

Speakout Upper Intermediate

Unit 4 Mock

DICTATION

1. Listen and write down the sentences you hear.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

2. Listen and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

1 What does the woman complain about?

- a) pesticides being used on the vegetables
- b) the man not growing enough spinach
- c) the price supermarkets charge for organic vegetables

2 What does the woman say about happiness?

- a) It's impossible to define it.
- b) To be happy, you must have family and money.
- c) Your personality can give you a more optimistic attitude to life.

3 What were Sue's living arrangements when she first went to university?

- a) She didn't live on her own.
- b) She lived with a young family.
- c) She lived independently.

4 What was the purpose of the demonstration?

- a) to support ways to provide more energy
- b) to show how strongly people felt about the government's proposal
- c) to protect the local fishing industry and wildlife

5 Why is Ann looking to rent a room?

- a) Her parents want her to settle down.
- b) She wants to experience sharing a flat.
- c) She thinks it will help her to get used to being back in London.

6 What was the best part of the flying lesson for Julie?

- a) when the instructor took off
- b) when she looked down as they were flying
- c) when she flew the plane by herself

VOCABULARY

3. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

chill focused recharge switches winding

- 1 Whenever she's feeling exhausted from work, Sophie goes for a walk on the beach to recharge.
- 2 Derek enjoys making controversial comments and loves _____ people up.
- 3 Janice's always really stressed – we need to help her find a way to just _____.
- 4 When I'm painting, I'm so _____ on what I'm doing that I lose myself in it.
- 5 Sam really detests golf and always _____ off the moment Ian starts talking about it.

4. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

- 1 After viewing a delightful cottage in Wales, we instantly knew it was the property for us.
DELIGHT

- 2 Uncle Erwin's had a love of _____ cars since he was a boy and now spends his free time tinkering with one he bought at auction.

CLASS

- 3 From the pictures in the brochure, you'd have no idea just how _____ the mountains were.

STUN

- 4 After ten weeks, Rob is making _____ progress with his marathon training.

SIGNIFY

- 5 Carla was a bright student and no one was surprised when she achieved _____ grades and was offered a prestigious scholarship.

EXCEPT

GRAMMAR

5. Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 On Fridays, we ‘ll usually stay / *‘re typically staying* in and order a takeaway.
- 2 As children, we didn't *use* / used to spend much time inside in the summer.
- 3 When visiting Grandma, we would always *be* / being spoilt rotten and given lots of treats.
- 4 In the holidays, we *generally visited* / were generally visiting my cousins in Devon.
- 5 When Hannah was young, she *had* / would often climb the trees at the bottom of the garden.
- 6 As a teenager, did you *used* / use to stay in at the weekend or go out with your friends?
- 7 My ex-boyfriend *always used* / used always to criticise the way I looked and the clothes I wore.
- 8 On Fridays, my dad *is always buying* / will usually buy fresh fish from the market.
- 9 Leo *wouldn't* / didn't use to have much confidence in himself and hated talking in public.
- 10 Mum's *always forgetting* / 'd always forget to collect me from school. It's so annoying.
- 11 People who park their cars here without a permit *usually get* / are usually getting fined.

6. Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

- 1 I expect Neil b late. He's never been very good at timekeeping, has he?
a) is due b) will arrive c) arrives
- 2 The plan is that we _____ stay with Ali in Cork for the first week as she's insisted we visit.
a) 're going to b) hoping to c) will
- 3 If Muse is playing at the festival, then I _____ definitely go this year.
a) hope to b) - c) 'll
- 4 The train to Edinburgh _____ London at 6.25a.m. so make sure you're there in time.
a) leaves b) might leave c) will leave
- 5 We're not sure where to go on holiday. We _____ Croatia as I've heard it's very beautiful.
a) might visit b) 're visiting c) will visit
- 6 Jo told me Hayley _____ birth next week so they're very excited.
a) will b) 's due to give c) 's giving
- 7 Ron _____ join the Air Force if he gets good grades in his exams. It's always been his dream.
a) won't b) 's hoping to c) might be

READING COMPREHENSION

7. Read the article again. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

A world without clean water

Hollywood actor, Matt Damon is world famous for his box-office hits such as the *Bourne* films but he is also a well-known humanitarian. Back in 2009, he co-founded *Water.org*, a non-profit organisation that provides the developing world with access to safe water and sanitation. Its aim still remains the same: to assist the 2.6 billion people worldwide that lack clean sanitation and the 1 in 9 people who lack access to safe water, many of whom live in rural areas. To put it into perspective, that's the same as two and a half times the population of the USA.

As Matt explains, 'Over 4,000 children in the developing world die from water-related diseases every day. After visiting project sites in Africa and Asia, I've seen the problem and the impact of safe water and in this day and age it's totally unnecessary that people die from a lack of clean water.'

Twenty-one-year-old Moina is one of the many thousands of people that *Water.org* has been helping over the years. Working as a housemaid, she lives in Board Guard slum in Dhaka, Bangladesh, with her husband and eight-month-old daughter, along with four million other people. Her husband is a rickshaw puller. As the slum has no access to safe water, Moina has to get her family's drinking water from a public source about a mile away. They have to pay \$1.45 a month to use it. It's not unusual for the water to run out before everyone in the queue has been able to fill their pots. She collects water twice a day and each trip takes her from one to two hours.

Moina uses a nearby pond for all other daily water needs, like bathing and washing clothes. The pond is contaminated by human and animal waste, as well as pollution. There are no sanitary toilets in Board Guard, only 'hanging latrines', which are basically sheets of cloth hung on bamboo poles for privacy.

Moina and her family have suffered from water-related illnesses, such as diarrhoea and jaundice, as well as various skin diseases. She is a young woman with tremendous energy and spirit, and is now working with other Board Guard residents who have formed a community-based organisation and applied for a small loan through *Water.org* to build a well and latrine. Moina's dream is to have access to clean water right by her home.

1 *Water.org* has existed since 2009. **T/F**

2 1 in 9 people in developing countries live in rural areas. **T/F**

3 Nearly four thousand children die from diseases relating to contaminated water every day. **T/F**

4 Matt sees no reason why people in developed countries should die due to a lack of safe water. **T/F**

- 5 Safe water can be found a mile away from Moina's home. **T/F**
- 6 There's usually enough water available for everyone at the nearest public source. **T/F**
- 7 Three hours of Moina's day is spent collecting water. **T/F**
- 8 Moina uses a pond to do her family's laundry. **T/F**
- 9 Bamboo huts are used as toilets in Board Guard. **T/F**
- 10 All of Moina's family have suffered health issues resulting from the poor water conditions. **T/F**
- 11 Moina's wish is to have clean water close at hand for her and her family. **T/F**

WRITING PRODUCTION

8. Write an email to a friend. Describe a problem you have and ask for advice. Use the prompts below. Write 170–220 words.

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Explain the problem
- 3 Give two possible solutions
- 4 Ask for advice/suggestions
- 5 Sign off