

## Written Assignment

### Reading

1 Read the article from a travel magazine and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

#### **My holiday disaster**

Although I work in the centre of London now, I like going to the mountains when I can. Last winter I decided to spend a week in Scotland. I wanted to go skiing and walking in the mountains. I looked on the internet and booked a cottage (a small house) for a week. One Friday night last November, I packed my bags, went to Heathrow airport, and waited to get on a plane to Inverness.

Then the problems started. The plane didn't leave that night. There was a lot of snow in Scotland and they closed Inverness airport. So I spent the night in Heathrow. I drank a lot of tea and read a lot of newspapers. I tried to sleep but I wasn't comfortable. Next morning, Inverness airport opened again, and we arrived in Scotland. But my bags weren't there.

I hired a car and drove to the cottage. It was a twenty-minute drive from the airport. When I arrived, there was a family with two little children in the cottage! They booked on the internet, too – for the same week. The family was very kind. They said I could sleep in the lounge, and they cooked dinner for me.

Next day, I got my bags from the airport and decided to go skiing. But the mountain road was closed because of the snow. I didn't ski and I didn't go walking in the mountains. I spent the week in the cottage waiting to go home – it wasn't my favourite holiday!

2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 Where does the writer work?

2 How did the writer book the cottage?

3 What did the writer drink at the airport?

4 What didn't arrive at Inverness airport?

5 How did the writer travel to the cottage?

**3. Decide if the statements are TRUE (T) ,FALSE (F) OR DOESN'T SAY (not in the text).**

- 1 The writer decided to spend three weeks in Scotland.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 2 He wanted to go skiing in the mountains.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 3 He went to Heathrow airport on Friday night.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 4 The weather in Scotland was good.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 5 The writer spent the night in an airport hotel.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 6 The next day he arrived at Inverness airport before midday.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say
- 7 There was a family staying at the cottage.  
A True  B False  C Doesn't say

**Grammar.**

**4. Complete the text with the time sequencers.**

although (x2) because (x3) but (x2) next day one evening  
so (x3) suddenly two minutes later when

## Don't always listen to the sat nav...

Oscar Peters never wanted a sat nav because he didn't like technology. And so his brother gave him one as a birthday present, it directed him into a difficult situation.

'My brother Jez loves gadgets and technology. Last year he gave me a sat nav for my birthday.' Although he knew I didn't really want one. Jez uses his sat nav all the time but he likes listening to instructions, so I prefer using a map.

One evening, a friend of a friend phoned. She needed my help, so I agreed to drive to her house. Although I had a map in the car, I decided to use the sat nav to find her village. It was dark, and I wanted to get there as quickly as possible.

Everything was going fine. I was nearly there, but then when I saw there was a small river on the left. I could see that there was a road which went through the water



to the other side of the river. The sat nav said 'Turn left!'

So I followed the instruction and turned left into the water. The sat nav said 'Go straight on', but so my car was completely stuck in the mud.

I had my mobile with me, so I phoned my friend and she came to the river to help. I felt terrible because she got very cold and wet in the water.

Two minutes later, a tractor pulled my car out of the river, so it was completely ruined by the water. I can't believe I made such a stupid - and expensive - mistake!"

**5. Complete the text with Past simple or Past Continuous.**

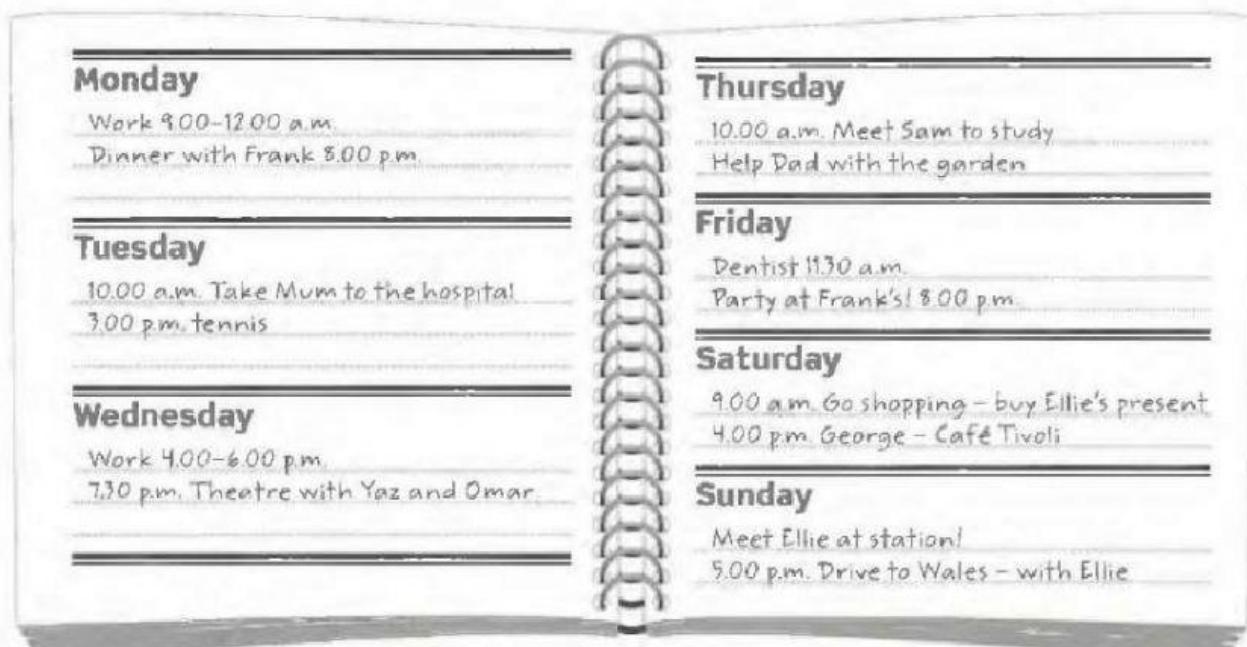


One wet afternoon in September, Danny Spencer <sup>1</sup> [ ] (sit) in his room. He <sup>2</sup> [ ] (study) for a test. His parents <sup>3</sup> [ ] (be) at work and his sister Alice, <sup>4</sup> [ ] (be) at school. He <sup>5</sup> [ ] (be) hungry but it <sup>6</sup> [ ] (rain) heavily, so he <sup>7</sup> [ ] (not want) to go to the shops. He <sup>8</sup> [ ] (decide) to cook some chips. He <sup>9</sup> [ ] (put) some oil in a saucepan on the cooker and <sup>10</sup> [ ] (light) the gas. Then the telephone <sup>11</sup> [ ] (ring), so Danny <sup>12</sup> [ ] (go) to answer it. While he <sup>13</sup> [ ] (talk) on the phone, the oil suddenly <sup>14</sup> [ ] (catch) fire. When Danny <sup>15</sup> [ ] (smell) the smoke, he <sup>16</sup> [ ] (run) back to the kitchen. But as he <sup>17</sup> [ ] (go) into the kitchen, he <sup>18</sup> [ ] (trip) on the leg of a chair and <sup>19</sup> [ ] (hit) his head on a cupboard ...

**What do you think happened next?  
Read the end of the story.**

Luckily, a few moments later, Alice <sup>20</sup> [ ] (arrive) home. When she <sup>21</sup> [ ] (come in), Danny <sup>22</sup> [ ] (lie) on the floor unconscious. Alice quickly <sup>23</sup> [ ] (take off) her wet coat and <sup>24</sup> [ ] (throw) it over the saucepan. Then she <sup>25</sup> [ ] (turn off) the gas. Later Danny said: "I was lucky that Alice <sup>26</sup> [ ] (come) home." "Oh, it was nothing," she said. "Anyway, I <sup>27</sup> [ ] (not like) that old coat very much." When she came home the next day, Alice <sup>28</sup> [ ] (wear) a nice new coat.

**6. Look at his diary and answer the questions. Future Arrangements. (Present continuous)**



1 / meet Sam on Monday?

*'Is he meeting Sam on Monday?'* 'No, he isn't.'

2 When / go to the station?

*'When is he going to the station?'* 'He's going to the station on Sunday.'

3 Who / take to the hospital on Tuesday?

4 When / work?

5 / have dinner with Frank on Monday?

6 What / do on Sunday morning?

7 What / do on Friday night?

8 When / go to the dentist?

9 What / do on Saturday morning?

10 When / play tennis?

11 Who / see Saturday afternoon?

12 When / help his Dad?

13 / go to the theatre on Wednesday?

14 / meet George at the museum?

15 What / do on Sunday afternoon?

**7. Complete the dialogue with going to.**

do have get (x2) go miss not do work

- 1 A We 're going to miss the plane!  
B No, we're not... Wait a minute.  
A What are you doing?  
B I haven't got a trolley. I can't carry all these bags.
- 2 A Are you going to do your homework this evening?  
B No, I'm not. I'm really tired. In fact, I don't want to do anything – just sleep!
- 3 A So, do you like it here in Oxford?  
B Yes, we love it! But we're only here for a short time. We're going to visit lots of different places.  
A Where are you going to go next?  
B Liverpool. We are going to take the train there.
- 4 A How's your daughter?  
B She's fine, thanks.  
A Does she have any plans for the summer?  
B Yes. She is going to work in a bookshop for six weeks.  
A Is she going to have a holiday?  
B No, I don't think she is.

