

Test. Use of English

1 Complete the dialogue. Use the **past simple** form of the verbs in brackets.

Dale ¹ _____ (you / watch) the football on TV last night?

Ruby No, I ² _____ (go) to the cinema instead.

Dale Oh, I ³ _____ (see) the new Ninja Turtles movie last week.

Ruby They ⁴ _____ (not have) any tickets left for that one, and I don't like that sort of movie anyway.

Dale Well, it's for younger kids really, and the last Turtle movie ⁵ _____ (be) a bit disappointing.

Ruby Yeah, you still ⁶ _____ (enjoy) it though!

2 Choose the correct answers.

Pain is not easy to control, and people with conditions that cause constant pain often have ¹ _____ hard time – like Denise, for example. She worked as a nurse ² _____ many years, and she also took part in sports ³ _____ running, hiking and skiing. An old skiing injury annoyed her occasionally, but she ⁴ _____ it. Then she began to have terrible headaches and she became unable to work ⁵ _____ of the constant pain. She talked ⁶ _____ her problem with several doctors, but she didn't ⁷ _____ out exactly what the problem was. One of the most ⁸ _____ things about this kind of problem is that people tell her it's 'all in her head' and that she should just ⁹ _____ over it. Denise sometimes feels very ¹⁰ _____, but she tries to stay optimistic and every day she finds new ways to cope with a problem that may never have a cure.

1 a an extremely	b an extreme	c extremely
2 a from	b since	c for
3 a such	b like	c as
4 a ignores	b is ignoring	c ignored
5 a because	b due	c reason
6 a to	b that	c about
7 a look	b find	c search
8 a annoying	b annoyed	c annoy
9 a go	b come	c get
10 a discouraging	b discouraged	c discourage

Reading

3 Read the text. Match paragraphs A–E of the text with questions 1–7.

There are two extra questions.

The most dangerous journey

A How do you feel about car journeys? Do you get a bit bored, ask the driver how long it's going to take, and then fall asleep? Or do you get extremely anxious? This is exactly how I felt last month, when I took a trip down the most dangerous road in the world.

B The North Yungas road in Bolivia goes from La Paz, which is a very large city to the town of Coroico in the mountain region of the Amazon rainforest. The road is about 69 km long, but in that short distance it goes down from about 4,650 m high to 1,200 m. Although it is only about three metres wide and there are no guard rails, cars travel in both directions. The views are amazing, but between two and three hundred travellers are killed every year when they drive off the side of this road. In Spanish it is called *El Camino de los Muertos* – the Road of the Dead.

C When I went to visit my friend Jacqueline in La Paz, I had no idea how dangerous the North Yungas road was. I was very excited about the trip to the Amazon rainforest that she wanted to take me on. When we got on the bus, Jacqueline let me sit by the window to get the best view. I didn't feel suspicious at all.

D It was only when the journey started that I began to feel frightened. The bus drove right to the edge of the road many times, and when I looked over, I could see the forest about 600 m below us. We drove on quickly through thick cloud – how do you know where you're going when you can't see? I held on to Jacqueline's hand. Then we drove under a waterfall that was slowly washing the road away. I was shocked!

E When we met another car coming the other way, we drove so close to the edge of the road that a wheel seemed to go off the edge. This happened several times and I started thinking that we might not reach our final destination. When we finally got to Coroico, I felt so relieved. I let go of Jacqueline's hand and saw that it was red. I was a bit embarrassed, but so happy that we were not on that road any more.

In which paragraph does the writer tell us ...

- 1 one good thing about the road? _____
- 2 about difficult weather conditions? _____
- 3 about traffic coming towards the bus? _____
- 4 that she didn't realise the road wasn't safe? _____
- 5 how long the journey took? _____
- 6 that she was disappointed about the trip? _____
- 7 about how some people feel when they travel? _____