

PET TEST

Bees, bees, bees

Most people enjoy seeing bees in gardens and parks, but it can be scary when they're flying together in large numbers, and it can be even more frightening if they come a bit too close!

A few years ago, Lisa Turnbull was in her home in York. She had made a cake, which she had left on the kitchen table. _____ But, as she opened the window to help the cake cool more quickly, she unfortunately didn't notice the large number of bees flying around in her back garden. Lisa left the cake in the kitchen and went upstairs. A few minutes later, she heard a loud noise coming from her kitchen, so she went back downstairs. _____ They had left their old home and were looking for a new one. It seems that the queen bee, which controls all the others, had fancied a bit of cake and landed on it. She was followed by 15,000 others!

Lisa calmly closed the kitchen door and called a local beekeeper, who removed the bees from her cake. _____ Last summer, Jane Norton from Manchester had a similar experience. She was driving home from work when she noticed thousands of insects following her car. _____ She stopped the car, hoping that they would continue and leave her in peace. However, they landed on it and stayed there. Feeling rather nervous, Jane used her phone to look online and find the phone number of a local beekeeper. _____ It turned out that the queen bee had flown into the boot of the car while Jane was putting shopping into it. When she closed the boot, the queen was stuck inside, so when she drove off, the rest of the bees followed. Jane stayed in her car until the beekeeper had safely removed all the bees – which took over three hours! That's a good excuse for being late home!

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

- A. She realised after a while that they were bees flying after her.
- B. There were still a few bees in the room, but the cake had disappeared!
- C. She opened the door and saw a huge number of bees.
- D. The beekeeper told her that he couldn't remove such a large swarm.
- E. She was very much looking forward to having a slice.
- F. He arrived just half an hour later.
- G. Although it wasn't damaged, Lisa didn't feel very hungry any more!
- H. The bees seemed to be attracted by the cake and followed her.



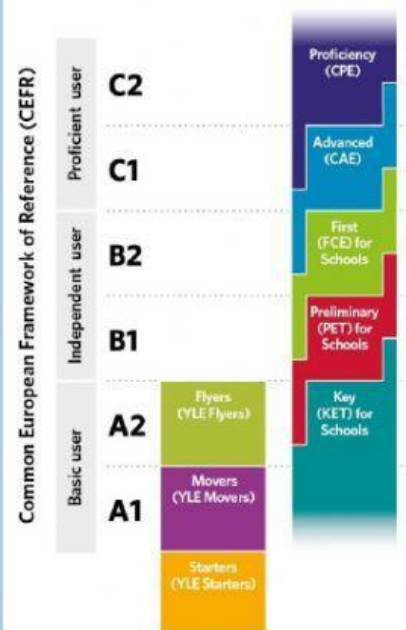
For each question, write one word for each gap.

Central College student fashion show - review

As you may know, we had a fantastic fashion show here at the college last week. The aim was to display the work that the fashion students _____ recently been involved in all year at the college, and show parents and friends the results. And it was clear to us that _____ were impressed by it.

The models that _____ part in the show were actually the students themselves, wearing their own clothes designs. _____ were some amazingly creative clothes on show, such as a dress made of 'recycled materials, and a coat that included every colour you could possibly think of! And the scenery, created _____ the students in the Art Department, was really spectacular too.

Mrs Jackson , Head of Design, said: 'There's absolutely _____ doubt in my mind that all these students are extremely talented - and I'm sure we'll hear more about them in the future . I wish them every success in their careers.



The price of a perfect holiday?

Cruises are becoming more and more popular, with around 20 million passengers per year now enjoying holidays on board luxury ships. Many people see a cruise as the perfect way to sit back and do nothing, and enjoy time off work. Everything you could possibly need is within easy reach. On board, there are shops, theatres, cinemas, swimming pools and leisure centres.

There are more facilities, in fact, than most towns offer their residents. It's therefore easy to see why they are so popular. But what is the effect on the environment of this trend?

Although it usually takes less energy for a vehicle to move through water than over land, cruise ships are often huge, with the biggest ones carrying up to 6,000 passengers. Moving such large vehicles requires enormous engines, which burn as much as 300,000 litres of fuel a day. One scientist has calculated that cruise ships create as much pollution as 5 million cars going over the same distance. Because they are out at sea, they also burn dirtier fuel that isn't allowed on land. Unfortunately, no government has control over the amount of air pollution out at sea.

Cruises also produce huge amounts of rubbish, and cruise ships aren't usually good at recycling. Waste water from showers and toilets is usually poured directly into the sea – as much per day as from a small town. Waste food from restaurants isn't put into the sea, but still causes problems when brought back to the land.

Cruise ships also cause difficulties in the cities where they stop. Popular destinations can get five or six ships per day, with thousands of tourists at a time. Good for restaurants? No. Restaurant owners complain that the visitors look around for a few hours and then return to their ship to eat. What's more, the crowds can put off other tourists, who complain that the streets are too busy. Some towns have banned cruise ships or put a limit on the number that can stop at the same time. People who care about the environment worry that as the cruise industry continues to grow.

1 What is the writer trying to do in paragraph 1?

- A persuade people to go on cruise ships
- B explain why cruise ships have become so popular
- C compare cruise ships with a typical holiday resort
- D describe how the services cruise ships offer have changed

2 One reason cruise ships cause a lot of air pollution is because

- A they carry large numbers of cars as well as passengers.
- B their engines are not as efficient as those of other ships.
- C it takes more energy to move through water than over land.
- D they use types of fuel that are not permitted on land.

3 What do we learn about the waste products on cruise ships?

- A All the waste products are carried back to shore.
- B Waste food is often thrown away at sea.
- C Most cruise ships recycle their waste products.
- D An enormous amount of the waste water isn't recycled.

4 How do some people feel about the cruise ship passengers who visit their cities?

- A surprised that they are rude to other tourists
- B annoyed that they don't spend money on meals
- C happy that they fill up all the restaurants
- D pleased to see so many visitors to the city

5 Which best describes large cruise ships?

They seem to offer ideal relaxing holidays, but they aren't environmentally friendly.

They are becoming very popular and they bring a lot of benefits, in spite of their problems.

They used to cause a lot of pollution, but things are improving now.

They cause pollution in the sea and on land, so cities are planning to ban them in the future.

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When in Rome, ...

This time last year my dad and I were getting onto a plane to take us from our home in Canada to Italy. My teacher had often _____ us stories about her life when she lived in Rome, and I couldn't wait to experience all that myself. I'd taken Italian lessons, but it was difficult to _____ notices and things into English because they used so many words I didn't know. I spent ages preparing questions, but whenever they gave the answers or _____ their ideas, it just came out so fast!

Fortunately, the hotel staff could _____ both Italian and English, and they helped us a lot. In fact, I found it easier to _____ to them than other people in Italy. One day, my dad hired a car and we were driving around. We stopped at the red light, but all the cars behind started beeping at us.

My dad was getting really upset. Eventually, the driver behind came up to _____ to my dad. 'Signore,' he said, very politely, 'In Italy the red lights are more of a suggestion than a rule!'

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| 1. A spoken | B said | C told | D explained |
| 2. A talk | B mean | C listen | D translate |
| 3. A explained | B spoke | C understood | D pronounced |
| 4. A tell | B say | C speak | D talk |
| 5. A say | B talk | C hear | D listen |
| 6. A pronounce | B speak | C translate | D tell |



Emma Watson

The actress Emma Watson grew up near Oxford in the south of England and trained as an actress at the Stagecoach School in Oxford.

Although she had only acted in a few school plays, in 2001, she was lucky enough to get the _____ of Hermione in the Harry Potter film _____. This was the part which first _____ her famous. She appeared in all eight of the Harry Potter films from 2001 to 2011.

After the Harry Potter films, Emma _____ to work in films, but also _____ a few years studying English Literature at university. She acted while she studied, and since 2012 she has continued to develop her career and has appeared in _____ very successful films.

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| 1. A title | B person | C role | D hero |
| 2. A set | B series | C group | D collection |
| 3. A produced | B created | C caused | D made |
| 4. A continued | B kept | C stayed | D remained |
| 5. A passed | B spent | C gave | D allowed |
| 6. A several | B plenty | C lots | D few |



You will hear a police officer called Carl Turner giving a talk to students at a school. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. Where does Carl work?

- A in schools
- B all over the city
- C in one neighbourhood

2. Carl believes the most important part of his job is

- A worrying about people's safety.
- B catching criminals.
- C stopping crimes from happening.

3. All police applicants

- A complete a form.
- B are interviewed.
- C sit tests.

4. It takes two years to

- A learn the details.
- B complete the training.
- C pass the tests.

5. Why are support roles important in the police?

- A They work all over the country.
- B They make sure the police stations work properly.
- C They do the same jobs as police officers.

6. Police cadets

- A are over 18.
- B miss time at school.
- C wear uniforms.



You will hear an interview with a young writer called Darren. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. When did Darren first start to write stories?

- A. after reading a lot while he was a child
- B. when he was recovering from a n illness
- C. while he was in hospital

2. Writing helped Darren to

- A. help his family financially.
- B. talk more to his friends and family.
- C. become one of the happiest teenagers.

3. Why didn't Darren send his book to a publisher?

- A. He wanted to write a second book first.
- B. He wanted to finish his therapy first.
- C. He didn't think it was good enough

4. Darren's family read his book because

- A. they were anxious about his feelings.
- B. they always liked the stories he writes in his diary.
- C. they wanted his sister to make a copy of it.

5. How did Darren feel when the publisher emailed him?

- A. He was excited about the opportunity he was offered.
- B. He thought it was a joke.
- C. He was angry at his parents for going behind his back.

6. What does Darren plan to do next?

- A. write another book immediately
- B. get a proper job
- C. go to university

