

Unit 2 English File Pre-Intermediate

- Reading comprehension

1. Read the text and choose A, B, or C.

Last year my boyfriend Mark was forty and I wanted to get him a special present for his birthday. Just before Christmas I saw tickets for a Bruce Springsteen concert for sale on the internet. The concert was in Sheffield, about 25 miles away from where we live, and Mark is a big fan of Bruce Springsteen so I decided to buy two tickets. They weren't cheap – I think I paid around £90 for each one. I wanted to surprise Mark, so I didn't tell him about it.

On the day of the concert, I told Mark that I wanted to do some Christmas shopping in Sheffield. We left in my car just after lunch and spent the afternoon in a big shopping centre. I bought Christmas presents for my family and a skirt for work. Mark looked for some new jeans, but he couldn't find any that he liked. By the time we finished shopping it was nearly 6 p.m. and we were hungry so we had dinner in a Japanese restaurant. After dinner we left the shopping centre and set off on our way home. On the way we passed the concert hall and we could see the crowds of fans outside. Mark was really surprised when I drove into the concert hall car park and gave him the tickets!

The concert was fantastic. We danced all night and Mark took lots of photos on his mobile phone. Afterwards we bought a concert CD. We put it on when we got in the car and we sang all of the songs as we drove home. We didn't get back home until nearly one o'clock in the morning and we were both really tired, but it was a great night and Mark really enjoyed his surprise.

Example: Debbie and her boyfriend went to see a ____.

A film B friend **C concert**

1. Debbie bought the tickets as ____ present.

A a Christmas B a birthday C an expensive

2. She bought the tickets ____.

A at a shopping centre B at the concert hall C on the internet

3. They arrived in Sheffield in the ____.

A morning B afternoon C evening

4. Debbie didn't buy ____.

A presents B a skirt C jeans

5. They had something to eat ____ the concert.

A before B during C after

6. Debbie gave the tickets to Mark ____.

A at the restaurant B in the concert hall C in the car park

7. They ____ on the way back to their house.

A listened to the radio B sang Bruce Springsteen songs C talked about the concert

2. Read the text again. Are the sentences True (T) or False (F)? Underline the justification in the text.

Example: Mark is a Bruce Springsteen fan. T

- 1 Debbie thought the tickets were expensive. ____
- 2 Mark and Debbie live in Sheffield. ____
- 3 Mark bought some jeans. ____
- 4 They had dinner at a restaurant in the shopping centre. ____
- 5 They drove to the concert hall from the shopping centre. ____
- 6 They sat while they watched the concert. ____
- 7 Mark used a video camera to film the concert. ____
- 8 They arrived home late. ____

- Use of English and Vocabulary

1. Complete the sentences with so, because, but, or although.

Example: Although it was late, we weren't tired.

1. Amal doesn't eat meat _____ he's a vegetarian.
2. _____ the restaurant was expensive, the food was awful.
3. Tomas doesn't like his job, _____ he's looking for another one.
4. It was a nice day, _____ we went to the beach.
5. They're learning Spanish _____ they want to visit Argentina.
6. I invited Ian to the party, _____ he didn't want to come.

2. Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verb in brackets.

Example: My grandparents lived (live) in Greece. Now they live in the UK.

1. What time _____ Sheila _____ (arrive)?
2. _____ you _____ (watch) the match?
3. The nightclub _____ (not close) until 3 a.m.

4. We _____ (not visit) the museum.
5. Mary and Sue _____ (chat) for hours.
6. I _____ (study) for the English test last night.
7. Henry _____ (not like) the food in the café.
8. When _____ the party _____ (finish)?

3. Complete the conversation. Put one word in each gap.

Mel Did you and Joe go out last night?

Rosa Yes, we did. We went to a restaurant.

Mel Did you drive there?

Rosa No, we ¹ _____. We went by bus.

Mel What did you wear?

Rosa I ² _____ my new jeans.

Mel What did you have to eat?

Rosa I ³ _____ a curry.

Mel What time did you leave?

Rosa We ⁴ _____ at half past eight.

Mel Did you go home after that?

Rosa No. We ⁵ _____ a film at the cinema.

Mel What time did you get home?

Rosa We didn't ⁶ _____ home until 11.30.

4. Choose the correct options.

1. I listened / was listening to the radio when I heard / was hearing this fantastic song.
2. When the teacher said / was saying 'Stop!', I still tried / was still trying to finish the last question.
3. I feel really silly! While I danced / was dancing, I fell / was falling and broke / was breaking my elbow.
4. Tim played / was playing a computer game when his mum called / was calling him for lunch.
5. I looked / was looking for a file on my memory stick when I noticed / was noticing there was a virus.
6. Ron found / was finding a really interesting website about dance music while he surfed / was surfing the internet.
7. My mum had / was having breakfast near the computer when she spilled / was spilling her cup of coffee on the keyboard.

8. When you saw / were seeing me yesterday, I didn't go / wasn't going to school, I went / was going to the doctor's – I felt terrible.

5. Complete the texts with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

I _____ (hear) a terrible explosion while I _____ (walk) into my office on the 24th floor of the north tower, so I _____ (look) out of the window. Lots of paper _____ (fall) from the sky. There was an announcement to evacuate the building, so we _____ (start) walking down the stairs. As we _____ (go) down, we _____ (see) some fire-fighters who _____ (run) up the stairs. When we _____ (get) to the ground floor, we _____ (run) as fast as we could, and after 10 minutes we _____ (stop) to rest in a small park. That's where we _____ (stand) when the second tower _____ (fall) down.