



A LISTENING

You will hear a conversation between two teenage friends, Jon, a boy, and Clare, a girl.

Decide if each sentence is **CORRECT** or **INCORRECT**.

- 1- This was Clare's first holiday in another country.
- 2- Clare had to understand a foreign language on holiday.
- 3- Clare enjoyed the lunches she ate on holiday.
- 4- Jon likes trying foreign food when he is on holiday.
- 5- Jon thinks Clare's father was right to make her try new things.
- 6- Clare thinks her last meal of her holiday was the best.

B READING

You are going to read an article in which four people describe going to see an unusual annual event. For questions 1–10 choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

A Sadie Grossman

Last year, I was one of 30,000 people who took part in La Tomatina, an annual festival in Buñol, Spain, during which people from that town and visitors fill the streets and take part in a tomato fight. I had never laughed so hard or feared for my life as much as I did on that day. Trucks of tomatoes were dumped in the streets, and soon, I found myself picking up lots of squashed fruit and throwing them at the closest person I could find. Most people participating were considerate, but a few were not. I was thankful that I'd left my phone at the hotel and worn my worst clothes that day. However, a pair of goggles would have been ideal. I realised when I was hit in the eye by a tomato and then I couldn't see out of it very well for a couple of days. It was definitely an experience I'll never forget, but one I have no desire to repeat!

B Joe Haythorpe

I went with friends to the mud festival in Boryeong, South Korea because several of them had been before, loved it and wanted to go again. The two-week event is centred on an area of Boryeong beach set up with water slides and pools to play in while covered in huge quantities of the mineral-rich mud that's taken from the shore near the city. It's great fun for the entire family as well as groups of friends. Apart from playing in the mud, we also attended some great concerts and shopped for mud-based skin creams. Although it's only been going since 1998, it already attracts millions of Koreans and Western tourists annually. But if you're considering going, book your accommodation early because room rates triple closer to the event. All in all, this festival was by far the most fun one I've ever been to

C Charlie Traynor

Cheese Rolling on Cooper's Hill in Gloucestershire, England is the ideal activity for fans of extreme sports, and is definitely one of the craziest traditions I've ever seen. I was amazed watching how mad and courageous men and women threw themselves down a steep hill, while going after a large round cheese. The cheese always gets to the bottom of the hill first, but for each race there is a prize (a cheese worth a lot of money) for the first person to do so. Thankfully, that day everyone survived without seriously hurting themselves. The event is free, but because of the large crowds, I struggled to find a place from which I could actually see much of the action or use my camera. There were also four uphill races, but they were a lot less exciting.

D Louisa Darke

During the Monkey Buffet Festival in Lopburi, Thailand, cakes, fruit and vegetables are placed on tables in the streets for 3000 local monkeys to enjoy. The festival was established to encourage tourists to visit the area, and it has definitely worked: huge crowds now travel there from all over the world, many dressed in monkey costumes. There is traditional music, dance and sculpture, all with a monkey theme, and the monkeys themselves walk freely around the place. They have no fear of people, and we were warned that they might try to grab our phones, hats or even jewellery and run off with them. I'm glad to say they didn't. We were given sticks to protect ourselves from the most aggressive monkeys, but I didn't want to use one and fortunately I didn't have to. I must say it was very entertaining to watch the animals from a distance, happily playing and eating.

Which person...

1. mentions the possibility of people at the event having their belongings stolen?
2. regrets not taking an item of protective equipment to the event?
3. says that people who took part in the event were brave?
4. mentions something to take into account when organising a trip to the event?
5. talks about an injury caused during the event?
6. says it was hard to get a good position to view the event?
7. talks about products that you can buy during the event?
8. experienced two contrasting emotions?
9. mentions people with a particular interest who would like the event?
10. explains the reason why the event originally began?

C VOCABULARY

Choose A, B, C or D to complete the spaces.

1. The waiters were so rude. It really _____ eating in that restaurant
2. There's a lot of traffic on the roads, so they're _____ to be delayed.
3. It's important to take pride _____ your appearance. It's the first thing people notice.
4. I've never _____ a head for heights so I won't go up the mountain.
5. There is a new government _____ to persuade people to eat more healthily.
6. I like to _____ my bit for the environment so I recycle as much as possible.

D GRAMMAR

1. Present simple, present continuous, present perfect simple, present perfect continuous, past tenses or future forms?

- a. Everything's arranged now. We _____ (VISIT) our family in Spain next summer.
- b. I'm tired. I _____ (STUDY) all afternoon. I'll take a nap now.
- c. My mom _____ (NOT LIKE) going out. That's why she's always at home.
- d. We _____ (MEET) at 5 pm at the park. You're invited!
- e. At five o'clock yesterday afternoon we were at the restaurant for Clarissa's birthday, but Kyle was not there, he _____ (WORK).
- f. I'm worried. The wedding is in two months and I _____ (NOT PREPARE) anything yet.

2. Sentence transformation

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. There was big queue for the cinema. For that reason, we decided to leave. **SUCH**
There was _____ the cinema that we decided to leave.
2. You'd think the journey to school is longer than it is. **LONG**
The journey to school _____ you'd think.
3. I haven't tasted many things which are more disgusting in my life. **ONE**

It was _____ things I've ever tasted.

4. Mike interrupts the class constantly. It's really annoying! **ALWAYS**

Mike _____ the class – it's really annoying!

5. I have finished all my housework not so long ago. **JUST**

I _____ my housework.

6. My house is too small to have the party there. **ENOUGH**

My house _____ to have the party there.

3. Word formation

A) Read the following excerpt of a text and write the correct form of the words in brackets.

Moon landing

When the Apollo 11 spacecraft landed on the moon in 1969, around 600 million

people were (1) _____ watching it on their TVs. This was a dangerous

NERVE

mission, but (2) _____ this would be the first time men set foot on the moon.

HOPE

The landing went well and some (3) _____ pictures of the astronauts' first

AMAZE

steps on the moon were sent back to Earth.

However, it wasn't long before some people started to doubt the truth of the moon landings.

They became (4) _____ about some of the photographs, saying that they

SUSPICION

were tricks. They argued that NASA, along with a whole team of film directors and writers,

were (5) _____ for it. According to them, there were problems with the light and

RESPONSE

shadows in the pictures and that in (6) _____, they had been taken in a studio (...).

REAL

B) Choose N (noun), V (verb), ADJ (adjective) or ADV (adverb) for each of the words you formed in A).

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3.

4.

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6.

E WRITING

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- Different adjectives.
- A variety of tenses.
- Connectors.