

Part 1

Questions 1 – 8

You will hear eight short recordings. For each one, choose the best answer. You will hear each recording twice.

1 You hear two people talking about what to spend some money on for their home.

What does the woman think of the man's suggestions?

- A They are expensive.
- B They are boring.
- C They are practical.

2 You hear a boy and girl talking about entering a competition at school.

What is the boy doing?

- A explaining why he doesn't want to take part
- B complaining that he has not time to study for it
- C rejecting the girl's suggestion about preparing together

3 In a department store, you overhear two parents suggesting presents for their daughter's birthday.

What do they decide to buy her?

- A a camera
- B a tablet
- C clothes

4 Outside a travel agent's, you hear two people talking about where to go on their next holiday.

Why does the woman want to go to the USA?

- A because she has relatives there
- B because people speak English there
- C because there are interesting places to visit there

5 In a shop, you overhear two people talking about clothes for a wedding.

Why does the man want to change the topic of conversation?

- A He doesn't want to go to the wedding.
- B He doesn't like clothes shopping.
- C He doesn't want to miss the train.

6 You hear a man and a woman discussing going to a football match.

What is the woman doing?

- A disagreeing with the man
- B putting forward a new idea
- C talking about a habit

7 You hear two people making suggestions about where they should move to.

What do they agree is most important?

- A the distance to work
- B how much apartments cost
- C being close to transport

8 You hear two people talking about their plans for a birthday celebration.

Which suggestion does the man prefer?

- A eating at a restaurant
- B having a barbecue
- C having a meal at home

Part 2

Questions 9 – 16

Read the sentences about achievement or sport.

Choose the missing word (A, B, C or D) for each space.

9 Marco has a natural for athletics – it always seems so easy for him.

A talent B skill C potential D attitude

10 I wish I had the to cook better, so I could make my family a fantastic dinner.

A success B ability C brilliance D achievement

11 This was a fantastic game by the most tennis player I've ever seen.

A best B top C exceptional D great

12 He's a very photographer and takes some amazing pictures.

A certain B skilled C sensible D typical

13 The crowd all when the champion won for the fourth time.

A represented B supported C competed D cheered

14 The German in the 2014 Football World Cup was their fourth.

A performance B victory C championship D achievement

15 The of the match sent two players off for bad behaviour.

A college B driver C referee D director

16 Every serious in this race has probably practised for thousands of hours.

A champion B competitor C player D trainer

Part 3

Questions 17 – 24

Read the sentences about achievement or sport. What are the missing words?
The first letter is already there. There is one space for each other letter in the word.

For questions 17 – 24, write the words.

17 Many people have the **p** _____ to be good at sport, but they won't succeed without practice.

18 Paul is a **b** _____ scientist – the best in our university.

19 Some people seem to be naturally **t** _____ at music – they can play anything.

20 Petra's exam results were more than excellent they were **o** _____ !

21 The Maracana football stadium in Brazil has seats for over 100,000 **s** _____.

22 Mike is a really **c** _____ person – he loves winning and hates losing.

23 It is my dream to **r** _____ my country in swimming at the next Olympic games.

24 With that huge jump, he achieved a new **w** _____ **r** _____.

Part 4

Questions 25 – 32

Read the text about a writer and his work.

Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each space.

A Writer's Life

I always wanted to write. (25) six books already, so I guess it's a dream come true. I realised the other day (26) for twenty years now. Recently, a TV company bought my most successful book. (27) a lot of time in the last few months discussing changes to the story for the film version – some I'm not happy about. In the end, I calmed down and let my editor decide. (28) her for years and I've found she makes much better decisions than I ever do.

Ideas can come anytime, but I find I come up (29) ideas best in the mornings, so I wake up early. When I have problems with stories, I find walking by the river helps me to figure things (30) and I write my thoughts in a notebook. I never throw these (31) they sometimes lead to other books. I do make mistakes, but usually I get (32) them, although one reader wrote recently saying I'd got a train time wrong in one story. She was right!

25 A I've been writing B I was writing C I write D I've written

26 A I've been writing B I wrote C I'm writing D I was writing

27 A We're spending B We spend C We've been spending D We had spent

28 A I know B I've known C I'm knowing D I've been knowing

29 A with B at C to D on

30 A off B in C up D out

31 A off B up C away D down

32 A across with B along with C away with D above with

Part 5

Questions 33 – 40

Here are some sentences about achievement or sport.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence, using the word given.

Do not change the word given.

You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

Write only the missing words.

33 Tom and Maria lost the final tennis match and stopped seeing one another.

broke

Tom and Maria after they lost the final tennis match.

34 They played for so long that they had no energy left.

ran

They played for so long that they energy.

35 We discussed the problem of where to train but nobody could think of a solution.

came

We discussed the problem of where to train but nobody a solution.

36 Sport is the most important thing in Pedro's life.

for

Pedro sport.

37 Oliver first played the piano when he was three.

able

Oliver has the piano since he was three.

38 Every morning, we start running an hour before the sun comes up.

been

Every morning, by the time the sun comes up, for an hour already.

39 I don't know anyone who swims faster than my friend, Alain.

known

The fastest swimmer that is my friend, Alain.

40 When did you first start playing this sport for your country?

playing

How long this sport for your country?.