

The 2nd Quarter Examination

I. Listening.

- Listen and write the words in correct group.

Drizzle dry a heatwave shower bright wet weather thunderstorms

Rainy weather

Sunny weather

- Read the sentences and check True or False.

1. It will start raining at lunchtime today in the east.	True	False
2. The weather in the north-west will be worse than in the south.	True	False
3. There will be thunder in Leeds tonight.	True	False
4. Most of England will be hot this week.	True	False
5. Wet weather will move from the north to the south at the weekend.	True	False
6. It will stay hot when the rain comes.	True	False

II. Reading

The TV company, Channel4, transported a typical 21st century family back in time to the 1970s. The Gregory family live in a large house in Miltons Keynes. Fifteen year ago the father, Jon, set up his own business and make a fortune. The children, Hannah, 12, and Josh, 10, have huge bedrooms full of expensive hi-tech toys and clothes. They don't have to help at all with the running of the house.

This is all very different from Jon's childhood in the 70s. He grew up in a small council house in Leeds, one of five children brought up by their father after their mother died. Discipline, order and thrift ruled in his life. 'we are what we were given. We walked to school and we had to share all the household chores. We had to do what we were told. Dad was very stick.'

The TV company transformed the Gregorys' house and their lives. For two, the family had to go back to the 70s and live Jon's childhood. The house was stripped of all modern gadgets and equipment. Hannah and Josh had to wash and iron their clothes, do all the washing up, and help dig the vegetable garden. The family car was exchanged for a battered, old VW van, and they had to live on just 39\$ a week.

At first there were tears and furious rows as the children tried to adjust. Hannah couldn't believe that she wasn't allowed to buy hair mousse and was horrified to find her wardrobe emptied, leaving her with just jeans, two tops and a Sunday best. Josh had to give up watching his wide-screen television and take up the piano. They didn't have to walk to school but were filled with embarrassment. When their dad drove them to the school in their new van.

However, gradually Hannah and Josh learnt to appreciate small treats. They enjoyed eating the vegetables they've dug from the garden. They made some extra money by selling cookies they'd baked to their neighbors. They started to save rather than spend and understand the value of a 90\$ 'new' van.

What should today's parents do?

It's difficult to get things right as a parent. Jon says: 'We shouldn't give in to our kids' demands. There is no feeling getting something you've have worked really hard for'. Hannah now has 30\$ in the bank, all earned by doing extra jobs round the house. She has learnt some valuable lessons about life and she doesn't buy hair mousse any more!

- **Read the text above. Find the phrasal verbs in the text which mean the same as the words in the bold and write the answers in the box.**

1. Electronic items **increase** the value of the rooms.
2. The father, Jon, **founded** his own business.
3. He was one of five children **raised** by his father, when his mother died.
4. Josh had to **stop** watching his wide-screen television and **start** piano lessons.
5. They enjoyed the vegetables they'd **taken** from the garden.
6. We shouldn't **surrender** to our kids' demands.

- **Read the text again. And answer the questions.**

7. How did Jon make a fortune?
8. How was Jon's childhood different from his children's ?
9. In what ways was his father strict?
10. How did the TV company transformed their lives?
11. What did Hannah and Josh have to do that they didn't have to do before?
12. How did the kids react to the change at first? How did their attitude change?
13. How did the kids make extra money?
14. What is Jon's advice to other parents?