

Reading and Use of English Part 3

Word formation

For questions 1-8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Relax on a canal holiday

Have you ever sat (0) _____ (MISERABLE) in a traffic jam for hours with hundreds of other (1) _____ (HAPPY) holidaymakers? Or been trapped on a long-distance bus with a screaming baby?

Or groaned in (2) _____ (FRUSTRATE) as an airport announcement informs you that your flight has been delayed by a further four hours? Most of us have experienced just how (3) _____ (STRESS) reaching your holiday destination can be.

But here at 'Canal Cruising', we believe you can avoid the worry and (4) _____ (COMFORT) of getting there.

From the moment you step onto one of our beautiful canal boats, you are already on vacation! The accommodation is surprisingly (5) _____ (SPACE) and the best thing is, your holiday home is always with you. We provide maps, training and advice to ensure an (6) _____ (HURRY) and relaxing holiday travelling the waterways of Britain.

Of course, boating holidays don't usually appeal to (7) _____ (PATIENT) types, so be prepared to take it slow. And we do mean really slow - on British canals it's (8) _____ (LEGAL) to drive at any speed over 4 miles per hour!

Discursive essays

When taking a test in English, you may be required to write a discursive essay. This is a piece of writing in which you present (0) _____ (ARGUE) relating to a specific topic. A typical essay title might be 'Should mobile phones be allowed in classrooms?' Of course, one thing this kind of assignment tests is your (1) _____ (ORGANISE) ability. A common model starts with an (2) _____ (INTRODUCE) and includes one or more paragraphs to cover the different sides of the argument before reaching a conclusion. Be careful, because if you only give your own opinion or write about the topic from one side, your essay will seem (3) _____ (BALANCE). You can make (4) _____ (ADD) points relating to the topic after you have stated the main ones. In all cases, be sure to mention (5) _____ (SUPPORT) evidence to back up what you say whenever possible. A further (6) _____

(CONSIDER) for the examiner is the quality of the language you use to express yourself. For example, using register (7)

_____ (CONSISTENT) can create a bad impression so try to maintain a neutral style throughout.

Moreover, including appropriate linking words will (8)

_____ (ABLE) you to demonstrate how well you can structure your ideas.