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7A Homework

1 READING

a Before you read the article, guess the answers to these questions.

1 What's the most dangerous month of the year in the UK?
a January b March c July

2 What's the most dangerous day of the week?
a Sunday b Wednesday c Friday

3 Which of these days is traditionally considered unlucky?
a Tuesday the 13th b Thursday the 13th
c Friday the 13th

4 What's the most dangerous time of day?
a 8:00 a.m. b 11:00 a.m. c 5:00 p.m.

b Read the article and check your answers.

c Read the article again and match the sentence halves.

1 In 2005, March 3rd [d]
2 When there was a new Harry Potter book, [ ]
3 January [ ]
4 Fridays are dangerous [ ]
5 Friday the 13th [ ]
6 Winter is dangerous [ ]

a fewer children ended up in the hospital.
b seems to be really unlucky.
c because everyone's in a hurry to get home.
d was the safest day of the year.
e because driving conditions are worse.
f is more dangerous than February.

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Be careful on January 8th! It's officially the most dangerous day of the year. The insurance company Hyperion has analyzed accident statistics and has found that there are more insurance claims for accidents on January 8th than on any other day.

Accidents are certainly more likely to occur at particular times of year. One general rule is that more accidents happen in winter months because risk increases in bad weather. In 2004 and 2005 Hyperion found that the worst day was January 8th, with 298 auto accidents reported to them. March 3rd was statistically the safest day, with only 89 reports. Six of the ten worst days for driving were in January.

everyone is rushing home for the weekend – while Thursdays are the safest day of the week.

At what time of day is an accident most likely to occur? Analysis by the Health and Safety Authority found that people are most likely to have an accident at 11:00 a.m., whereas the safest time of day is between 4:00 and 5:00 a.m. – probably because most people are in bed!

It's obvious that icy and snowy conditions are dangerous, but some other statistics are more puzzling. A British Medical Journal report in 2001, for example, found that hospital admissions were always higher than usual on Friday the 13th.

But it is not only when Friday falls on the 13th that it is a dangerous day. Four of the top ten worst days for accidents last year were Fridays – perhaps because

Finally, good news for Harry Potter fans. Doctors at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford noted that fewer children were admitted to the emergency room on the weekends when Harry Potter books were released. Casualties fell by over 50% when the last two books went on sale. So if you want to be really safe, you should read a Harry Potter book in bed, at around 5:00 on a Thursday morning, in the summer...

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d Match the highlighted words to the correct definition.

1 danger ___*risk*___

2 probable _____

3 numbers that give important information _____

4 difficult to understand _____

5 happen, take place _____

6 people who are killed _____

7 hurrying _____

2 GRAMMAR third conditional

a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1 If I'd known it was going to rain, I *would have taken* (take) an umbrella with me.

2 She _____ (arrive) home earlier if the traffic hadn't been so bad.

3 Do you think he would have accepted if we _____ (offer) him more money?

4 We _____ (not serve) meat if you'd told us he was vegetarian.

5 I don't think he would have read the book if I _____ (not recommend) it.

6 _____ you _____ (go) to the party if he had invited you?

7 He would never have started the training course if he _____ (know) it was going to be so hard.

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b Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

1 I didn't buy the car because the bank didn't give me a loan.

If the bank had given me a loan, *I would have bought* the car.

2 We didn't go shopping because we didn't have enough time.

If we had had more time, _____

_____ shopping.

3 He didn't go to the movies because he wasn't interested in the movie.

He would have gone to the movies if _____

_____.

4 I didn't finish the report because I had so many calls.

I would have finished the report if _____

_____.

5 They moved because their rent went up.

If their rent hadn't gone up, _____

_____.

6 We didn't have a barbecue because it was too cold.

We would have had a barbecue if _____

_____.

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3 PRONUNCIATION word stress; sounds

a Write the words in the correct group. Use your dictionary to check.

~~anxious~~ optimistic opportunity effort
unhappy realistic advantage mistake instinct

Stress on 1st syllable	Stress on 2nd syllable	Stress on 3rd syllable
anxious		

b Write the words in the chart.

achieve airport bump careful comfortable
control fail focus goal lucky mistake
over patient pain routine scream seem
there unhappy vary

				
			achieve	

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4 HOW WORDS WORK *that* or *what*?

Correct any mistakes in the highlighted words.
Check (✓) the correct sentences.

1 Is that the school that you go to? ✓

2 Why can't we do what I want? _____

3 I've just heard a joke that made me laugh. _____

4 I don't understand that they are saying. _____

5 The city what he likes best is in Canada. _____

6 He works for a company that makes cell phones.

_____

5 VOCABULARY making adjectives and adverbs

a Write the adjective form of the words in the correct category.

comfort luck help happiness success
fortune care

1 (+) adjective ending *-y*:

_____ _____

2 (+) adjective ending *-ate*:

_____

3 (+) adjective ending *-able*:

_____

4 (+) adjective ending *-ful*:

_____ _____ _____

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b Complete the sentences with a positive or negative adverb made from an adjective in **a**.



1 They are the perfect couple. They have been *happily* married for 30 years.

2 I lost my wallet yesterday. _____, I found it today!

3 He came to see me yesterday, but _____ I was out. I'm really sorry I didn't see him.

4 I slept very _____ because the bed was hard.

5 He picked up the baby very _____.

6 He completed the marathon _____ in three hours.

7 "Can I carry your bag for you?" he asked _____.

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