

Exam practice

READING

New Year Plans

It's January 1st and people around the world are planning the things they want to do this year. Some of our readers share their ideas.

1 ____

I've had the same job for almost ten years so I'd like to get a new job. I had a job offer last year but the pay wasn't very good. I hope that this year I can find a job that is both interesting and has good pay. I don't need more pay than now, but I'd like at least the same.

Karen, 33

2 ____

I hate going to the beach with my friends because I can't swim. So, this year, I want to learn. I've heard there are lessons for adults at my local pool. A friend offered to teach me but I think I'd prefer to learn from a real teacher. If I can swim, then in the summer I'll get in the sea with my friends!

Maxim, 26

3 ____

I'm worried about the environment so I'm going to recycle more. I'm not very good at doing this now, but I'm going to make sure I put all my rubbish in the right box each week so I recycle as much as possible. I'll probably forget a few times, but I'll do it most weeks. I promise!

Evan, 38

4 ____

I have my own business so I work a lot and I often miss family meals and activities with friends. This year, I want to go out for dinner with my parents and brothers at least two evenings a month, and see them during the day, too. I want to go for coffee with my friends most Saturdays, too, if they're free. Often, they aren't because they work then, too!

Anne, 42

5 ____

They say that older people can't do new things but I don't believe that. I've got a friend who has just started to do Tai Chi and is really good at it. I don't think Tai Chi is for me because I prefer making things. I think I'll try to make some furniture because I'm good with my hands.

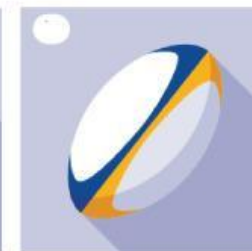
Rick, 63

Read the text again and answer the questions

- Why does Karen want a new job?
- What is Maxim's plan for the new year?
- How does Evan plan to help the environment?
- What does Anne want to do with her family this year?
- What new skill does Rick want to learn?
- Who mentions their friends might not always be free?

VOCABULARY

Write the name of the subjects



Choose the answer (A or B) that best completes each sentence. ____ /5

1. This road is the fastest ____ to the city center.
A route B direction
2. The hotel is near the ____ between France and Germany.
A border B distance
3. We are planning a ____ to the mountains next weekend.
A journey B trip
4. I always measure the ____ I run during my workouts.
A travel B distance
5. My ____ home was delayed because of the heavy traffic.
A journey B way

Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

0 I bought this book at a great ____ C.

1. My sister enjoys ____ cards for every occasion.
2. I'd like to ____ a new pair of shoes soon.
3. This is a very ____ idea for a birthday party.
4. Can you help me choose a ____ for Maria's wedding?

Options:

- A get
- B present
- C price
- D receiving
- E unusual

GRAMMAR

I) Complete the sentences with the correct tense (past simple or past continuous).

1. I _____ (walk) home when it started to rain.
2. They _____ (play) football while we were cooking.
3. What _____ (you do) last night?
4. She _____ (not enjoy) the trip to the museum.

II) Choose the correct option.

1. You ____ eat junk food every day.
a) have to b) don't have to c) can't
2. Children ____ stay up late on weekdays.
a) have to b) don't have to c) can't

III) Write sentences using the correct tense of the verbs with the given words.

1. already – buy
 2. never – visit
 3. just – finish
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COMMUNICATION

I) Answer the following questions.

1. Where do you usually go on holidays?

2. What did you eat for breakfast today?

3. How long have you been learning English?

4. Can you describe your favorite activity?

WRITING

Write about an experience you had with an animal. Answer these questions:

- What kind of animal was it?
- What happened?
- How did you feel?

Write at least 50 words.