

Level: B2 FCE

Skill: Reading & Use of English



Part 1

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Why we need to play

Human beings are not the only creatures that like to have fun. Many animals play, as do some birds. However, no other creatures spend so much time enjoying themselves as human beings do. Indeed, we (1)..... onto our sense of fun right into adulthood.

So why do human beings spend so much time playing? One reason is that we have time for leisure, animals have little time to play as most of their life is spent sleeping and (2)..... food.

So, is play just an opportunity for us to (3)..... in enjoyable activities or does it have a more important (4).....? According to scientists, (5)..... from being fun, play has several very real (6)..... for us - it helps our physical, intellectual, and social development. It also helps to (7)..... is for what we have not yet experienced. With very (8)..... risk, we can act out what we would do in unexpected, or even dangerous, situations.

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| 1 | A hold | B keep | C save | D stay |
| 2 | A searching | B looking | C seeking | D gaining |
| 3 | A engage | B combine | C contribute | D involve |
| 4 | A motive | B purpose | C intention | D cause |
| 5 | A excluding | B except | C apart | D away |
| 6 | A assets | B profits | C services | D benefits |
| 7 | A plan | B prepare | C practise | D provide |
| 8 | A brief | B short | C narrow | D little |