Reading and Listening Comprehension Practice 2b

Reading

Read the text and, for questions 1-5, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

The Championships, Wimbledon



The streets of London, in the UK, fill with tennis fans for two weeks every July. They are on their way to watch one of the most famous tennis competitions in the world, The Championships, Wimbledon.

The Championships have taken place in Wimbledon, an area in London, since 1877. In those days, just men competed. Nowadays, there are competitions for men and women, as well as some where men and women play together.

During the Championships, 250 pupils from schools in London work as ball boys and ball girls. Each tennis match needs six ball boys and girls to run after and pick up the tennis balls. They have to be very fit and it involves a lot of training. There's even a test on the rules of tennis. It's like being at a tennis school!

The Championships is a huge event. During the two weeks, 2,200 people serve 86,000 ice creams, 30,000 pizzas, 16,000 portions of fish and chips to the hungry tennis fans. There are 39,000 of them watching matches each day and sometimes you can even see the British Royal Family!

1 The Championships, Wimbledon,
- **A** is every two years.
- **B** attracts lots of people.
- **C** takes place outside London.

2 The Championships
- **A** used to take place in a different area.
- **B** are over a hundred years old.
- **C** have taken place for 1,877 years.

3 At the first Championships,
- **A** only men took part.
- **B** men didn't take part.
- **C** both men and women took part.

4 The ball boys and ball girls
- **A** learn the rules of tennis.
- **B** help the players keep fit.
- **C** come from a tennis school.

5 At the Championships, you can
- **A** cook your own food.
- **B** eat with the Queen.
- **C** enjoy lots of snacks.

Listening

Listen to an announcement about a cycling event and fill in the gaps in the poster.

5th Cotterley Cycling Race

Date: 1) _____, 4th August
- Main event starts at 2 pm outside the Town Hall.
- Finishes at Woodlands **2)** _____ .
- Junior event for **3)** _____ to 16 year olds.
- Sign up online by **4)** _____ July.
- Live music and **5)** _____ outside the Town Hall