

Written Assignment

Reading

- 1 Read the article from a travel magazine and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

My holiday disaster

Although I work in the centre of London now, I like going to the mountains when I can. Last winter I decided to spend a week in Scotland. I wanted to go skiing and walking in the mountains. I looked on the internet and booked a cottage (a small house) for a week. One Friday night last November, I packed my bags, went to Heathrow airport, and waited to get on a plane to Inverness.

Then the problems started. The plane didn't leave that night. There was a lot of snow in Scotland and they closed Inverness airport. So I spent the night in Heathrow. I drank a lot of tea and read a lot of newspapers. I tried to sleep but I wasn't comfortable. Next morning, Inverness airport opened again, and we arrived in Scotland. But my bags weren't there.

I hired a car and drove to the cottage. It was a twenty-minute drive from the airport. When I arrived, there was a family with two little children in the cottage! They booked on the internet, too – for the same week. The family was very kind. They said I could sleep in the lounge, and they cooked dinner for me.

Next day, I got my bags from the airport and decided to go skiing. But the mountain road was closed because of the snow. I didn't ski and I didn't go walking in the mountains. I spent the week in the cottage waiting to go home – it wasn't my favourite holiday!

- 2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where does the writer work?

- 2 How did the writer book the cottage?

- 3 What did the writer drink at the airport?

- 4 What didn't arrive at Inverness airport?

- 5 How did the writer travel to the cottage?

3. Decide if the statements are TRUE (T) ,FALSE (F) OR DOESN'T SAY (not in the text).

- 1 The writer decided to spend three weeks in Scotland.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 2 He wanted to go skiing in the mountains.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 3 He went to Heathrow airport on Friday night.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 The weather in Scotland was good.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 The writer spent the night in an airport hotel.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 6 The next day he arrived at Inverness airport before midday.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 7 There was a family staying at the cottage.
 A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

Grammar.

4. Complete the text with the time sequencers.

although (x2) because (x3) but (x2) next day one evening
 so (x3) suddenly two minutes later when

Don't always listen to the sat nav...

Oscar Peters never wanted a sat nav ¹because he didn't like technology. And ²his brother gave him one as a birthday present, it directed him into a difficult situation.

'My brother Jez loves gadgets and technology. Last year he gave me a sat nav for my birthday. ³he knew I didn't really want one. Jez uses his sat nav all the time ⁴he likes listening to instructions. ⁵I prefer using a map.

⁶a friend of a friend phoned. She needed my help. ⁷I agreed to drive to her house. ⁸I had a map in the car, I decided to use the sat nav to find her village. It was dark, and I wanted to get there as quickly as possible.

Everything was going fine. I was nearly there, but then ⁹I saw there was a small river on the left. I could see that there was a road which went through the water



to the other side of the river. The sat nav said 'Turn left!'

¹⁰I followed the instruction and turned left into the water. The sat nav said 'Go straight on!', but ¹¹my car was completely stuck in the mud.

I had my mobile with me. ¹²I phoned my friend and she came to the river to help. I felt terrible ¹³she got very cold and wet in the water.

¹⁴a tractor pulled my car out of the river. ¹⁵It was completely ruined by the water. I can't believe I made such a stupid - and expensive - mistake!

5. Complete the text with Past simple or Past Continuous.

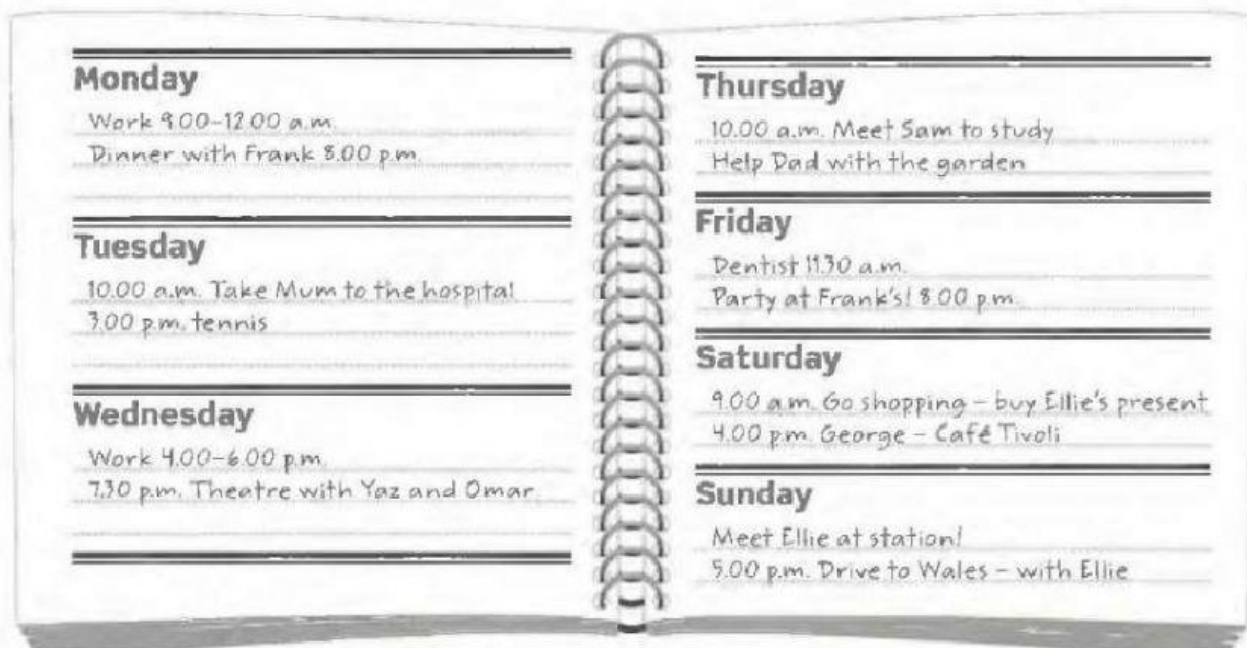


One wet afternoon in September, Danny Spencer
1 _____ (sit) in his room. He 2 _____
(study) for a test. His parents 3 _____ (be)
at work and his sister Alice, 4 _____ (be)
at school. He 5 _____ (be) hungry but it
6 _____ (rain) heavily, so he 7 _____
(not want) to go to the shops. He 8 _____
(decide) to cook some chips.
He 9 _____ (put) some oil in a saucepan
on the cooker and 10 _____ (light) the gas.
Then the telephone 11 _____ (ring), so Danny
12 _____ (go) to answer it.
While he 13 _____ (talk) on the phone, the oil
suddenly 14 _____ (catch) fire. When Danny
15 _____ (smell) the smoke, he 16 _____
(run) back to the kitchen. But as he 17 _____
(go) into the kitchen, he 18 _____ (trip) on the
leg of a chair and 19 _____ (hit) his head on a
cupboard ...

**What do you think happened next?
Read the end of the story.**

Luckily, a few moments later, Alice _____ (arrive) home. When she
_____ (come in), Danny _____ (lie) on the floor unconscious.
Alice quickly _____ (take off) her wet coat and _____ (throw)
it over the saucepan. Then she _____ (turn off) the gas.
Later Danny said: "I was lucky that Alice _____ (come) home."
"Oh, it was nothing," she said. "Anyway, I _____ (not like) that old coat
very much." When she came home the next day, Alice _____ (wear) a
nice new coat.

6. Look at his diary and answer the questions. Future Arrangements. (Present continuous)



- 1 / meet Sam on Monday?
'Is he meeting Sam on Monday?' 'No, he isn't.'
- 2 When / go to the station?
'When is he going to the station?' 'He's going to the station on Sunday.'
- 3 Who / take to the hospital on Tuesday?

- 4 When / work?

- 5 / have dinner with Frank on Monday?

- 6 What / do on Sunday morning?

- 7 What / do on Friday night?

- 8 When / go to the dentist?

- 9 What / do on Saturday morning?

- 10 When / play tennis?

- 11 Who / see Saturday afternoon?

- 12 When / help his Dad?

- 13 / go to the theatre on Wednesday?

- 14 / meet George at the museum?

- 15 What / do on Sunday afternoon?

7. Complete the dialogue with going to.

do have get (x2) go miss not do work

- 1 A We *'re going to miss* the plane!
B No, we're not... Wait a minute.
A What are you doing?
B I ² _____ a trolley. I can't carry all these bags.
- 2 A ³ _____ you _____ your homework
this evening?
B No, I'm not. I'm really tired. In fact, I ⁴ _____ anything – just sleep!
- 3 A So, do you like it here in Oxford?
B Yes, we love it! But we're only here for a short time. We're going to visit lots of different places.
A Where ⁵ _____ you _____ next?
B Liverpool. We ⁶ _____ the train there.
- 4 A How's your daughter?
B She's fine, thanks.
A Does she have any plans for the summer?
B Yes. She ⁷ _____ in a bookshop for six weeks.
A ⁸ _____ she _____ a holiday?
B No, I don't think she is.

