



1. Listening. You will hear a radio interview with a young singer called Mandy. Choose the item you think best completes the situation or is the answer to the question.

- 1. Mandy started working as a DJ _____**
 1. when she first left school.
 2. once she could afford the equipment.
 3. after she lost her job as a nurse.
- 2. What does Mandy say about beginning of her singing career?**
 1. It began with a song that she wrote.
 2. It started by chance.
 3. It took years of practice.
- 3. What is Mandy's new song about?**
 1. various life situations
 2. making new friends
 3. changing your mind
- 4. How does Mandy feel about her new CD?**
 1. sorry that it wasn't ready on time
 2. sure that people will like it
 3. pleased with what she's achieved
- 5. Mandy's favourite songs are those which _____**
 1. have interesting words.
 2. are easy to dance to.
 3. other women have written.
- 6. In the future, Mandy plans to _____**
 1. work in television.
 2. learn another instrument.
 3. run her own business.

2. Vocabulary. Complete the sentences with the correct word. (There are extra words!!!)

*signalling glittered pace far-fetched fussy rotten rate chewed raw
manipulate waving spoilt edible mind-boggling marinated bitten*

1. David _____ the chicken for 3 hours before he cooked it.
2. There are so many possible uses for nanotechnology; it's _____!
3. Alfred is a really _____ child; he always gets what he wants.
4. Time travel may be a rather _____ idea, but one day it could be possible.
5. Ruth doesn't like vegetables; she's such a _____ eater.
6. I think you should cook the meat a little longer; it's still _____ in the middle.
7. That _____ meat has a terrible smell; put it in the bin outside!
8. The beautiful crystals _____ in the light.
9. I was surprised to learn that many insects are not only _____, but taste good, too!
10. If a shark approaches, divers should avoid _____ their hands around in the water.
11. The deep-sea diver was _____ on the leg by a shark.
12. Carrie moved to Louisiana to enjoy a slower _____ of life.

3. Grammar. Choose the correct item.

1. Robert _____ of taking some time off to travel this summer.
1. thinks 2. is thinking 3. will think 4. is going to think
2. It's getting harder and _____ to find a well-paid job these days.
1. hard 2. harder 3. hardest 4. more hard
3. Bill and Ted aren't here right now; they _____ to the city centre.
1. have been 2. had been 3. had gone 4. have gone
4. Dorothy _____ English in Papua New Guinea for the last 3 years.
1. taught 2. teaches 3. is teaching 4. has been teaching
5. So far the charity _____ over £10,000 through fundraising activities.
1. has raised 2. had raised 3. was raising 4. has been raising
6. Living in the country is _____ than living in the city.
1. peaceful 2. more peaceful 3. most peaceful 4. the most peaceful
7. Nancy _____ to the airport when she got a flat tyre.
1. is driving 2. has driven. 3. was driving 4. has been driving
8. Maxim and his parents _____ to Vladivostok next Saturday.
1. flies 2. is flying 3. have flown 4. are flying
9. Our good friends want us _____ them in their new location.
1. visit 2. to visit 3. visiting 4. to visiting
10. They didn't let the child _____ with the other boys.
1. play 2. to play 3. playing 4. be played
11. By the time Helen _____ at the airport, her flight had already departed.
1. arrives 2. arrived 3. has arrived 4. was arriving
12. The kittens enjoy _____ with small toys and balls.
1. play 2. to play 3. playing 4. being played
13. The day was hot and we stopped _____ some cold drinks.
1. have 2. to have 3. having 4. to be having
14. Paul is a naughty child; he _____ obeys his parents.
1. often 2. always 3. seldom 4. sometimes
15. We all look forward _____ a good rest during the holidays.
1. have 2. to have 3. having 4. to having

4. Reading. Choose the correct item.

CLIMBING TRIP

by Samantha Davis

My dad and I have both done a bit of climbing at our local sports centre. So, we decided to go on a trip together, climbing the high rocks along the coastline of a small island. Although it wasn't far from where we live, the journey across the sea took quite a long time – but it was worth it!

As we approached the island, Dad pointed out the rocks covered in colourful plants, wild goats and bees, which were once the only signs of life on this now popular place for visitors. The island has become well-known as a climbing venue and the ferry we took across to the island was full of climbers carrying boots and backpacks.

We arrived at the island's harbour, full of brightly-coloured houses lit by the early-morning sun. We were met by a driver in an ancient old car, arranged by the travel company we'd booked with. The driver took us to the tiny apartment, which, like the car, had seen better days, but it was comfortable and we weren't going to spend much time there anyway.

There are lots of possible climbs up the island's rocks, and not all of them have been discovered by climbers, but many have places clearly marked out so climbers can easily see where to put their hands and feet. All we needed were shoes, ropes and the equipment for attaching the rope to the rocks, although despite the markings on the rocks, I still had problems! Anyway, climbing is obviously not without risk, and things can still go wrong, but you're far less likely to get into difficulties on the island.

There was a wide range of climbers, both in ability and age, so there was no need for my previous worries about being the only teenager. Away from the rocks and back in the town, there was a very

social atmosphere in the cafés, where we compared notes on what we'd achieved that day.

One day, our climbing destination was a rough cliff, with very little to put my hands and feet on. It was amazing how quickly I learnt to attach my rope onto the rock to avoid falling as I climbed!

Then I realised the boy climbing next to me was someone I knew. We waved, smiled and moved on, although he seemed to find the rock far less of a challenge!

Once Dad and I were down at ground level again, we stopped at a beach, which was deserted. We walked along with our feet in the water and promised ourselves that it wouldn't be the last time that we sat on that stretch of beach.

1. Samantha and her father travelled a great distance to the place where they went climbing.
2. The place where Samantha and her dad got off the boat had many palm trees.
3. They were disappointed by the accommodation and the transport provided.
4. There were quite a number of climbing routes on the island waiting to be explored.
5. Samantha found her climb easy because the route she took had been prepared for climbers.
6. Samantha thinks the island is generally a safer climbing location than most others.
7. Samantha liked the fact that she could chat with people her age after a day's climbing.
8. Samantha had difficulty with the technique of using the rope to make herself safe.
9. Samantha found climbing up the cliff hard because it was too high.
10. Samantha and her dad said they would return one day to the beach they found.

