

MIDTERM PRACTICE: OCTOBER 2020

1. READ THE TEXT. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE?

The Life of Trees

Lots of people think that trees are fascinating. They are the biggest living things on our planet and one of the most beautiful. Trees appear in many religions and are the inspiration for artists all over the world.

Trees are the oldest living organisms on earth. They are connected with history. The great age of trees makes them useful for science. For example, the rings inside a tree tell us about changes in the climate. Changes that happened thousands of years ago.

Also, scientists found out that patients in hospital get better, faster and go home quicker when there are trees outside the windows of their rooms. Spiritual teachers say we have a lot to learn from trees: these are strong, so we should imitate them. Trees absorb a lot of energy from the sun – more than any other living thing. And some people think that you can feel this energy when you put your arms around a tree and stay there for some minutes.

Many people believe this 'tree-hugging' is good for stress, makes you sleep better and helps you feel more positive and calm. And more and more people are doing it. The Irish politician Gerry Adams loves trees. He often hugs trees because they give him calm and energy.

We all know that trees are essential for the environment and the survival of our planet. Perhaps they have even more to offer us in the future.

Glossary: tree-hugging



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| 1) There are bigger living things than trees. | T / F |
| 2) Trees show information about the climate. | T / F |
| 3) Trees help patients in hospital. | T / F |
| 4) The sun gives trees energy. | T / F |
| 5) Gerry Adams feels relaxed when he hugs trees. | T / F |

2. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

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| <p>1 There is a school trip to see the animals at the ____.</p> <p>a park b car park c zoo</p> <p>2 I want to take a photo of the trees in that ____.</p> <p>a wood b lake c hill</p> <p>3 ____ often share the road with cars.</p> <p>a Trains b The underground c Trams</p> <p>4 Brazil is in ____ America.</p> <p>a South b East c North</p> | <p>5 The coach leaves the ____ at 8 o'clock.</p> <p>a fire station b police station c bus station</p> <p>6 It's too cold to swim ____ during the winter.</p> <p>a outside b inside c opposite</p> <p>7 Let's go to the ____ for some new clothes.</p> <p>a office block b shopping centre c farm</p> |
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C. CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- 1 Home-cooked food is **nicer / the nicest** than fast food.
- 2 Which is **smaller / the smallest** hotel in the city?
- 3 Winter temperatures are **lower / the lowest** than summer temperatures.
- 4 November is **the unhappier / the unhappiest** month of the year.
- 5 Who is **more patient / the most patient** person you know?
- 6 She's **more excited / the most excited** than me.

D. CORRECT THE MISTAKES IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES.

- 1 This is the **most bad** day of my life! This is the worst day of my life!
- 2 What is the **more exciting** city in Asia? _____
- 3 My dad is **angryer** than my mum. _____
- 4 Coldplay are **famouser** than Ed Sheeran. _____
- 5 I've got the **most longest** hair in my family. _____
- 6 Which is **gooder** a shirt or T-shirt? _____
- 7 Where is the **hottest** place on the planet? _____

E. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS BELOW

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- 1 Press '_____' if you don't want to keep your work.
- 2 Click on the Wi-Fi icon to _____ the wireless network.
- 3 You should _____ the internet to find the best language-learning websites for you.
- 4 He wants to _____ a video to the class Facebook page.
- 5 You can _____ your documents with the printer.

F. COMPLETE THE POSTCARD WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE OR NEGATIVE PAST SIMPLE FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS.

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Hi Maisy,

We ¹ _____ on a school trip last week. The teachers ² _____ to take us to Wales for our photography course. We ³ _____ a lot of useful things and Mr Kiffin really ⁴ _____ me to understand how to take better pictures. On the last day we ⁵ _____ along a path and down to the beach. Suddenly the teacher ⁶ _____ talking and a dolphin ⁷ _____ out of the sea. I ⁸ _____ believe it! My camera ⁹ _____ in my hand, so I ¹⁰ _____ take a photo of it in mid-air! How exciting!

Please send me some of your photos soon!

Love,

Eva

G. CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- 1 She didn't **used** / **use** the correct password.
- 2 I **bought** / **brought** a better smartphone from the supermarket.
- 3 Did you **fall** / **fell** off your bike?
- 4 They **didn't** / **don't** go on holiday last summer.
- 5 He **maked** / **made** a lot of mistakes.
- 6 **Did** / **Does** she see the doctor yesterday?
- 7 Mrs Howard **teached** / **taught** us history.
- 8 I didn't **get** / **got** a good result.
- 9 Did your dad **build** / **built** it?
- 10 I **spoked** / **spoke** to the teacher in the morning.