roisin 'an example to us all' (line 42)?

15 Find a word in paragraph 5 that means the opposite of 'cruel'.



16 What do you think is the main message of the article? Explain your answer.
