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END OF YEAR TEST



ENGLISH FILE
Intermediate Plus

LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to five speakers comparing their use of television and the internet. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which speakers spend more time watching TV? _____
- 2 Which speakers spend more time online? _____

b Listen again and match speakers 1–5 to sentences A–F. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

- A He / She gets easily distracted in front of the TV.
- B He / She doesn't often watch TV.
- C He / She values TV as time to spend with the family.
- D He / She uses social media to chat about TV programmes.
- E He / She is usually too busy to watch TV.
- F He / She is very selective about which TV programmes to watch.

4 READING

a Read the article once. Have you or has anyone you know ever been a victim of one of these scams?

b Read the article again and complete it with the missing sentences. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

A When you approach an ATM, take the time to look around for anything unusual near the machine.

B Every time you go to take out money, you should be aware of the people around you.

C Try and use the same few cash machines whenever you want to withdraw cash.

D Check for any scratches, glue, tape, or other signs that someone has altered something.

E If your card doesn't come out of the machine, you should call your bank immediately to cancel it.

c Match the highlighted words and phrases in the text to the definitions below.

- 1 cover something so that it's not visible _____
- 2 a long narrow opening, into which you can put something _____
- 3 saw or noticed _____
- 4 making something unable to move or work _____
- 5 walking into somebody by accident _____
- 6 the busiest periods _____
- 7 successfully take control of something that other people are also trying to control _____
- 8 take something very quickly _____
- 9 people who cheat somebody in order to get money illegally _____

DON'T GET CAUGHT BY A CASH MACHINE SCAM

Every year millions of pounds are stolen at UK cash machines. Here are four scams you need to look out for when you withdraw cash at an ATM.

1 SKIMMER ATTACHMENTS



These are devices that record your card details. They are usually attached over the slot where you enter your card. The fraudsters paint the skimmer the same colour as the cash machine, so that they are difficult to see. The first thing you should do when you approach a cash machine is to check that there is nothing unusual about the card slot.¹ If you think you've spotted a skimming device, use your mobile phone to inform the police or ATM operator immediately. Warning other people in the queue is helpful as well.

3 CARD TRAPS



Card traps work by jamming your debit card in the machine, so that you cannot take it out again. While you're in the bank reporting what has happened, someone will come and remove the trap together with your card. The trap can be something as simple as a piece of X-ray film covered in glue and inserted into the card slot. Peak times for card trap fraudsters are Friday evenings when lots of people are withdrawing cash and when banks will be closed for a few days.³

2 HIDDEN CAMERAS



Fraudsters sometimes hide cameras near cash machines to capture your card details, and most importantly, your PIN. They are usually in places where you would not normally see them, such as in panels above the keyboard or in stands holding fake bank leaflets to the side of the machine.² Don't be afraid to remove anything you think might conceal a hidden camera. If you have any doubts or concerns then report them to your bank immediately and move on to use another machine.

4 SUSPICIOUS BYSTANDERS



This method of stealing your money is not as sophisticated as the ones above, but it is still fairly common. It involves a person who distracts you while you are using the cash machine, so that they can snatch your card or cash without you realizing. Common techniques are dropping something at your feet or bumping into you in a seemingly innocent way.⁴ If you see anybody hanging around, you need to be extra careful. Either that, or go and look for another machine.

GRAMMAR

Future forms: Choose the correct option (**Choose both if they are possible**)

- 1- Trust me. *I won't tell / I'm not telling* anyone.
- 2- Sit down. *I'm making / I'll make* you a cup of tea.
- 3- My sister *is getting married / is going to get married* in the spring.
- 4- Don't leave the butter out in this heat. *It'll melt / It's melting*.
- 5- Thanks for the lovely meal. *Will I clear / Shall I clear* the table?

Phrasal verbs:

Rewrite the **highlighted** phrases with a pronoun.

Change the word order if necessary.

1- I've been **looking after my friend's children**.

_____.

2- Can you **ask for the bill**?

_____?

3- Why don't you **try on those shorts**?

_____?

4- John is going to **move in with his girlfriend** next month.

_____.

5- I'm going to **throw away all my old magazines**.

WRITING

Write an opinion essay

-Topic: "The Government should encourage people to save water"

-Write 4 paragraphs

FIRST PARAGRAPH:

Explain the subject and give your opinion.

SECOND PARAGRAPH:

Write a paragraph for each reasoning.
Include convincing facts.

THIRD PARAGRAPH:

Use an opposing viewpoint to reinforce
your opinion

CONCLUSION:

Summarize your opinions with different
words

-You can include this information
or use your own ideas:

-people in our country don't appreciate the
importance of water. -millions of litres are wasted
every year. -government campaigns would help to
reduce unnecessary water consumption.

- Water is a very important resource for various
reasons. -we need to drink clean water to survive.
-we need it to keep clean. -without water we
cannot grow crops or raise animals for food. -The
government should do more to make people realise
this.

-water treatment processes cost a lot and use a
large amount of electricity. -reduced water
consumption would save energy and cut
greenhouse gas emissions.

-the government should encourage people to save
water. It would help to conserve this important
resource for the future. -it would reduce the money
and energy that is spent on water treatment each
year.

Remember to use the appropriate phrases