

READING TASK

ACTIVITY 1 SKIING

You are going to read an article about skiing. For gaps 1-5 choose the answer (A-D) which best fits each gap. Only ONE answer is correct.



Skiing is one of the most popular sports in the world. According to recent estimates, about one hundred million people ski regularly 1| | occasionally. Sliding across the snow on skis is also one of the most ancient methods of transport known to man. It has been demonstrated that men were 2| | travelling across the snow by means of primitive skis before the invention of the wheel. In the Asiatic region of Altai and in Scandinavia, 3| | , the remains of skis have been found which date back to 4,000 BC. Further evidence is supplied by ancient cave paintings which depict people skiing, and a Norwegian saga which tells the story of an invasion of its territory 8,000 years ago by a tribe of skiers who came from the north. 4| | , skiing, apart from being a sport, has become a big industry and a notable feature of leisure culture. Ski resorts and all the activity that they generate are the main source of wealth in many mountain regions, which were 5| | remote and inaccessible. And far from its once elitist image, skiing is now enjoyed by an increasingly broader spectrum of society.

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| 1) A and | B but | C or | D so |
| 2) A already | B also | C just | D yet |
| 3) A also | B as well | C for instance | D indeed |
| 4) A Actually | B Nowadays | C Really | D Up to now |
| 5) A firstly | B lately | C obviously | D previously |

ACTIVITY 2 MY CHILDHOOD MEMORY

You are going to read somebody's childhood memory. For questions 1-10 choose the correct answer A, B or C. Only ONE answer is correct.

I remember it like yesterday. We were all waiting for my father to come home from the race track. He promised me and my sister that if he won, he would take us all to Rye Playland Amusement Park. The minutes felt like hours. It was the longest hour of my life. Then, finally, we heard the car door shut. Me and my sister ran to the front door anxiously waiting for the news. He opened the door and walked in. We tried to read the expression on his face but of course he was looking down while taking his trainers off. The suspense was killing us. Then he looked up. No words were spoken between us and our father. He just gave us a blank stare. I didn't know what to think. I was scared to ask because I was so worried of the response. It was that moment when he said to us, "Well kids, pick out what you are going to wear to Rye Playland this weekend." Excitement just jumped throughout my whole body. We both ran over and gave him the biggest hug and ran upstairs to pick out what we were going to bring with us. I was so excited for the next two days that I probably only got about 4 hours' sleep. Then the day finally came. It was Saturday.

It was the only time in my life I was happy to hear the alarm clock go off. Of course I had already been awake for two hours before it actually went off, but I waited anyway. I jumped out of bed and ran into my sister's room. We both then leaped into bed with our parents to wake them up. They acted like they didn't know what we were talking about, but we didn't give them the chance

to trick us. Me and my sister then ran into our rooms picking out what we were going to take with us for the hour-and-half-long car ride. I brought my favourite book and my game boy. I picked out my favourite outfit and ran back into my parents' room and asked when we were leaving. I was so relieved to see them already packing the car up with the cool bag. My mom bought all my favourite juices and made our favourite sandwiches for lunch. When we finally set off I felt relieved and ready to spend what, we all hoped, would be an unforgettable holiday. We had a fantastic journey. However, once in Rye Playland, things didn't turn out as we expected but that's another story and will be told another time.

Adapted from www.studymode.com

- 1) They were at home while their father was ...
- 2) when she was waiting for her father to get home she felt ...
- 3) when their father arrived home he ...
- 4) She didn't want to talk to him because ...
- 5) when he finally gave them the news the girls ...
- 6) when she heard the alarm clock she ...
- 7) when she got into her parents' room they ...
- 8) They took for the journey
- 9) which statement is true?
- 10) Joanne's memory is about a with her family.

ACTIVITY 3 HOLIDAY LETTINGS

All the people below want to rent a house for their holidays. They have six houses to choose from. Decide which house (A-F) is most suitable for each person (1-5). Use each letter **ONLY ONCE**. There is one extra house you do **NOT** need to use. (Answer with **OPTION A**, or **OPTION B ...**)

People	The house for their holidays is ...
1) Kelvin and some friends	
2) Monika	
3) A young couple with their teenage children	
4) Mr and Mrs Green	
5) A retired couple	

1) Kelvin and some friends want to celebrate their graduation in a nice house with views over the sea. They would prefer to have lunch/dinner in the open air while they get a tan. Kelvin wants to take his rabbit pet with him.

2) Monika wants to take her two nieces on a 7-day holiday near the beach. The girls are keen on outdoor exercise and are looking forward to learning how to surf and sail. Monika wants to be near the city centre because she can't drive.

3) A young couple with their teenage children want to spend 3 days by the seaside. They will travel in their own car. They need open spaces nearby to walk Marmaduke, their tiny dog. They enjoy walking.

4) Mr and Mrs Green have promised to take their 6-year-old twins on a four-day holiday. The children have agreed to go as long as they can take their hamster and practise outdoor sports. Neither Mr Green nor Mrs Green can drive.

5) A retired couple are planning to spend August bank holiday (5 days) away. They enjoy outdoor activities and doing different kinds of exercise but would also welcome the chance to know places of interest in the area.

A - Nelsons Retreat

2 bedrooms | Sleeps 5

Fabulous roof terrace from bedroom with country views for miles, heated swimming pool high season, relaxing south facing gardens overlooking fields, village pub, close to beaches, 20- minute drive north/south coast. There is a bed settee in the lounge. Due to pool, prefer children over 8 but ring to discuss supervision. No pets allowed.

7 nights minimum stay

B - Cappy Cottage

Idyllic Granite Cornish Holiday Cottage. 2 Bedrooms - both ensuite, sleeping 4. Private garden, parking. Ideal base for walks. Beaches a short walk away. Not suitable for children under 10. Pets welcome.

Short stays welcome

C - Avalon

A 2-bedroom cottage sleeping 4. Benefits from panoramic views of the sea, Fistral Beach and the headland. A few minutes' walk to the seaside. Discounts on water sports courses at Fistral Beach Club. Within easy reach of Newquay's town centre. No pets allowed. Children welcome.

5 nights minimum stay

D - Culloden Farmhouse Oak

1 bedroom | Sleeps 2

Camelford is an ideal holiday destination due to its central location. Cornwall top attractions including The Eden Project and Lost Gardens of Heligan are all a comfortable day trip from Camelford. Camelford is at the heart of a marvellous area for touring, walking, fishing, swimming, surfing and sailing. Dogs allowed.

1 night minimum stay

E - Hengar Manor Holiday Bungalow

Bungalow on Hengar Manor Country Park in St Tudy, Cornwall. Sleeps 4 in one double and one twin bedroom. Facilities on the park include indoor swimming pool, tennis, golf, crazy golf, fishing, entertainment, kids club. Rates include electricity, bed linen and passes. Short breaks are available by arrangement. Suitable for over 5s only. Car not necessary. Small pets welcome.

3 nights minimum stay

F - Blue View

3 bedrooms | sleeps 5

Attractive wooden chalet on the sand dunes overlooking St. Ives Bay and beaches. 3 miles of golden sand and clean blue sea is visible. Shallow indoor pools for children to play in or some of the best surf. Grassy areas next to chalet for sunbathing and BBQs. Lifeguard patrolled beach. Playground close by. Suitable for children of all ages. May take small pets.

Short stays welcome

Adapted from www.holidaylettings.co.uk

LISTENING TASK

ACTIVITY 1 TATTOOING IN HONG KONG

Listen to a woman talking about tattooing in Hong Kong and for questions 1-4 choose the best answer A, B or C. Only ONE answer is correct.



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| <p>1) Which one is true about the international convention?</p> <p>2) Finding a job in Hong Kong is if you have a tattoo.</p> <p>3) The number of tattoo shops has for the last thirteen years.</p> <p>4) The convention ...</p> | <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p> |
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ACTIVITY 2 DRIVING IN THE US

Listen to a woman talking about driving in the US and fill in the gaps (1-10) in the following sentences with NO MORE THAN TWO words or numbers.

<p>In the US people can start having 1 </p> <p>who is driving must be older than 2 </p> <p>may get a driver's license after driving for 3 </p> <p>decided to learn to drive. Her son needs training and experience in order to keep 5 </p> <p>driving. She needs to 6 </p> <p>7 </p> <p>her 8 </p> <p>10 </p>	<p> at 15. The person travelling with a 15-year-old</p> <p> and in possession of a proper license. 15-year-olds</p> <p> . She was surprised when her 4 </p> <p> while</p> <p> her breathing when she accompanies him. He is encouraged by his</p> <p> to drive as much as possible. In the morning she sits in the car next to him wearing</p> <p> and smiling at him. When she gets home she does 9 </p> <p> and has a</p> <p> to relax.</p>
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ACTIVITY 3 LOUIS VUITTON SUITCASE

Listen to a man talking about a Louis Vuitton suitcase and for questions 1-6 choose the best answer A, B or C. Only ONE answer is correct.

- 1) The building is covered with ...
- 2) The exhibition was going to ...
- 3) People at the company the decision to remove the suitcase.
- 4) The building is local people.
- 5) Some Russian citizens think that the suitcase ...
- 6) will benefit from the money raised at the exhibition.

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WRITING TASK

ACTIVITY 1 AN EMAIL TO A FRIEND

You have recently moved to a new town. Write an email to your best friend telling him or her about your new life there. Don't forget to write about:

- why you moved there
- your new house
- new job and friends
- what you like and dislike about your new life



ACTIVITY 2 FOOD

Write your opinion about the following statement for the school writing contest. The best essay will be published in the school magazine! "Fast food is a good alternative to cooking for yourself". Do you agree?

SPEAKING TASK

In this part of the test we are going to ask some questions that you are expected to answer. Try not to use monosyllabic answers, but to build up your responses; please show interest and take active part in this task.



1st question ¿?

Answer |

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2nd question ¿?

Answer |

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3rd question ¿?

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4th question ¿?

Answer |

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5th question *i?*

Answer |

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Describe these pictures



Photo by zoetnet

A screenshot of the BBC News website. The main headline is "US storm chaser films tornado from 50m away". Below the headline is a video player showing a close-up of a tornado. The article text below the video states: "Storm chaser Andy Gabrielson has filmed a tornado in the US state of Colorado from only 50 yards (45m) away. Mr Gabrielson captured video footage of the tornado during the three-hour storm on Monday. No injuries were reported from the tornado, which knocked down electricity poles and produced large bed-sized hailstones." To the right of the article are sections for "MOST POPULAR VIDEO/IMAGE" and "EDITOR'S CHOICE".

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