

2 READING

Read the article. Are the sentences true or false?

Windsurfing

by John Marshall

I always dreamt of playing ice hockey or gymnastics or another really difficult sport – where the crowd is shouting your name to get you to win! But I've always been a bit hopeless at sport and I'm not in any of the school teams. So that's not going to happen any time soon!

So it was great to get the opportunity to join in with something when my school suggested a windsurfing trip for our year. I was a bit worried, though, that I had no equipment suitable for windsurfing, so Dad took me to get a few things, including trainers that wouldn't slip in the wet. By the time we got back from the shops, I was feeling really positive about the whole thing!

The day finally came and off we went on the school minibus to a lake just 15 minutes away from the town where we go to school. It was a sunny day, but quite windy too, so it was perfect for windsurfing – or at least that's what our teacher said! We met our instructor and he was really friendly. We all rushed off the minibus and into the training room, where we got some instruction before we set off. We got our lifejackets, too – some

people thought they didn't need them because they were really good swimmers, but I think secretly we all knew how important they were.

Then out we went to the lake! We each had our own small windsurfer at one end of the lake. I was really worried at first about crashing into another windsurfer – but then I quickly got the hang of it and it was fantastic! I could feel the wind in my face. I was going really fast ... and then suddenly – Splash!!

I still don't know how I managed to fall off the windsurfer, but I ended up in the water – and it was freezing! The instructor got to me really quickly and pulled me out. Everyone was laughing, including me – and it wasn't long before some of the others fell into the water, too! Nobody minded – we were all just having fun.

The day was over really quickly and we were soon back on the minibus. But I knew it definitely wouldn't be the last time that I went out on a windsurfer!

- 1 John thinks there's a chance that one day he will be in a school sports team.
- 2 John was more excited about his windsurfing trip after he'd got suitable equipment.
- 3 John's teacher was pleased with the weather conditions on the day of the trip.
- 4 Soon after John set off across the water, he hit another windsurfer.
- 5 John was upset that people laughed at him when he fell into the water.
- 6 John decided by the end of the trip that he wanted to go windsurfing again.

READING

Read the article. Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.

My family holiday by Sarah Green

Have you ever really looked forward to going on holiday – and then had such a horrible experience that that's all you can remember? That's exactly what happened to me and my family last month! In fact, whenever anyone mentions our holiday, do we talk about the hotel we went to and the sights we saw? No! We talk about how we nearly missed our trip altogether!

We were flying to stay near our relatives and have a lovely week on the beach. We all got up early on the day we were travelling, because our flight was leaving at 10 am. But then we were really late leaving the house because my mobile phone went missing, so everyone had to help look for it. In fact, my brother and I had a fight about it. I was sure it was his fault – but then it turned out the phone was actually in the bottom of my suitcase all the time ...

Then of course our taxi got stuck in a traffic jam on the way to the airport. It was awful. Dad didn't say anything, but I knew he was angry. Then just before we arrived at the airport, I realised one of my bags wasn't there. It was the one I wanted to take on the plane, with my music and books in it. That was really sad – but at least it wasn't the bag with my passport in!

Then we went to check in our bags at the desk. My brother had a backpack that weighed a lot and because we didn't want to pay extra for it, he had to take some clothes out and wear them. And my suitcase was really full so Dad put a kind of belt round it to keep it closed. I think by now, Mum was just desperate for Dad to take the bags to the check-in desk, then go through security and passport control and finally sit down at the departure gate and have a nice cool drink! But there was worse to come. The man at check-in asked for our tickets and Dad handed them over. 'Flight GE 186,' said Dad. The man took one look at the tickets and made a face. 'I'm really very sorry sir,' he said to Dad. 'Your flight is indeed GE186 and your flight is at 10am – but it's tomorrow morning ...'

- 1 What do Sarah's family remember most about their holiday?
 - a the interesting places they visited
 - b the place they stayed in
 - c the fact that they almost didn't go
- 2 Sarah had a problem before leaving home because
 - a she got up very late to get ready.
 - b her brother took something that belonged to her.
 - c the family all needed to search for an item she lost.
- 3 On the journey to the airport
 - a Sarah was worried that her passport wasn't with them in the taxi.
 - b there were so many cars that their taxi couldn't drive fast.
 - c Dad said some angry things to their taxi driver.
- 4 What was the problem with their luggage?
 - a Her brother's bag was too heavy to check in.
 - b Her suitcase broke before she could check it in.
 - c Her dad had to carry all the bags himself to the check-in.
- 5 What mistake did they make with their plane tickets?
 - a They booked for the wrong flight.
 - b They arrived too late to catch their plane.
 - c They were supposed to travel the following day.

USE OF ENGLISH

Read the text and choose the correct word (a, b, c or d) for each space.

AFTER SCHOOL

When you're (1) at school, it's difficult to know what you'd like to do in life. What should your next step be after you leave school? Lots of people decide to carry (2) studying, so they go to university and try to get a degree. Other people think it's better to get some life (3) first. So they go on a gap year and do some travelling. It gives them the chance to become more independent and (4) up a bit away from their parents.

But then other people just want to get a job and start earning money as (5) as they can.

And sometimes, companies will train you (6) you're working. If you stay, you can become a manager, for example and build your career that way.

But whatever you choose to do, it has to be the (7) thing for you. Your school days are just a small part of your lives – you'll spend (8) years working than studying! So try and choose something that you enjoy and feel you're good at!

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| 1 a | already | b | ever | c | yet | d | still |
| 2 a | out | b | over | c | on | d | off |
| 3 a | change | b | experience | c | opportunity | d | practice |
| 4 a | grow | b | bring | c | set | d | make |
| 5 a | quick | b | long | c | soon | d | well |
| 6 a | whether | b | except | c | while | d | so |
| 7 a | true | b | right | c | exact | d | real |
| 8 a | more | b | many | c | much | d | most |

USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use one or two words.

- 1 What are your plans for next weekend, Mark?
What doing next weekend, Mark?
- 2 Tom's a good football player, isn't he?
Tom plays football very, doesn't he?
- 3 This book was a birthday present from my brother.
I this book from my brother for my birthday.
- 4 It's too cold to go swimming today.
It isn't warm to go swimming today.
- 5 This laptop is more expensive than all the others in the shop.
This is the expensive laptop in the shop.

USE OF ENGLISH

Choose the correct word (a, b or c) for each space.

- 1 I wasn't at home when you called me. I to my grandparents' house.
a travelled b did travel c was travelling.
- 2 Did you and Jane buy anything in town yesterday?
a herself b themselves c yourselves
- 3 There's quite a bit of painted on the walls around the city.
a pollution b graffiti c street lights
- 4 Our school recycles a of our waste plastic bottles.
a lot b some c many
- 5 In a city, cars often have to stop at to let other cars cross the road, for example.
a traffic lights b pedestrian crossings c car parks
- 6 My little brother always takes my things. It me really angry!
a has b makes c does
- 7 I'm sorry your watch broke yesterday, but it wasn't my
a problem b fault c mistake
- 8 It's a school holiday tomorrow, so we go to bed early tonight.
a mustn't b shouldn't c don't have to
- 9 At the airport, they'll give you a to get on the plane.
a boarding pass b passport c luggage
- 10 Alex the 11 o'clock flight to Rome tomorrow. He's got his ticket.
a will catch b going to catch c is catching

USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets. There is an example to help you.

- 0 The hot air balloon flew at a height of several hundred feet. (high)
- 1 I think the fridge is a very important in our lives. (invent)
- 2 Sam had a big with his sister yesterday. (argue)
- 3 My brother had his first on our trip to Italy. (fly)
- 4 It's important to check your plane's time so that you're not late. (depart)
- 5 I'm lucky because I have a good with every member of my family. (relation)