

ENGLISH FILE INTERMEDIATE PLUS

UNIT 8 – FINAL ACTIVITY

1 – READ THE TEXT AND COMPLETE IT WITH THE MISSING SENTENCES

Parkrun – the craze that’s sweeping the country

Parkrun is a five-kilometre run that takes place at around 200 locations across Britain, from the far north of Scotland to the most southern tip of Cornwall. (1) And with runners in countries such as Denmark, Poland, and Afghanistan also getting out there at the same time, the event is not limited to Britain.

When the run is over, every runner’s time is posted on the Parkrun website, or texted to their mobile phone by midday. This means that friends and family members running at different Parkrun sites can compete with each other. (2) The organizers of Parkrun, however, insist that the run is not intended to be a competitive race.

The idea behind Parkrun is very simple. (3) People don’t mind getting up for nine o’clock on Saturdays because then the rest of the weekend is free for other activities. (4) Some runners are so keen to improve their speeds that they do the run week after week. Regular Parkrunners include 80-year-olds, as well as school children. (5)

Many runners also try to beat their personal best times. 2

- A Some people have competed in over 150 Parkruns, covering an amazing 760 kilometres. _____
- B Perhaps this is the secret of its success. _____
- C No-one is ever turned away, no matter how old they are. _____
- D At exactly 9.00 a.m. every Saturday, around 25,000 runners get ready to set off. _____
- E Another advantage is that once runners have registered on the website, they can run at any Parkrun event at any time. _____

2 – CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

Would you like to have **your portrait painted** / **painted your portrait**?

- 1 Our neighbours need to have **their windows cleaned** / **their cleaned windows**.
- 2 She had **her roof to have** / **to have her roof** repaired.
- 3 I'm going to have **my photo taken** / **taken my photo** professionally.
- 4 We'll soon **our boiler have** / **have our boiler** replaced.
- 5 I've **had my flat decorated** / **decorated my flat** by a friend.

3 – REWRITE THE SENTENCES SO THEY MEAN THE SAME AS THE FIRST SENTENCE:

Local farmers find items from the war here.

Items from the war **are found** here by local farmers.

- 1 More people will visit the museum this year.

The museum _____ by more people this year.

- 2 You have to switch off your phone inside the library.

Phones _____ inside the library.

- 3 They were restoring some paintings when we went.

Some paintings _____

_____ when we went.

- 4 Do you like people asking you personal questions?

Do you like _____ personal questions?

- 5 They have discovered new information about Stonehenge.

New information about Stonehenge _____

4 – DESCRIBE THE LOOK OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

