

5TH YEAR - TEST 1 - GOLD EXPERIENCE B1+ (STARTER, 1, 2, 3)

Listening

You will hear a conversation between a girl, Tanya, and a boy, Marek, about their holiday plans. Decide if each sentence is CORRECT or INCORRECT.

1. Marek is pleased that he will sleep in a tent on holiday.
2. Tanya and Marek both dislike travelling by air.
3. Tanya often regrets the things that she buys at airports.
4. Tanya is going to a familiar place on holiday this year.
5. Marek thinks that Tanya's holiday sound exciting.
6. Tanya will do some activities with her brother on holiday.

Reading

You are going to read an article about how four young people spend Saturday morning. For questions 1–10, choose from people A–D. The people may be chosen more than once.

The weekend starts here ...

Four teenagers tell us how they spend their Saturday mornings.

A Stuart

Unfortunately, I can't just do what I want because I have to go to school. It's not usual for children to have school on Saturdays, but mine does things differently. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are free so we can play sports, but there are classes on Saturdays instead. We have four and a half hours of lessons and this year we've got History, Science and Maths. The classes are all right and the teachers make an effort to make them interesting. The problem is that we're all exhausted by Saturday and it's really hard to pay attention in class. All of us have got friends who go to 'normal' schools and we know that they're out having fun. If I had the choice, I would have extra classes during the week instead. I'm sure we would get more work done that way.

B Nadia

I can never wait for Saturdays to arrive. After a whole week of sitting at my school desk, I have to get out and use up some energy. For me, Saturday morning is all about sports and having fun with my friends. I usually get up around seven thirty and go for a jog around the park. I know it's early, but I love that part of the day. It's so peaceful because most people are still in bed at that time. After that, I go home and have some breakfast. I don't stay there long though because I usually play football with my mates. We play in a local league and we have matches most Saturdays. We don't take it too seriously, but we enjoy having a good run around and chasing after the ball. By lunchtime, I'm usually exhausted and I go home for a rest!

C Amelia

In general, I prefer to keep my Saturday mornings free. We're expected to work hard at school and we get a lot of homework. Therefore, it's important to relax at the weekend. My perfect Saturday would be staying in bed late and then playing computer games with my friends. However, I've been working as a volunteer on Saturdays for the last month so I don't have much free time. I'm helping out in an animal sanctuary where we rescue dogs and cats that haven't got a home. I have to do different jobs like cleaning the cages, feeding the animals and taking the dogs for walks. I must admit that I don't like getting up so early on Saturday. However, it's worth it because those poor animals need someone to care for them.

D Tom

I've been saving up for a holiday with my friends, but it hasn't been easy. My parents give me a little money every week, but I usually spend that in no time. When I asked my dad for more money, he encouraged me to earn the money instead. He said I could do little jobs for the neighbours on a Saturday morning. At the beginning, I was disappointed because I didn't want to lose my free time. Then I realised that if I didn't work, it would be impossible to save any money. Basically, I've started washing the neighbours' cars and cutting the grass in their gardens. It's not exactly hard work and it's not so bad really. I like talking to the neighbours and they pay me quite well. Although I've lost my Saturday mornings, at least I'll be able to go on holiday with my mates.

Which person/people:

1. thinks it is necessary to get some exercise on Saturday mornings?
2. would prefer not to get up early on Saturday mornings?
3. doesn't have the same free time as some of their friends?
4. always looks forward to Saturday mornings?
5. does an activity because of someone's advice?
6. doesn't get paid for the work they do on a Saturday morning?
7. enjoys being outside when it's quiet?
8. practises sports during the week?
9. was unhappy about starting their activity at first?
10. thinks they will benefit from their activity in the future?

Vocabulary

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

1. If you have a pet, you must care _____ it.
2. I always like to pull up my _____ when I'm cold. It keeps my head warm.
3. I _____ that documentary because it was extremely boring.
4. Farmers are waiting _____ to see what the government decides.
5. Exams can be quite _____. So it's important to find ways to relax a bit.
6. I read a _____ story about a man who got attacked by lions. It sounded really scary.

Grammar

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

- a. Larry went to the cinema to see Harry Potter, but he already knew the story because he _____ (READ) the book before.
- b. TEACHER: "You are late! We _____ (WAIT) here for an hour. Where have you been?"
- c. It's all been arranged. I _____ (MOVE) to Rosario next week.
- d. Juliet _____ (NOT WANT) to go on holiday with her parents. She thinks it's boring.
- e. I _____ (MEET) my boss at 3 PM today.
- f. At six o'clock this morning most of us were asleep in bed. But Alfred _____ (STUDY) for his English test.
- g. I _____ (NOT SPEAK) to the headmaster 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. I enjoyed the barbecue a lot more than I thought I would. **FAR**
The barbecue was _____ than I thought it would be.
2. David speaks German better than anyone I know. **WELL**
No one I know speaks German _____ David.

3. My mum's car was too small for all of us to fit in. **ENOUGH**

My mum's car _____ for all of us to fit in.

4. She started to learn the violin when she was seven. **BEEN**

She _____ the violin since she was seven.

5. It bothers me that Anita criticises the way I speak. **ALWAYS**

Anita _____ the way I speak – it really bothers me!

6. They came back from their holidays not long ago. **JUST**

They _____ back from their holidays.

3. Word formation

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

Write **N (noun)**, **V (verb)**, **ADJ (adjective)** or **ADV (adverb)** next to each sentence.

Mysterious crop circles

1. Crop circles are large patterns of circles which have been made in fields. The _____ (LARGE) ones can be hundreds of metres long.
2. Despite reports of crop circles for hundreds of years, weirdly, many more started to appear in the 1970s and it's not _____ (SURPRISE) that no one understood what had caused them.
3. It was clear that something had flattened the grass, but _____ (FORTUNE) the cause was not always clear.
4. The circles tended to appear _____ (SUDDEN) , often during the night, and no one saw them being made.
5. Many of the crop circles also had strange designs in the middle of them. Some people argued that flying saucers or alien spaceships were _____ (RESPONSE) for these circular shapes (...)

E. Writing

Read the advertisement. Write a story for the competition in 140–190 words.

Our school magazine is looking for new writers to send us stories. Your story must begin with this sentence:

I had been waiting for this to happen for months.

Your story must include:

- an important event
- a funny moment

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The two best stories will be published in our summer issue.

When you write your story, make sure you include:

- Time phrases to give a clear sequence of time.
- Different adjectives.
- A variety of tenses.
- Connectors.