



READING

1 Read the text and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Last year my boyfriend Mark was forty and I wanted to get him a special present for his birthday. Just before Christmas I saw tickets for a Bruce Springsteen concert for sale on the internet. The concert was in Sheffield, about 25 miles away from where we live, and Mark is a big fan of Bruce Springsteen so I decided to buy two tickets. They weren't cheap – I think I paid around £90 for each one. I wanted to surprise Mark, so I didn't tell him about it.

On the day of the concert, I told Mark that I wanted to do some Christmas shopping in Sheffield. We left in my car just after lunch and spent the afternoon in a big shopping centre. I bought Christmas presents for my family and a skirt for work. Mark looked for some new jeans, but he couldn't find any that he liked. By the time we finished shopping it was nearly 6 p.m. and we were hungry so we had dinner in a Japanese restaurant. After dinner we left the shopping centre and set off on our way home. On the way we passed the concert hall and we could see the crowds of fans outside. Mark was really surprised when I drove into the concert hall car park and gave him the tickets!

The concert was fantastic. We danced all night and Mark took lots of photos on his mobile phone. Afterwards we bought a concert CD. We put it on when we got in the car and we sang all of the songs as we drove home. We didn't get back home until nearly one o'clock in the morning and we were both really tired, but it was a great night and Mark really enjoyed his surprise.

Example: Debbie took her boyfriend to see a _____.

A concert B film C C friend C

- 1 The tickets were a ___ present.
A Christmas C B birthday C C cheap C
- 2 The tickets were on sale ____.
A at the shopping centre C B on an internet site C C at the concert hall C
- 3 They arrived in Sheffield in the ____.
A morning C B afternoon C C evening C
- 4 Mark wanted to buy ____.
A jeans C B a skirt for Debbie C C Christmas presents C
- 5 They ate something ___ the concert.
A before C B during C C after C
- 6 Debbie gave the tickets to Mark ____.
A in the car park C B in the concert hall C C at the restaurant C
- 7 They ___ on the way back to their house.
A listened to the radio C B talked about the concert C
C sang Bruce Springsteen songs C

2 Read the text again. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)?

Example: Debbie has a collection of Bruce Springsteen CDs. *F*

- 1 Debbie thought the tickets were cheap. _____
- 2 Mark and Debbie don't live in Sheffield. _____
- 3 Debbie bought some Christmas presents for Mark. _____
- 4 They didn't have dinner in a restaurant in the shopping centre. _____
- 5 They walked from the shopping centre to the concert hall. _____
- 6 They sat while they watched the concert. _____
- 7 Mark used his mobile phone to take photos. _____
- 8 They arrived home early. _____



1 Listen to two people at a portrait gallery. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 The speakers are looking at _____.
A paintings of sportspeople c B photographs of sportspeople c
C pictures by sportspeople c
- 2 Eddie Edwards is a famous _____.
A swimmer c B sailor c C skier c
- 3 Ellen MacArthur broke the world record in _____.
A 2001 c B 2010 c C 2005 c
- 4 She sailed _____ when she was a teenager.
A round Europe c B round Britain c C round the world c
- 5 Ellen _____ in 2010.
A stopped racing c B wrote a book about sailing c C won a lot of races c

2 Listen to five conversations. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 Anna was _____ on Saturday.
A in a restaurant c B at a cinema c
- 2 Jane met her husband _____.
A on a bus c B on a train c
- 3 Mike worked _____ before he got his present job.
A in a restaurant c B at the railway station c
- 4 Alan left his mobile phone _____.
A in a café c B at a football match c
- 5 George was _____ last night.
A at a football match c B at home c

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Example: My parents lived (live) in Italy. Now they live in the USA.

- 1 When _____ the film _____ (finish)?
- 2 They _____ (not like) the food in the café.
- 3 We _____ (not phone) because it was late.
- 4 I _____ (study) yesterday morning.
- 5 The man _____ (stop) his car near my house.
- 6 What time _____ he _____ (arrive)?
- 7 _____ you _____ (watch) the match?
- 8 The shop _____ (not open) until 10 a.m..

Put the events a–g in order from 1–7.

- _____ a Mike phoned me the day before yesterday.
- _____ b John and Anna got married two years ago.
- 1 c Anna was here a few minutes ago.
- _____ d Chris lost his car keys last night.
- _____ e I was born in 1988.
- _____ f We went skiing last winter.
- _____ g We got up late yesterday morning.

WRITE **the correct word or phrase.**

Example: Where were / was Lesley born?

- 1 I wasn't / weren't at home last night.
- 2 Were / Was Steve and Michelle at Tim's party?
- 3 Where you were / were you on Tuesday?
- 4 The shops wasn't / weren't open yesterday.
- 5 We was / were at the gym last Sunday.
- 6 Yesterday were / was Monday.

Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: He sings songs. He's a singer.

- 1 She's studying politics because she wants to be a **p**_____.
- 2 My favourite **a**_____ is Sandra Bullock. I love her films.
- 3 Which **a**_____ painted the *Mona Lisa*?
- 4 A poet writes **p**_____.
- 5 A **n**_____ writes novels.
- 6 Which **d**_____ directed the first *James Bond* film?

Describe a day or an evening out that you enjoyed. Answer the questions with complete sentences.

- 1 How long ago was it?

- 2 Where did you go?

- 3 Why did you go there?

- 4 Who did you go with?

- 5 What did you wear?

- 6 What did you do?

- 7 Did you meet anyone?

- 8 What did you have to eat / drink?

- 9 What time did you get back home?

- 10 Did you have a good time?
