

1&2 Skills Test A

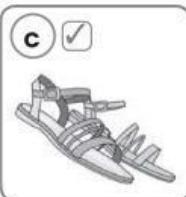
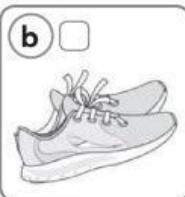
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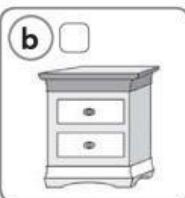
Listening

1  2 You will hear five short conversations. There is one question for each conversation. Listen and tick the correct answer.

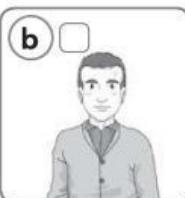
0 What did Anna buy from the shop last week?



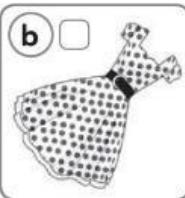
1 Where are the earrings?



2 Who is Uncle Bob?



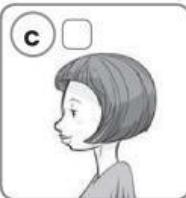
3 What did Helen buy yesterday?



4 What was Jack wearing when his mother saw him?



5 What is Mum's hairstyle now?



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2  3 Listen to Chris and Natalie talking about their mothers' jobs. Write true (T) or false (F).

0 Natalie's mum doesn't make a lot of money. **F**

1 Natalie's mum is a very good hairdresser.

2 Natalie's mum only works with famous people.

3 Natalie says she wants to be a hairdresser one day.

4 There aren't a lot of women firefighters in Chris's town.

5 Chris's mum wanted to do a different job when she was a little girl.

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Reading

4 Read the text and complete the notes with one, two or three words in each gap.

Marcus Welby is a famous journalist. He writes for many important newspapers and magazines. But how did he become a journalist?

Marcus was a hard-working student at school and he passed all his exams. 'Why don't you become a dentist?' said his dad. 'It's a challenging and well-paid job' But Marcus didn't want to spend all day looking at people's teeth! 'You like designing. What about becoming an architect?' said his mum. But Marcus didn't think it was the job for him.

When Marcus left school, he looked for a job. He couldn't find anything interesting. 'You mustn't stop looking,' said his mother. Then one day Marcus's luck changed. He was reading the local newspaper when he saw an advertisement. It was for a job at the newspaper. 'That's it! I'm going to be a journalist!' he thought.

Marcus went for an interview. The newspaper's owner, Mr Bennett liked Marcus and gave him the job. In the beginning, Marcus had to do a lot of boring jobs. He made the tea, tidied the desks, cleaned the office, but he didn't write any articles.

Then one day Mr Bennett said: 'Today you must go to 17 Chester Road and interview Mrs Robinson. She won first prize at a flower show. Then you have to write an article about the show. The article mustn't be more than 150 words.'

This was Marcus's first article – it was boring and it wasn't very good. 'I couldn't write well when I was young,' says Marcus. 'I had to write hundreds of articles before I became good.'

0 Today Marcus is a famous journalist.

1 You can read his articles in _____.

2 His father thought he should be _____.

3 Marcus saw an advertisement for a job in the _____.

4 Marcus got the job because Mr Bennett _____ him.

5 Marcus's first article wasn't _____.

5 Read the answer to a reader's letter on a problem page and circle the correct word.

Aunt Rachel's PROBLEM PAGE

I'm sorry you're upset, Clara. But you can make things better.

Don't be ⁰honest / rude / serious to your mum and dad. Speak to them nicely. Don't wait for them to do all the chores. Help them. Don't make a ¹mess / bed / breakfast everywhere. Tidy your bedroom every weekend. Try to be more ²generous / impatient / organised. When you put things in the right place, you don't lose them. And ³make / take / do the dishes sometimes! It isn't difficult to load and empty a dishwasher.

You can also have an easier time at school. ⁴Do / Take / Fail notes in class. ⁵Hand / Make / Revise in your homework on time. Do your best!

Good luck!

Aunt Rachel

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