

FINDING FRIENDS ON THE INTERNET

There has recently been a popular trend of finding friends abroad on the Internet as a way of (39)_____ language skills and learning more about the way of life in other countries. Before the Internet era, pen pals used to be the main source for a communication like that, and students shared their news or ideas via writing each (40)_____ letters. With the World Wide Web, finding friends (41)_____ much easier, and such relationships are now called keypals. (42)_____, when you find friends on the Internet you should be careful and attentive. (43)_____ the Internet for services of good reputation. Look (44)_____ reviews of such sites to find out more about other people's experiences. Don't join a service before you have done your research.

You'd better use a nickname, rather (45)_____ your real name, to protect your identity.

Never give personal information to anyone, (46)_____ your home address, phone number, and birthday.

Terminate contact with a person if you feel (47)_____ with the topics of conversation. Again, if you protect your identity, this will be easier to do. Tell your teachers, parents, or even local law enforcement if problems arise.

Try to use the language you are studying in the classroom in your communications with others. Ask appropriate questions that will also help you learn about other cultures. Remember that one's personal experience might be just that: to understand a whole culture, you (48)_____ to talk to many people, but this will get you started.

	A	B	C	D
39	practising	to practise	practice	practised
40	another	others	other	other's
41	become	has become	had become	becoming
42	Although	Despite	Besides	However
43	Search	Seek	Look	Glimpse
44	after	forward	for	in
45	that	than	from	of
46	including	included	includingly	inclusion
47	comfort	comfortable	uncomfortably	uncomfortable
48	have	must	can	should

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49—58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

This is a real story that (49)_____ in Washington DC. One cold January morning a young man at a metro station started playing the violin. He was playing musical pieces by Bach for about 45 minutes. (50)_____ it was a rush hour and many people were (51)_____ their way to work, hardly anybody paid much attention to his musical performance — only 6 people stopped and stayed for a while.

No one knew this but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the best musicians in the world. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station as part of a social experiment that aimed at (52)_____ if people could recognize the talent in an unexpected situation.

This experiment makes us (53)_____ ourselves a question: if we do not have a minute to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world playing the best music ever written, how many other things are we missing in our life?

	A	B	C	D
49	happen	happened	had happened	is happening
50	Although	However	Besides	Since
51	at	in	on	into
52	discover	discovers	to discover	discovering
53	ask	asks	asking	to ask

The American company *RealNetworks* offers to provide schools with free facial (54)_____ software that can be downloaded via the company website. The software is called SAFR, and it claims (55)_____ specially designed hardware to «recognize staff, students, and visitors in real time to help improve school (56)_____». It also promises to «streamline entry, record keeping, campus monitoring, and guest check-in».

The tech is at present being tested at a school in Seattle (57)_____ kids can unlock a gate with just a smile at a surveillance camera.

In the absence of reasonable gun control laws, the program (58)_____ to improve safety in schools by allowing for real-time monitoring.

	A	B	C	D
54	definition	recognition	awareness	finding
55	use	uses	to use	used
56	save	safe	saving	safety
57	where	what	who	whatever
58	mean	means	meaning	is meant