

## FCE 2 TEST 2 (Units 5 - 8)

### READING COMPREHENSION

Read the blog about communities. Five sentences have been removed from the blog.

Choose from the sentences a–f the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

According to recent research, more than 50% of Britons do not know their neighbours' names. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ I can't imagine not knowing who is living next door to me. It's not that I need to know where my neighbours are and what they're doing but it's good to be aware and keep an eye out. My neighbours have a spare key and I have a spare set of their house keys as well, just in case we forget our own.

So, what has happened to community spirit? What does community spirit mean? (2) \_\_\_\_\_ On the one hand, it is difficult to do anything without someone knowing about it, but on the other hand, that familiarity means that there is always someone there if you need help and surely that has to be a good thing.

My family moved to the area a few years ago and was immediately made to feel welcome. Having come from a large city, it took me some time to get used to talking to people I didn't already know at the local shop. People don't do that in cities, do they? (3) \_\_\_\_\_

The disadvantage, however, if it can be called that, of living in a small, close community is that you are unlikely to have the cultural diversity that a larger town can offer but you can always go to the big city if you want that. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, I would say that a community is made up of individuals and some will be friendly and welcoming and some will prefer to keep themselves to themselves. It is our responsibility to make the most of our environment, so rather than staying at home on your computer, why not get out and engage? (5) \_\_\_\_\_ And you won't even have to go very far!

- A. If you talk to a stranger, they'll look at you suspiciously and wonder what you want.
- B. Once you start looking, you'll be amazed at what you find.
- C. I was shocked when I read that statistic as I started to think about what that really means in terms of community.
- D. Personally, I'd rather live in an anonymous city than in a small village.
- E. And it is true that diversity breeds more tolerance of different cultures.
- F. I live in a small town or large village, depending on your point of view.

### LISTENING

Listen to five teenagers. For questions 1–5, choose the correct answer (a, b or c).

- 1 Emily enjoys learning about \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) ancient civilisations      b) her ancestors      c) traditional gardening
- 2 How does Harry feel about his friend's behaviour?  
a) relieved      b) fed up      c) sympathetic
- 3 John's mother suffers from a fear of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) open spaces      b) being alone      c) heights
- 4 Julia misses her old home area because it was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) remote and rural      b) a close community      c) culturally diverse
- 5 How do Mark's parents feel?      a) concerned      b) scared      c) irritated