

You are going to listen to an interview with Ivan Kiszka, who makes online videos giving advice to young people. (G.E. B1+ skills test U5)

1) For questions 1–7, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear:

1 How did Ivan's parents feel about his new business?

- A They were convinced it would be a success.
- B They were angry because he didn't sell much.
- C They were not convinced that it was a good idea.

2 What lucky event helped Ivan sell more T-shirts?

- A A magazine asked him to write an article.
- B A famous designer offered to work with him.
- C A celebrity made people more aware of them.

3 Why did Ivan decide to sell his company?

- A He was offered a job with a fashion chain.
- B He was worried about his studies.
- C He was unhappy being a manager.

4 What was the advantage to Ivan of making online videos?

- A He could avoid repeating his conversations.
- B He could earn some extra money.
- C He could use them to talk about his company.

5 How does Ivan make the videos more interesting for young viewers?

- A He talks about his business role models.
- B He tells lots of business jokes.
- C He makes sure they're not too serious.

6 How are Ivan's business videos different?

- A They are aimed at young people and adults.
- B They help young people understand business.
- C They are available in different languages.

7 What advice does Ivan have for young people?

A Don't worry about what other people believe.

B Try not to make too many mistakes.

C Make sure you listen to adults' opinions.

**2) For questions 8–10, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you heard:**

8 Which is the best summary of Ivan's experience in business?

A He found it difficult to become successful because of his age.

B He had a successful business, but he gave it up in order to focus on other things.

C He found it less enjoyable than making videos about business.

9 What is the main focus of Ivan's online videos?

A people who have influenced him in business

B young people with stories about his business

C help to young people hoping to start a business

10 Which is the best description of how Ivan feels about young people with a business idea?

A They often lack the confidence which is necessary to get started in business.

B They are often persuaded not to start a business by the adults around them.

C They tend to worry too much about having the most successful business.

## Section 2: Reading

**3) Read the article. Choose from the sentences (A–G) the one which fits each gap (11–16). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use: \_ /12**

A- Of course, some accidents can't be avoided; the children are constantly falling over branches and out of trees.

B- The children at The Oak Tree seem to be happy and there aren't many conflicts between them.

C- In order to encourage development in these areas, the teachers create special outdoor challenges.

D- However, there are no classrooms to speak of, just several large rooms, where the children gather at the beginning and at the end of the day.

E- Although the children never have to work at a desk, they have a note book and pencil with them at all times.

F- However, a few of the children have complained that the activities are boring and that they would prefer to be in a classroom.

G- Some take the opportunity to explore the woods around them, collecting rocks and leaves.

## THE OAK TREE

It's ten o'clock in the morning and a group of six- and seven-year olds are searching for firewood. They skilfully choose the driest pieces and take them back to the site where they're building a small fire. This is the first 'lesson' of the day at The Oak Tree school. Unlike the majority of schools, The Oak Tree is a forest school, which means that much of the school day is spent outdoors. The school itself is a beautiful wooden building, constructed on the edge of a wood in the Welsh countryside. **(11)** ..... In the morning they discuss their learning objectives for the day and at lunch they share the experiences they've had that morning. Unless the weather is too bad to go out, they will be outside for the rest of the time.

The teaching style at The Oak Tree is also different from some of the more traditional schools. Teachers here believe that children should be allowed to develop their natural curiosity about the world. This means that only around half of the activities are led by a teacher. The rest of the time, the children themselves decide what to do. **(12)** ..... Others invent their own games or just sit quietly and enjoy their surroundings. Although the children are in charge at these times, safety is a priority. As a result, the teachers are never far away and they check the area beforehand to make sure there are no hidden dangers. **(13)** ..... However, their teachers will be waiting somewhere nearby with plasters and sympathy. Any accidents are rarely serious and the children are soon keen to get back to their friends.

When the children aren't involved in free play, the teachers organise different activities designed to help the children develop in different ways. For example, there is a strong focus on personal skills like teamwork and communication. **(14)** ..... Building fires is a big hit, but another popular activity is one where the children have to build a shelter. They design it themselves and decide what job each of them has to do. It's amazing how well they organise themselves while the teacher just sits back and watches.

At the same time, academic skills, like maths, reading and writing, aren't forgotten. **(15)** ..... Sometimes they use them for working out maths problems, like how many trees there are in a certain part of the wood. They are also used for writing poems and stories about the woods or making drawings of the insects and leaves they come across. By the end of the morning, the children have usually filled several pages with their notes and calculations.

**(16) .....** When there are disagreements, the children are expected to talk to each other and find a solution to the problem. 'While a lot of teachers worry about their students learning facts and figures, we're more worried about our pupils' emotional development,' says Freddie Stewart, the head teacher. 'We strongly believe that children should leave school with the confidence to deal with all the problems life can throw at them. This means resolving conflicts and actively working with others to achieve our goals. Children who leave The Oak Tree are much more capable of doing those things.'

Currently, there are a number of schools that offer a similar type of education to The Oak Tree. Interest is also growing as parents begin to ask whether a traditional education is relevant in the modern world. However, there are hardly any schools offering this type of outdoor education to teenagers. This is a pity because the skills learnt in schools like The Oak Tree are probably just as important for teenagers as they are for younger children.

**4) Read the article again and answer the questions in your own words:**

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17 What do the children talk about when they arrive at school in the morning?

18 What do the teachers hope to achieve by letting the children make their own decisions?

19 What organised activities do the children enjoy doing?

20 Why does Freddie Stewart think it is important for students to develop confidence at school?

### Section 3: Grammar

**5) Complete the second sentence with between two and five words, including the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence:**

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**1** I still find it strange living in the countryside – it's so different from living in a town.

**(USED)**

I still haven't \_\_\_\_\_ in the countryside – it's so different from living in a town.

**2** He hated his new school and found it difficult to settle down.

**(USED)**

He found it difficult \_\_\_\_\_ his new school.

3 When I was young I played tennis, but now I don't.

(USED)

I \_\_\_\_\_ tennis when I was young, but now I don't.

4 It wasn't easy to do the job at first, but that has changed.

(USED)

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ the job.

5 She found it hard living in America at first, but now she likes it.

(USED)

It took her a while \_\_\_\_\_ in America.

6) Choose the correct alternative to complete the conversation:

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Jack: Hi, Fiona. You know we **1** *have / are having* the party in the garden tonight, don't you?

Fiona: Yes, but look at those clouds. **2** *It's raining / It's going to rain*.

Jack: Don't worry! **3** *It's being / It'll be* fine tonight. The weather forecast said to expect a few showers this afternoon, not this evening.

Fiona: I hope they're right. Who **4** *will come / is coming* to the party?

Jack: All my friends and classmates.

Fiona: Well, why doesn't Harry know anything about it?

Jack: Oh, no! I forgot to call him.

Fiona: That's OK. **5** *I call / I'll call* him now. What time's the party?

Jack: It **6** *starts / might start* at 7 p.m.

Fiona: OK. We **7** *We see / We'll see* you then. Bye for now.

Section 4: Vocabulary

7) Choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences:

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1 She likes buying her fruit and vegetables in the street \_\_\_\_\_.

- A shop
- B farm
- C market
- D website

2 They often give out free \_\_\_\_\_ when people buy something in the shop.

- A examples
- B bargains
- C brands
- D gifts

3 Have you seen the TV \_\_\_\_\_ for their new product? It's brilliant!

- A commercial
- B advertising
- C poster
- D image

- 4 I didn't really want to buy anything – I was just \_\_\_\_\_.  
A dreaming                      B looking at                      C searching                      D browsing
- 5 Some people buy nearly everything on \_\_\_\_\_ and then take ages to pay the money back.  
A price                      B credit                      C loyalty                      D profit
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ to buy things online these days. It's so convenient.  
A rather                      B prefer                      C pretend                      D fancy
- 7 They usually \_\_\_\_\_ their shopping in the out-of-town shopping centre.  
A make                      B go                      C do                      D have
- 8 I enjoy shopping in chain \_\_\_\_\_.  
A shops                      B markets                      C centres                      D stores
- 9 You can use a price \_\_\_\_\_ website to find the cheapest prices.  
A discount                      B comparison                      C advantage                      D brand
- 10 You can recognise the product easily by the \_\_\_\_\_ on the packaging.  
A sample                      B commercial                      C logo                      D poster
- 11 The advertising \_\_\_\_\_ was a great success and the product sold out.  
A campaign                      B brand                      C deal                      D sample
- 12 I'm afraid the price was too \_\_\_\_\_ and people didn't buy the product.  
A tall                      B big                      C high                      D enormous
- 13 I enjoy finding the best \_\_\_\_\_ I can when I shop.  
A credits                      B deals                      C bonuses                      D profits