

Test 3

Section 2

Woman: For the second in our (1)....., we meet Simon Winridge, co-founder of the hugely-successful Winridge Forest Railway Park. Welcome, Simon. Now, perhaps you can begin by telling us a little bit about how it all started.

Man: Well, during the 1970s, my wife, Liz and I had just acquired 80 acres of sheep-farming land, and we decided (2) Pretty soon we had a daughter, Sarah, and a son, Duncan. The place was wonderful for the kids: they particularly loved trains and gradually built up an enormous network of miniature railway track. I began to develop (3)..... but we didn't think anything more of it until I went on a trip to a theme park near Birmingham and decided we could do a much better job! So we set up a small one ourselves based on the miniature railway and we opened to the public for just a month that year, 1984 - in July - our driest month - because our children said they didn't want our guests to have a miserable, wet visit. I dealt with Park business and Liz carried on (4)

It soon became clear that we were onto a winner. We began to extend the railway track and lay it among more interesting landscape by planting trees, which in turn attracted more wildlife, and by making cuttings through the rock.

Nowadays, we're open all year round and pleased to say that Winridge is one of the most popular visitor attractions in the area – with 50,000 visitors a year - a million and a half people have been through (5)

All these visitors mean we have had to expand our operation and it's now a truly family concern. (6) so I only concern myself with looking after the mechanical side of things - keeping the trains going. Liz (7)..... to recruiting and supporting the large squadron of workers, which keep the place running smoothly. We're really pleased that after some years away teaching, Sarah has now returned to the park and makes sure the visitors (8), which keeps her pretty busy as you

can imagine. Our son, Duncan, has been a stalwart of the park for the last ten years, taking over from me in (9) - and I'll say a little bit more about that in a moment - and his new wife, Judith, has also joined the team in charge of retail. That's becoming (10) for us - a lot of people want to buy souvenirs.

Woman: So have you finished your development of the site for the moment?

Man: Not at all! We're constantly looking for ways to offer more to our visitors. The railway (11) and there's now 1.2 kilometres of the line laid but we'd like to lay more. Because of the geology of the area, (12) But we're gradually overcoming that. We're also very pleased (13) of the Go-Kart arena which is 120 square metres in area. Again the problem is the geology; we had to level the mounds (14) We wanted to enable 5-12 year olds to use the go-karts. And (15) the Formula 1 Kart. We've known fights to break out over who gets it! And then finally (16) which is the landscaped ...