Logic puzzles reading comprehension and speaking

Look at just one box of the table, folding or covering so you can't see the next box. Discuss what the answer to the puzzle could be, then look at just one box below. Discuss if you have more ideas or have changed your mind, then do the same box by box until you reach the last clue. When your teacher tells you to, look at the answer on the next page, then do the same for the next logic puzzle.

Logic puzzle 1

A man is wearing black. Black shoes, socks, trousers, coat, gloves and ski mask. He is walking down a back street with all the street lamps off. A black car is coming towards him with its lights off but somehow manages to stop in time. How did the driver see the man?
Clue one: He wasn't carrying a torch
Clue two: The driver wasn't using any special technology
Clue three: There was nothing special about the car
Clue four: There was nothing special about the man or his clothes
Clue five: There was nothing special about the street
Clue six: The man didn't have any trouble seeing the man
Clue seven: The man wasn't surprised that the driver had seen him
Clue eight: The man could see the man because of light, but not because of artificial light
Clue nine: There wasn't any moonlight
Clue ten: There wasn't any starlight

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Answer to logic puzzle 1
It was day time (not night).

Logic puzzle 2

A man went to a party and drank some of the punch. He then left early. Everyone else at the party who drank the punch subsequently died of poisoning. Why did the man not die?
Clue 1: The man hadn't poisoned the other people
Clue 2: The man didn't know there was poison in the punch
Clue 3: The man hadn't drunk less punch that the other people
Clue 4: There was nothing special about the man's body
Clue 5: The poison was in the punch before the man drunk it
Clue 6: The poison didn't go into the man's body
Clue 7: There was something different about the punch when the man drank it
Clue 8: Nobody changed anything about the punch after the man drank it
Clue 9: The change in the punch was connected to its temperature
Clue 10: The poison was in the punch all the time but could only be drunk as the temperature increased

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Answer to logic puzzle 2
The poison in the punch came from the ice cubes. When the man drank the punch, the ice was fully frozen. Gradually it melted, poisoning the punch.

Logic puzzle 3

A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be so?
Clue 1: The boys had the same father as each other
Clue 2: They had the same mother
Clue 3: They were conceived at the same time
Clue 4: They were conceived naturally
Clue 5: There was nothing physically strange about the boys, although they were slightly unusual

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Answer to logic puzzle 3
They were two of a set of triplets.

Logic puzzle 4

This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out.
If you translated the text into another language it would no longer be strange
There are no grammar mistakes in the paragraph
There are no punctuation mistakes in the paragraph
A native speaker would also find it difficult to spot what is unusual about the paragraph
There are no spelling mistakes in the paragraph
However, the strange thing about the text is connected to spelling
The words in the text are completely normal…
…but the letters in the text are a little unusual.

----------fold, cover or cut----------

Answer to logic puzzle 4
There are no letter E's in the text. E is usually the most common letter in English.

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