

FCE – LISTENING

Lesson 1

I. Đọc hiểu script

Audioscript

Hi! I'm Julie, and I'd like to tell you about my birthday which I celebrated last week. My dad promised me a treat for the day – a special trip! He refused to tell me anything about it, though – so imagine my surprise when we drove to the small airport near our home! I'd heard you could get a ride in a hot-air balloon from there, although I wasn't sure that'd be my thing. But when I spotted a helicopter in one corner of the airport, I became very excited, 'cos that's just the sort of thing he'd plan. It turned out, that he'd actually booked a trip in a private plane, piloted by a friend of his. Our destination? An island across the bay from where we live. Even though it's not far away, we'd never actually been there before.

So off we went! As we rose into the air above the town, the sun was really bright, so I couldn't see our house, which was a bit of a let-down. The one thing in view was the castle – a reminder that we were leaving the town, and the rest of the family, behind for a day.

As we flew out over the sea, the sky around the coast was brilliant blue, with some impressive-looking clouds in the distance. I could clearly see the waves on the sea below, but they were nothing compared with the sight of all the seabirds which were flying around beneath us – a great experience.

Soon, we landed at the island's airport, and started thinking about how we'd get into the nearest town from there. Apparently there was a bus, but it wasn't due for another hour, so we decided to rent bicycles and go on those. As it turned out, it was quite a long way to go on foot, so we'd made the right choice!

Now I'd always been under the impression that the town we were heading for was pretty quiet and actually very boring. Dad assured me that absolutely wasn't the case, though, and that I'd find it was really fashionable – which turned out to be true! The clothes and shoes there were amazing.

Question 1–3

Trong bài, Julie đã trải nghiệm 3 điều đặc biệt trong chuyến đi sinh nhật. Chọn 3 ý đúng.

- A. Được đi bằng nhiều phương tiện khác nhau
- B. Được ngắm cảnh thiên nhiên từ trên không
- C. Nhìn thấy nhà mình từ trên cao
- D. Đến một nơi chưa từng ghé thăm trước đó

Question 4–6

Trong bài, Julie thể hiện 3 cảm nhận / nhận xét quan trọng về chuyến đi. Chọn 3 ý đúng.

- A. Cô ấy khá hồi hộp vì không biết trước kế hoạch
- B. Cô ấy thất vọng vì thời tiết xấu
- C. Chuyến đi mang lại trải nghiệm rất đáng nhớ
- D. Quan điểm ban đầu của cô ấy về thị trấn là sai



II. Dictation – Chép chính tả

Chú ý: Không được xem lại nội dung trang trước

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III. Điền từ vào chỗ trống (Format giống bài thi thật)

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FRAMEWORK LÀM BÀI NGHE

1. Đọc hiểu nội dung câu hỏi

(Dành 30 - 40 giây đọc hiểu câu hỏi trước rồi mới bật audio)

2. Nghe hiểu nội dung audio

3. Điền vào bài

A birthday trip

Julie was hoping that her birthday surprise would be a ride in a (9)

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From the air, Julie managed to catch sight of the (10) in her town when she went up in a plane.

Once they were out over the water, Julie was thrilled to look down on the (11) around the coast.

Julie and her dad went from the island's airport to the nearest (12)

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Julie describes the town she visited as very (13)



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For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Play

Play is an (0) that all children take part in, whether alone or with others. In fact, play offers a wide (17) of benefits for children and is vital for a child's learning and (18) development. It is central to the formation of a child's personality and can help to increase the knowledge children need to cope with the challenges they encounter in school and at home. Play enables children to realise their potential and to find solutions to problems, thus allowing them to experience the (19) that success brings.

ACTIVE

VARY

EMOTION

SATISFY

Experts tell us that it is (20) to overestimate the (21) of play as it is probably the most effective way that children have of trying out and mastering new skills. By opening children's minds to (22) and imagination, play is indeed a good (23) for life.

POSSIBLE

IMPORTANT

CREATE

PREPARE

However, as far as children themselves are concerned, the only value of play is quite simply in the fun and (24) that it gives them.

PLEASE