

Writing

Part 4



1 Read the story about a first-time performer. Which alternative works best? Underline it.

Sally walked to the centre of the stage as the curtains opened. She (1) *had wanted* / *had dreamt* about singing in front of an audience (2) *thousands of* / *a lot of* times, but now she was there for real. Suddenly, the lights went down, the music started. (3) *Her heart was beating* / *She could hear her heart beating* fast and loud.

'My voice! I can't let it out!' She thought. She was (4) *terrified!* / *very worried!* (5) *After that* / *Then* she closed her eyes and sang. The next thing Sally saw when she opened her eyes again was (6) *the audience* / *a crowd of cheering people*, clapping their hands and screaming 'Bravo!'

She turned her head to her parents and (7) *said* / *whispered* 'Thank you'. Finally, she took a bow, (8) *and she was smiling* / *smiling*.



2 15 Now listen and check.

3 Here is an opening sentence for another similar story.
Before writing imagine being Jack and make notes to build the plot:

- how do you feel about acting in a play? _____
- which play is it: a comedy, a tragedy or what? _____
- what happens during the play? something nice, terrible, funny? _____

Exam tip

Use phrases and words that better describe the character's feelings, wishes and mood. Remember that some exaggerations may sometimes make the story more involving.

- *When the teacher chose Jack as the main actor in the*
- *school play, he was completely amazed.*

4 EXAM Now write your story.

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Summative practice

1 Read this article about a work experience and complete it with the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

This week music producer Megan Tyler shares her experience with us

I think my first challenge at work was when I (1) _____ (ask) by my boss to solve a problem with a client, a very difficult singer. I (2) _____ (feel) very nervous. This singer had a reputation for being very arrogant and rude, so I felt I (3) _____ (watch) by everyone in the office. I called his assistant and I (4) _____ (tell) that he refused to speak to anyone apart from my boss. I (5) _____ (tell) my boss this but she (6) _____ (refuse) to speak to him. I (7) _____ (want) to leave the problem to my boss and do something else but I (8) _____ (can). Eventually I (9) _____ (persuade) the singer's assistant to pass me the singer. I was calm and very polite, and I was surprised to find that I (10) _____ (respect) by this man. He wasn't rude, he was just very busy and he (11) _____ (irritate) by people who took up too much of his time with absurd requests. So, luckily I (12) _____ (pass) my first test at work!



2 Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D).

New message

Hi Nina,

Do you remember (1) _____ me reading that book on my Kindle last week? Well, can you believe it – the author was doing a (2) _____ this afternoon! When I saw the advert on the library's website last night, I didn't think I'd manage (3) _____ because it was at 3 p.m., just before we finish school. Well, I ran there as fast as I could! It had just started (4) _____ too, but luckily I had my umbrella in my bag! Everyone was talking about how great the book was even though the author doesn't usually write (5) _____ – her last (6) _____ was a book of poems about children. I eventually got inside and the author even let me take a selfie with her.

I still can't believe it!

Zara

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| 1 A see | B seeing | C to see | D to seeing |
| 2 A book signing | B book signer | C book signature | D book sign |
| 3 A to going | B go | C going | D to go |
| 4 A rain | B to raining | C to rain | D rained |
| 5 A fiction | B story | C review | D e-book |
| 6 A bestseller | B writing | C magazine | D edition |

Exam tips

- Give your opinion clearly.
- Always listen to what the other Candidate is saying. The Examiner might ask your opinion as well.
- Agree or disagree with what the other Candidate is saying, and give your reason why.
- Be positive and engaged.

Speaking

Part 4

1 In Part 3 you had to discuss a group of pictures about different forms of entertainment. Now the Examiner asks you direct questions on the topic. Read the expressions in the box. Underline the useful language you need to reply to the Examiner's questions.

In my opinion... • For example... • My name is...
They might be sisters. • In the background, I can see...
What I really like about... • I totally agree.
Well, I usually... • I don't agree with that option.

2 16 Now read and listen to the Examiner's questions and give your replies.

- Do you like going to the theatre? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think art is important for people's life? Why? / Why not?
- Does anybody in your family make art?
- Do you think that drama should be taught at school?
- How many books do you read in a year?
- Do you think teenagers read enough? Why? / Why not?

Reading

Part 5



1 EXAM For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Exam tips

- Write the word you choose for each gap on the question paper.
- Read the whole text again with your answers before writing them on the answer paper.

Mountain gorillas

The world's smallest group of mountain gorillas live in forests high in the mountains of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda. They have thick (1) _____ that helps them to stay alive when temperatures fall below (2) _____ and weigh up to nearly 200 kilos. Known also as the Gorilla beringei beringei, they eat plants, bamboo and fruit and when standing on two legs they can be as (3) _____ as six feet.



The gorillas move around in (4) _____ groups with an adult male called a silverback as leader. In 2020 the famous gorilla Rafiki, leader of a group of 17 mountain gorillas, was killed in Uganda.

In fact, the mountain gorilla is a (5) _____ that has faced many threats over the years, including war, hunting and catching human diseases. As humans have moved into their land, the gorillas have gone further into the mountains where conditions are often too (6) _____ for them. Despite these problems, however, the number of mountain gorillas has grown to over 1,000 individuals in recent years.

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| 1 A hair | B fur | C skin | D coat |
| 2 A freezing | B humid | C icy | D freeze |
| 3 A high | B grown | C height | D tall |
| 4 A family | B relative | C animal | D wild |
| 5 A wildlife | B range | C species | D collection |
| 6 A nasty | B dangerous | C safe | D worry |

