

EXAMEN DE NIVELACIÓN

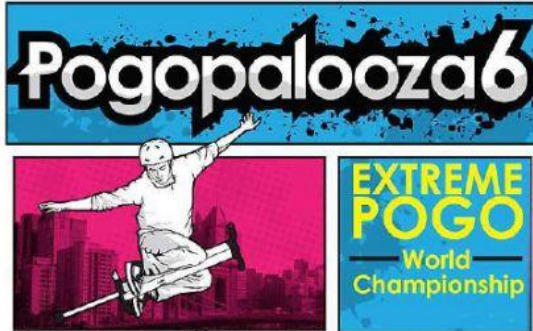
5TH INTENSIVE



READING

A. Read this article about an extreme sport. Then, complete the gaps 1-6 with the sentences A-F below. (12p)

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| A. The first pogoer I saw was using one of these | D. Then I handed the stick over to the professional. |
| B. How was this possible? | E. Maybe I was a little out of shape. |
| C. I was a big pogo fan when I was a kid so I jumped at the opportunity. | F. This wasn't a kid's game. |



It's pogo but not as you know it!

My editor asked me to go to Pittsburgh and cover the Pogopalooza, the annual pogo championships. **1** While I was traveling, I couldn't help thinking about my first pogo stick and how much fun it was jumping up the street with my friends! However, I wasn't really prepared for what I was about to see.

As soon as I arrived at Pogopalooza, I was **blown away**! I saw someone jump over a car on a pogo stick, then another pogoer did a backflip. My mouth fell open **2** ... It was an extreme sport! There was a crowd around a pogoer who was just jumping up and down. "Anyone can do that" I thought. Then I noticed an electronic board showing his jumps, 104.454 and counting. He wasn't even tired. He was trying to break the record for the most jumps, and he was **halfway** there. Later in the day, there was a pogo high jump **contest**, where pogoers were jumping over 2 meters. An event

organizer informed me that the world record was 2,92 meters **3** I had to learn more.

Luckily, one of the pioneers of Xpogo, Dave Armstrong, was at this year's event and he gave me information about the evolution of the pogo stick. With the original stick you could jump as high as 15 or 20cm. Armstrong explained that that he had re invented the pogo stick by using elastic bands. With the new pogo stick, you can reach heights of 2 meters.

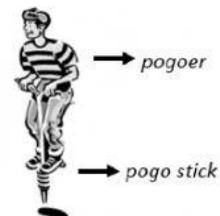
4 The latest models use air pressure to propel the jumper and they are setting new world records all the time.

After a while, I asked one of the pogoers if I could try it because it looked like fun. "Are you sure?" he asked, looking me up and down, which made me kind of nervous. **5** But I thought, what can go wrong? So, I put on a helmet and knee pads and started jumping. I was amazed at how high I could jump. It all came back to me very quickly, I was having **a whale of a time** but I stopped, fell down and **made a fool of myself**. **6** After a few tricks, he did three backflips in a row and then jumped down a set of stairs. It made me look like an amateur.

As soon as I got home, I searched the garage for my old pogo stick. I took one look at it, threw it in the trash and went online to order something a little more extreme.

B. Match the underlined words in the text to their definitions below. (5p)

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| | : acted stupidly and looked ridiculous |
| | : at midpoint |
| | : competition |
| | : enjoy something very much |
| | : impressed |



GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

C. Read more about Xpogo. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the PASSIVE. (6x2= 12p)



- Xpogo (simple past – create) by four different people.
- As the popularity of Xpogo grew, the xpogo.com website (simple past – design).
- The website is popular because pictures and videos (simple present – share) there.

Since 2004, Xpogo athletes (present perfect – inspire) by Xpogo.com
 Pogopalooza 25 (future simple – hold) in 2025.
 Today, the sport of Xpogo (simple present – consider) young, but it is
 showing continued growth.

D. Mark and Allie are at Pogopalooza. Read these sentences and choose the correct answer to complete them. (7p)

1. We _____ pay anything. Pogopalooza is free.
 mustn't can't don't need to
2. Mandy _____ also come to Pogopalooza. She'll call us and let us know.
 needs may must
3. No way! That _____ be Mr. Roberts on a pogo stick. He is too old to jump!
 mustn't may not can't
4. What is that pogoer doing? He knows he _____ jump without a helmet. It's one of the rules.
 doesn't have to mustn't needn't
5. The pogoers _____ buy any special clothes- they can just wear something comfortable.
 mustn't don't have to have to
6. If you want to take part in the event next year, you _____ start practicing now.
 would will should
7. The youngest athlete is very good. He _____ win the competition.
 might needn't needs



E. Matt and Jake met at Glastonbury Festival and are talking about it. Choose the right option from the underlined phrases. (1x6=6p)

- Matt:** Hi, Jake. Have you been / gone to this festival before?
- Jake:** Yes, I come every year. It's really good fun.
- Matt:** Which bands have you been seeing / have you seen so far?
- Jake:** Oh, not many. There's so much to do. We've been walking around / walked around most of the time looking at the different stalls.
- Matt:** Have you been meeting / have you met anybody famous?
- Jake:** Not yet, but I hope to soon.
- Matt:** And have you been trying / have you tried any of the unusual food yet?
- Jake:** Lots! I've eaten / been eating all day!
- Matt:** Well, it was great seeing you, Jake. Enjoy the rest of the festival!



F. Complete these sentences with: (10p.)

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1. When training for a competition, in mind that you need to drink lots of water.
2. The next World Cup will place in Qatar.
3. During their physical examination, players must still.
4. If you an effort, you'll probably get what you want.
5. Can you me a favor? Bring all the balls to the basketball court.
6. I think you need to it easy. It's just a school championship not the world cup.
7. I want to start playing a new sport, but it is difficult to a decision. There are so many to choose from!
8. Sheila didn't win because she didn't her best.
9. Please, don't this the wrong way, but you won't be able to finish the marathon if you don't train harder.
10. If you don't succeed the first time, on trying.

G. Alison is training for a running competition. Complete the following sentences using a preposition from the box below. (6x1=6)

Alison: I think I am capable doing everything by myself.

Mike: Are you nervous the competition, Alison?

Alison: Not really. I am really excited it.

Mike: Where is all your gear?

Alison: My coach has it. He is responsible it.

Mike: Where are you running?

Alison: The competition is in Canada but I am familiar traveling.

Mike: You must be proud yourself!!!

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H. Change the words in CAPITALS to complete the sentences. (8 p)

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| 1. There are some between rugby and American football. | SIMILAR |
| 2. Soccer will never lose in Argentina. | POPULAR |
| 3. I'm not sure if Argentina will win the next World Cup, but it is a | POSSIBLE |
| 4. A famous said that our national soccer team needs a new coach. | REPORT |
| 5. However, some fans think his comment is | LOGICAL |
| 6. In addition to training every day, I'm going to work with an | INSTRUCT |
| 7. He trains hard and likes outdoor sports. He is an experienced and a professional | HIKE CYCLE |

I. What about you? What would you do in these imaginary situations? Use Second Conditional to finish these sentences. (8p)



1. If I had a pogo stick,
2. If I could try any extreme sport,
3. If I had more free time,
4. I would be better at sports.

J. Jed read the article about Pogopalooza and is telling his friend about it. Report what he said. (10p)

1. "I will take part in the next year competition."

The writer of the article said that _____

2. "I went online to order something a little more extreme."

The editor said that _____

3. "Anyone can do that"

He said that _____

4. "I am training so hard"

He said that _____

5. "I was having a shower when Anna called"

She said that _____



WRITING

K. Choose ONE topic to write a 4-paragraph essay. Remember to follow the plan below and to include a title. (16p)

- a. Being an adult
- b. Using cellphones in class
- c. Having a gap year

| Advantages and Disadvantages | |
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| P1 | Intro |
| P2 | Advantages (clear reasons and examples) |
| P3 | Disadvantages (clear reasons and examples) |
| P4 | Conclusion |

