



Colegio Buena Tierra, S. C.  
"Hacer propio el conocimiento"

ENGLISH COORDINATION  
3<sup>rd</sup> TERM EVALUATION SECONDARY

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE GROUP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: KARLA PONTE

READING EXAM

- I. YOU ARE GOING TO READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE ACTOR DANIEL RADCLIFFE, WHO PLAYED THE ROLE OF HARRY POTTER IN THE FILMS. FOR QUESTIONS 1-6, CHOOSE THE ANSWER (A, B, C OR D) WHICH YOU THINK FITS BEST ACCORDING TO THE TEXT.

Daniel Radcliffe

I first meet Daniel Radcliffe at the offices of his agent, just before he takes to the stage for an evening performance of *The Cripple Of Inishmaan*. He's wearing tight jeans, no glasses, and is a super ball of energy. He is extraordinarily polite, slim, well turned out. If you'd never seen him before, you might assume he was a children's television presenter. But at the age of just 24 he has 16 movies behind him, eight of them Harry Potter blockbusters. It feels as if he's been with us forever. The funny thing is, apart from the facial hair, he doesn't really look any different from the schoolboy wizard who made his screen debut in 2001.

Yet over the past half-dozen years, it seems he has done everything he could to distinguish himself from Harry in the parts he has chosen to play. Radcliffe disagrees with this, saying 'I pick films based on scripts and directors and parts. I'm not interested in making films I've seen before. There's nothing more exciting to me when I read a script than originality. That's all it's governed by, there's no master plan to distance myself from Potter.'

He says he doesn't want to sound ungrateful. 'I know that Potter is going to be with me for the rest of my life, so to try to stop people talking about that any more is stupid. It's just a fact of your life, so you can't get annoyed by it. You have to accept the fact that you were involved in this incredibly cool thing and though you might not always be happy with the work you did on it, the opportunity it has given you to make a career for yourself is amazing.'

Was he aware how much Harry would change his life when he was offered the part? 'No, I knew I was signing on for the first two, that four books had come out. Warner, the film company, genuinely didn't know at that stage if they were going to make more than one film. If it flopped, then they certainly weren't going to put up all that money again.' Did he ever consider exercising his opt-out clause? 'By the third film, I thought, if there's a time to get out, it's now; there's still enough time for another actor to come in and establish himself. For a while, I thought, if I do all of them, will I be able to move on to other stuff or should I start doing other stuff now? But in the end I decided I was having way too much fun. And actually there aren't many great parts out there for teenage boys, certainly not as good as Harry Potter.'

Nowadays, of course, he is incredibly wealthy. I ask whether he sometimes worries people might socialise with him purely because of that. He laughs, and says people are going to be sadly disappointed if they befriend him for his lavish spending. 'Anyone who is my friend knows that I don't spend money. So they can hang around with me as much as they like and they still aren't going to get anything. Haha!' But, he says, he has never had a problem with working out who to trust. 'I'm a fairly good judge of character, and I have a small but very close circle of friends. I'm not looking to recruit new friends, though I'm actually very open with people. I had a similar conversation with myself when I was about 17, the first time somebody had really betrayed that trust, and I said to myself you have two options: you either become totally insular and shut down and not let anybody into your life ever, or you can continue to be open and amiable when you meet people, and trusting, and occasionally get hurt. And I do think that is the best way.'

READING PART 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE 1

- 1 What do we learn about Daniel in the first paragraph?
  - A He is now working in TV programmes for children.
  - B His appearance has changed considerably since his childhood.
  - C He is currently acting in the theatre.
  - D He is amused by the way he looked in his early films.
- 2 What does Daniel say about his current work?
  - A He likes to make changes to the film scripts he is given.
  - B He sometimes has to accept roles he would rather reject.

- C He finds it difficult to play roles that are not Harry.
  - D He denies he chooses roles as unlike Harry as possible.
- 3 What does Daniel appear to be criticising in the third paragraph?
- A Some of his acting in the Harry Potter films.
  - B The overall quality of the Harry Potter films.
  - C The effect of playing Harry Potter on his career.
  - D Attempts to talk to him about Harry Potter.
- 4 When Daniel was first asked to play Harry Potter
- A he thought the first film would be made on a low budget.
  - B he thought that only two Harry Potter books would be published.
  - C he had no idea how many films in the series there would be.
  - D he only wanted to be in the first film in the series.
- 5 Why did Daniel eventually decide to be in every film?
- A He thought nobody else could play the role of Harry.
  - B He was enjoying making the films so much.
  - C He never considered doing any other kind of work.
  - D He knew it would eventually lead to different roles.
- 6 How does Daniel feel about friendship?
- A He believes he knows how to choose friends well.
  - B He would like to have more friends than he has now.
  - C He finds it difficult to trust people these days.
  - D He likes to be generous to those he is close to.

II. YOU ARE GOING TO READ AN ARTICLE ABOUT RETURNING TO WORK AFTER BEING AWAY ON HOLIDAY. SIX SENTENCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ARTICLE. CHOOSE FROM THE SENTENCES A-G THE ONE WHICH FITS EACH GAP (1-6). THERE IS ONE EXTRA SENTENCE WHICH YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE.

### **Just because I've been on holiday doesn't mean I have to be happy**

*'Holiday hangover', 'back-to-work blues', 'post-travel depression' – it's a well-known condition, and I'm suffering from it.*

My cat. My tortoise. My friends. My bed. The list reads the same every time, but I still write it. I write it on the last day of every holiday, to convince myself that going home isn't so bad. Then I feel utterly miserable. There are plenty of things I'm not great at – driving, maths, returning library books on time – but the thing I'm worst at is coming back to work after a holiday.

It's an extreme case of being selfishly miserable. To have had a lovely sunshine break and then return to the office, where everyone has been working hard without restaurant lunches or morning swims, with a face like thunder is terribly bad manners. (1)..... Given the number of names for it – 'holiday hangover', 'back-to-work blues', 'post-travel depression' – it's a well-known condition.

In a recent survey conducted by a travel website, 82 per cent of the 1,254 people asked experienced post-holiday misery. (2)..... Probably just before they logged on to a job vacancy website or started fantasising about retraining for work in the countryside.



Even if you manage to avoid end-of-holiday panic, and you feel refreshed, relaxed and ready to face the world of work, you're guaranteed to walk into stress, conflict and injustice. (3)..... Or the surprise departmental reorganisation that took place while you were away.

Still, it could be worse. Over three-quarters of people questioned said that their holiday depression lasted for a month. (4)..... Perhaps they should have saved their cash and not bothered going.

After years of practice, I've come up with a few things that help. A bit. The first is the list mentioned above. (5)..... Unlike some people I know, I can't just roll off an intercontinental flight and roll in to the office. The third is concentrating on getting through the first day back at work without running away, making a grand plan for a new life or spending (too much) time on my own tearfully looking at my holiday photos saying to myself: 'I can't believe this is my life.'

I feel sorry for my poor colleagues having to look at my long face today, but at least by having my break now I'm getting my bad mood in early. (6)..... Then I can support them in their hour (month?) of need. I might even lend them one of my pets.

- A By September, on the other hand, when the schools go back and the main summer-holiday season is over, I'll be back to normal.
- B The most content, with both their home and working life, appear to be those who stay at home all summer.
- C For instance, that highly important task you left with a colleague that's been ignored and later caused your email inbox to turn toxic.
- D At least, though, I'm not the only fed-up wage slave to feel like this.
- E The next one is making sure I have a day off everything between getting home and going to work.
- F Also, over two-thirds of them answered the next question, 'Are you usually glad to be home after a holiday abroad?' with a – presumably unhappy sounding – 'No'.
- G Longer by at least a fortnight, I'd guess, than the holiday they'd taken.

III. YOU ARE GOING TO READ AN ARTICLE FROM A TRAVEL MAGAZINE. FOR QUESTIONS 1-10, CHOOSE FROM THE SECTIONS (A-D). THE SECTIONS MAY BE CHOSEN MORE THAN ONCE.

**Which section**

- 1 recommends paying the entrance fee?
- 2 states that the beach has featured in advertisements?
- 3 says visitors may be surprised by the water temperature?
- 4 points out that the water is quite shallow?
- 5 suggests visitors should take photos of the beach?
- 6 says visitors can walk on the beach in their bare feet?
- 7 mentions a pleasant smell from the trees?
- 8 advises visitors to get to the beach early in the day?
- 9 states that it is not always possible to visit the beach?
- 10 warns visitors to the beach to protect their skin?

## Four of the world's best beaches

*Which are the best beaches on Earth? Here are our top four.*

### **A Rodas Beach, the Cies Islands, Spain**

Some of Spain's most spectacular beaches lie in Galicia on the Atlantic coast, and perhaps the most stunning of these are on the Cies Islands. These unspoilt and uninhabited islands are a national park, with public access limited to the summer months, and contain the perfectly-shaped Rodas Beach with its pure white sand and clear blue sea. At first sight it almost seems tropical, until dipping your toe in the water encourages you to spend a lazy day on the beach rather than dive in for a swim. There you can enjoy the quiet, the warmth of the sun and the scent of pine from the nearby woods, and later on have an excellent meal in the reasonably-priced fish restaurant close to the beach.

### **B Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Islands, Australia**

Australia is famous for wonderful beaches, and Whitehaven must surely be one of its very best. Set against a background of amazingly-green tropical forest, and with views across the clear blue ocean to distant small islands, the sandy white beach is like something from a picture postcard or a TV commercial. As you would expect in such a sunny climate, the water is pleasantly warm, ideal for swimming on or below the surface. The sand, in contrast, always remains cool as it is of a type that reflects the sunlight, so you won't need sandals. As the island has no permanent inhabitants, and most day trippers leave by boat quite early, in the late afternoon and evening you can have the place almost to yourself.

### **C Matira Beach, Bora Bora, Tahiti**

Matira Beach on the Pacific island of Bora Bora has incredibly white sand, beautiful fish swimming in clear blue-green water, and stunning sunsets. The air temperature hardly varies around the year, and neither does that of the ocean – which is only waist high even hundreds of metres from the shore. And unlike windier beaches nearby, Matira is quite well sheltered. There isn't, however, much shade, so it is advisable to use plenty of sun cream, and the sand can feel uncomfortably hot unless you wear beach shoes or something similar. There is no charge to visit the beach, yet it rarely becomes crowded at any time of day. Everyone should go there at least once in life, and when you do, make sure you have your photo taken as the sun goes down.

### **D Anse Source d'Argent Beach, Seychelles**

This must be one of the most photographed beaches in the world, so don't forget to get some shots of your own, especially of the sea and the sand framed by the background of enormous pink rocks, with tall palm trees right behind them. It's easy to see why commercials have been made there. The patches of brilliantly white sand between those beautiful rocks make it the perfect place to spend a relaxing day, and it is well worth the small amount it costs for access. The best spots – those with both sunshine and shade – quickly get taken, so make sure you arrive well before the sun starts to beat down and the sand heats up.

IV. FOR EACH QUESTION, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

The people below all want to celebrate their birthdays on Saturday.

There are descriptions of eight places they could go to.

Decide which place would be the most suitable for the people below.

- 1 Carlos wants a big day out with about 20 friends. He's looking for an inexpensive activity where they can have a meal cheaply, too.
- 2 Gemma's planning to celebrate by going out for a meal with a small group of friends. She wants to go to a lively place and doesn't want to spend too much.
- 3 Jessica and Lucy are sisters and they're going out with their family. They want to go to a restaurant that has entertainment. Their parents are paying, so it doesn't have to be too cheap.
- 4 Amelia is spending the day with a friend, her parents and her little sister. They're looking for a place that's good for all the children and will take their own food with them.
- 5 Adam is meeting three friends. He wants to do an activity but he isn't interested in sport and he doesn't have much money. He's eating at home later, but would like to get a snack.

GREAT BIRTHDAY VENUES

**A Moody's**

Moody's is a modern pizza café in the centre of town. It's very popular with teenagers and plays great music every afternoon. Prices are reasonable and this Saturday includes our new 'two for one' offer. Leave your parents behind and have fun at Moody's!

**B Museum Madness**

Teenagers will love this latest party offer. Spend the night at the museum! Have a guided tour when all the other visitors have gone. Enjoy party food, music and dancing. You must have one adult with you and a maximum of ten friends. Don't forget your sleeping bag!

**C Oasis**

Oasis is the most exciting place for swimming in town and Saturday afternoons are just for teenagers! Special offer this Saturday only: pay for eight tickets and get two free. Visit the café after your swim for pizzas, burgers and chips at low prices.



#### **D Animal Magic**

Visit your local farm this Saturday and receive half-price tickets for your next visit. Young children will love the rabbits and the farm animals. Older brothers and sisters are more likely to enjoy one of the Sunday afternoon talks. Bring lunch with you and spend a day at the farm.

#### **E Mega-ride**

Have fun at a Mega-ride theme park surrounded by beautiful countryside. Teenagers can enjoy the amazing rides while younger children can visit the play area. Tickets are expensive, but save money by bringing sandwiches and having lunch at the picnic area.

#### **F ABC Cinema**

Every Saturday afternoon this month, tickets to films starting before 4 p.m. in ABC Cinemas are half price. There's also an extra discount for groups of four or more. You can buy drinks and snacks at great prices, too.

#### **G Pablo's**

Enjoy wonderful Italian cooking at Pablo's! This restaurant is quite expensive, but the food is fantastic. Children and teenagers will love the regular live shows. Meet a mystery music guest this Saturday afternoon.

#### **H The Palace Hotel**

Fine food in beautiful surroundings – The Palace Hotel is perfect for a special meal. Children are welcome in the dining room. The prices are high, but the food is excellent and there is a small discount for guests staying at the hotel.