



A2 Use of English Test 2– multiple choice gaps

Miniature paintings

Shammi Banu is a painter (1)..... India. His family have painted very small paintings called 'miniatures' for (2)..... years. Everything Shammi knows about painting was taught to (3)..... by his father. He was a great teacher. Shammi has taught many people to paint (4)..... 1997 and now he has British, American and Indian students in his classes.

Shammi uses things like plants and flowers to make (5)..... the colours he needs for his paints. Making them takes a long time. He breaks the plants into small pieces and (6)..... washes them and puts them in the paint. When he has the colour he wants, he sometimes adds food or blue to the paint to help it stay on the paper.

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| 1 A for | B from | C of |
| 2 A many | B a lot | C much |
| 3 A it | B him | C them |
| 4 A since | B during | C in |
| 5 A some | B all | C every |
| 6 A after | B first | C then |

Rice

Did you know that for half the people in the world, rice is (1)..... most important food? Most of these people live in Asia (2)..... a person might eat 90 to 180 kilograms of rice in one year!

But where did rice come from? Indian people (3)..... growing rice 5,000 years ago, but we think that people first grew rice in China. The first Europeans that grew rice lived in Spain. American settlers (4)..... growing rice about 400 years ago.

(5)..... are thousands of different kinds of rice. Wild rice grows in lakes in Canada and you can sometimes find 'hill rice' growing like grass in dry fields. (6)..... most rice grows in about 15 centimetres of water in special flat fields called 'paddies'.

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| 1 A the | B a | C one |
| 2 A when | B how | C where |
| 3 A were | B was | C are |
| 4 A wanted | B decided | C started |
| 5 A These | B There | C They |
| 6 A And | B So | C But |

Jessica Thompson: young musician

Jessica Thompson comes from a very talented family. Her parents are (1)..... artists. She also has an older sister (2)..... is a well-known athlete. Jessica has never been good (3)..... sport or art. But she plays the violin and the piano – and she plays (4)..... very well! She started playing when she was six and she's been playing since then.

Jessica studies at a famous music school in London, but she also plays the piano in concerts. She's still a student and she spends many hours practising new songs. Jessica went on her first concert tour (5)..... Europe last year. She had her first concert in Paris. She had a great time.

'It was incredible,' she says. 'After the concert, everyone shouted my name. I'll never (6)..... it!'

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| 1 A two | B both | C pair |
| 2 A when | B what | C who |
| 3 A for | B at | C by |
| 4 A them | B they | C their |
| 5 A around | B between | C from |
| 6 A remember | B forget | C lose |