


English Test

English Plus 3 – Units 4 and 5

Vocabulary: the environment and consumerism, adjectives describing objects, uses of get, life choices, phrasal verbs, phrases to speculate about the future, linker: so.

Grammar: first conditional with if and unless, might vs will

READING COMPREHENSION (35 points)



Life on Mars?

Imagine you get the chance to travel into space. Will you go? Some scientists think this might be possible for many of us in a decade or two. If they're right, our children and grandchildren might one day live on other planets.

- In fact, the first short tourist trips into space have already happened. However, you can't go unless you're incredibly rich – the tickets cost around thirty million dollars! Businessman Richard Branson wants to change this. His company, Virgin Galactic, promises that space trips will become much cheaper in the near future.
- The international Mars One project is even more ambitious. It plans to send 100 men and women to colonize the 'red planet'. Sound exciting to you? Well, how will you feel if you can't leave?!
- The project's director, Bas Lansdorp, says all of the tickets will be one-way! Most scientists feel the project won't be possible for a long time, but Lansdorp is convinced the first trip isn't far away, and he has invited people to apply to be passengers.

By Nina Peters

What do you think about a future in space?

Comment below

Izzy just now
Unless we change our lifestyles, we'll destroy the Earth, and we'll need to move into space.

Peter 15 mins ago
A colony on Mars? Get real! We need to spend our money on the problems we've got here on Earth.

Maggie 34 mins ago
What a brilliant adventure! If I get the chance, I'll go for sure. How can I apply?

1) Read the article and write *true, false or don't know* if the article doesn't mention it.

- Many people have already given money to Virgin Galactic. _____
- Mars is known as the "red planet". _____
- A lot of experts think the Mars One project won't happen soon. _____
- Most people don't like the idea of travelling to Mars. _____
- Bas Lansdorp feels a mission to Mars is impossible. _____

2) Answer the questions. Write complete answers.

- When do scientists think it will be possible for a lot of people to visit space?
- What's the main problem for people who want to be space tourists now?
- What does Richard Branson think will happen to the price of space trips in the future?
- If you get the chance to go into space, will you go? Why / Why not?

USE OF ENGLISH (25 points)

3) Complete the sentences with the correct form of *will* or *be going to* and the verbs in brackets.

- a) Do you think John _____ (study) English in the future?
- b) What a dark cloud! It _____ (rain).
- c) I think I _____ (call) her tomorrow.
- d) The baby _____ (fall) down. He doesn't walk very well.
- e) They _____ (buy) a new car next month.

4) What can we do to save the planet? Put the verbs in the correct tense to make *conditional type I* sentences.

- a) If we _____ (recycle) more, we _____ (help) our planet.
- b) Unless people _____ (share) their cars to go to work, we _____ (not / reduce) air pollution.
- c) We _____ (save) thousands of trees if we _____ (not / waste) so much paper.
- d) If we only _____ (use) the water we need, we _____ (contribute) to our planet's recovery.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION (20 points)

5) Listen to the radio programme. Read the sentences about the products and write *true* or *false*.

Felix's project helps you to shop for glasses. _____

The Smart Present app helps you prepare home-made gifts from recycled things. _____

You can buy a Smart Present app in a second-hand shop. _____

Jimmy has created a waterproof phone charger which uses energy from the rain. _____

Jimmy's product is ecological and good for the environment. _____

WRITING (20 points)

6) Finish the sentences with your own ideas and your future plans. You can use the words from the box to help you.

time out – enjoy – earn – involved – married – degree

I (don't) see myself _____

I'm not 100 % sure about _____

I wonder what _____

I hope _____

I _____ so _____