

EXAM TIME!

Use of English: **Paraphrasing.**

- “My classmates are always making too much noise,” Tom said. (complain)
• _____.
- Sarah doesn’t have her headphones. She says that her brother has stolen from her. (accuse)
• _____.
- “I’m really into learning foreign languages,” Julia said. (interested)
• _____.
- “I’m sorry that I forgot your birthday,” Kevin told his friend. (apologise)
• _____.
- “She finds it difficult to understand Physics,” the teacher said. (have difficulty)
• _____.
- The manager told me that I must go to the meeting tomorrow. (insist)
• _____.
- “It will probably rain later today,” my dad said. (likely)
• _____.
- Ben wants to play basketball professionally but he is not tall enough. (IF)
• _____.
- The teacher is angry because nobody passed the exam. (if)
• _____.
- “Someone stole my bike last night,” Emma said. (passive voice)
• _____.
- The students refused to clean the classroom after the party. (complain)
• _____.
- Mark broke the window, but he blamed his little brother. (accuse)
• _____.
- I can’t understand these instructions because they are too complicated. (difficulty)
• _____.
- “We are going to stay until the concert finishes,” my friends said. (insist)
• _____.
- They didn’t invite Lucy to the meeting, so she felt very upset. (wish)
• _____.

Use of English: Tenses.

Last year, my cousin Emily _____ (move) to a different city because her father _____ (offer) a new job there. At first, she _____ (feel) lonely because she didn't know anyone, and she _____ (have) difficulty in making new friends at school.

While she _____ (walk) home one afternoon, a group of students suddenly _____ (start) talking to her. One of the girls, who _____ (be) interested in photography, invited Emily to join a school club. Since then, they _____ (become) very close friends.

A few weeks later, some expensive headphones _____ (disappear) from the classroom, and one student _____ (accuse) Emily of _____ (steal) them. She was shocked because she _____ (do) nothing wrong. Fortunately, the headphones _____ (find) in another student's bag the next day, and the teacher _____ (apologise) for believing the accusation so quickly.

Meanwhile, Emily's parents _____ (complain) about the noise in their apartment building because the neighbours _____ (play) loud music every night for weeks. Her father even said that if they _____ (have) enough money, they _____ (move) to a quieter neighbourhood.

At school, Emily _____ (work) very hard. By the end of the year, she _____ (win) a photography competition, and her pictures _____ (display) in a local art gallery. Her teacher said she _____ (be) likely to become a professional photographer in the future.

Yesterday, Emily told me that she wishes she _____ (meet) her new friends earlier because they _____ (help) her so much. She also said that if she _____ (not move) to that city last year, she would never _____ (discover) her passion for photography.

Reading Comprehension:

Read the following text and answer the true or false.

StreetGames

Who are we?

StreetGames is a sports charity that changes lives and communities. We are proud to give young people exactly what they are looking for – the chance to enjoy sport, give back to their communities and aspire to greater things. Seventy-one percent of young people have said that they would like the chance to try more sporting activities, but that they can't afford to.

What do we do?

'Doorstep Sport' is what we do – we bring sport close to home in disadvantaged communities, at the right time, for the right price and in the right style. Sport is great! It provides fitness, fun and friendship opportunities, and since 2007 we have been using it to improve the lives of countless young people. It teaches them skills and knowledge which they can then use to make their own way in life.

What do we offer?

We have been speaking to a lot of young people about sports they would like to be involved in, and these are the answers: boys between the ages of 16 and 19 have voted for playing football, badminton and tennis, going swimming, cycling, running and to the gym and doing adventure sports. The girls have chosen similarly, except for netball rather than football, plus dance and fitness classes. Multi-sports sessions have also proved popular with everyone.

What do we want?

We are bringing sport to your neighbourhood, and we need some assistance. We are looking for young volunteers for this task. We need young people both to take part in our wonderful sporting activities and also to look after and coach the younger children. So, if you are aged 16-19, contact us if you would like to be involved. We need YOU!

True or false?

- StreetGames only works with professional athletes. ____
- Many young people would like to try more sports, but they cannot pay for them. ____
- StreetGames has been helping young people since 2007. ____
- Boys and girls chose exactly the same sports activities. ____
- StreetGames is looking for volunteers between the ages of 16 and 19. ____

Listening:

People are making small talk. What are they talking about? Listen and circle the correct answer.

1) ____

- a clothes
- b school
- c work

2) ____

- a work
- b school
- c friends

3) ____

- a the weather
- b a vacation
- c health problems

4) ____

- a school
- b work
- c a new boyfriend

5) ____

- a school
- b work
- c apartment

6) ____

- a work
- b family
- c school

Use of English: Open cloze.

When I was younger, I always dreamed ___ becoming a journalist. However, I used to have difficulty ___ speaking in front of large groups of people. My teachers often encouraged me ___ participate in class because they believed I was likely ___ succeed in the future.

A few years ago, I joined a school magazine club _____ was created by older students. At first, I only wrote short articles, but eventually I became ___ confident. While I ___ working on an important story, one of my classmates accused me ___ copying information from the internet. I felt terrible because I had spent hours researching the topic myself. Later, he apologised ___ making the accusation after the teacher checked my work carefully.

Since then, I ___ written articles for several local newspapers, and I am now considering studying journalism at university. My parents sometimes complain ___ the amount of time I spend on my computer, but they still support me.

Last month, I interviewed a famous athlete who insisted ___ answering every question honestly. It was an amazing experience. If I ___ more self-confident when I was younger, I would have started doing interviews much earlier. On the other hand, if my teachers had not encouraged me, I probably ___ never have followed this career path.

At the moment, I ___ preparing an article about young volunteers in my town, and it will probably be published next week. I just hope readers ___ interested in it.

Writing: Speech.

Write a speech about TECHNOLOGY. You can write about any topic related to it.