

## READING

### A. True or False



Tom Fox makes a perfect entry into the water 25 feet below, arms crossed against his chest and knees bent. Fox and his friends are 'coasteering', exploring the shoreline\* in a sport that requires wearing wetsuits, gloves and helmets. They swim along the base of the cliffs, climb up rock-faces and dive into caves. It's fast, furious and, in the wrong weather,

quite risky.

First, there was bungee jumping, then free running and base jumping. Coasteering is just one of many extreme sports that have become popular in recent years together with snow-kiting and free-diving without oxygen.

Fox and his friends are not alone. Parachutists and hang-gliders float through the skies, bungee jumpers dive off bridges. 'We take risks,' Tom says. 'But we take calculated risks. We're fit, and we train hard.'

A recent survey of the extreme sports industry found that these activities had increased by 17.2 percent for the last four years. Danger is an international industry.

Although the survey found that most participants were between 20 and 44, plenty of over-40s have a taste for danger. Dr Peter McCue, a psychologist from Glasgow, took up skydiving when he was 40. McCue, whose 17-year-old son has also taken up skydiving, doesn't worry about the risks. 'To be honest I am more anxious about my son being attacked in the centre of Glasgow on a Saturday night.' About 150 Britons\*\* die every year taking part in adventure sports, but car accidents on the roads kill 6,000.

\*shoreline= costa

\*\* Britons= británicos

1. Tom needs some equipment to go coasteering. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Coasteering has been popular for many years. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Coasteering needs no practice. \_\_\_\_\_
4. People over 40 don't do extreme sports. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Both McCue and his son go sky-diving. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Every year more people are killed in car accidents than in adventure sports. \_\_\_\_\_

6 marks  
(1 each)

## B. Choose the correct option



In April 2008, a 16-year-old boy named Charlie McDonnell was studying for his exams. But he was bored, so he turned on his laptop and started surfing the Internet. He soon found a website called YouTube and watched a video of another teenager just like him, sitting in his bedroom and talking to his computer about how bored *he* was. "I could do better than that!" thought Charlie. So, using his computer and a webcam, he made his first video blog and posted it on YouTube under the name *Charlieissocoollike*.

A few days after Charlie posted his first video, he saw that he had 150 subscribers, so he decided to make more. He soon became quite popular, and a few months later Oprah Winfrey, the famous American TV host, showed one of his videos called *How to be English* on her programme. In this video, he wears a suit and tie, talks in a funny accent and shows viewers how to make a cup of tea. This made Charlie suddenly very famous in the United States too, and it is still one of his more popular videos, with nearly 3 million views.

In January 2009 he reached 25,000 subscribers. As a way to thank his fans Charlie made a video called *Challenge Charlie*, inviting people to suggest funny or difficult things for him to do in his videos. Challenges included drinking tomato ketchup, wearing all of his clothes at once, giving himself an electric shock and painting himself purple!

Charlie also realised he could use his fame to help other people. On his 18th birthday he raised £5,000 for charity by shaving all his hair off on live TV. One year later, in 2011, he raised more than four times as much when he co-presented a live show on the Internet. He stayed awake for 24 hours performing challenges from viewers. All the money went to the children's charity UNICEF.

With more than one and a half million subscribers, Charlie is now the most popular video blogger in the UK. And if you were wondering how Charlie did in his school exams back in 2008... well, he passed with nine A grades and one B!

1. Charlie is a
  - a. website manager.
  - b. video blogger.
  - c. university student.
2. Charlie made his first video
  - a. at school
  - b. ten years ago.
  - c. with a friend.



3. In *How to be English* Charlie talks about
- a. English clothes.
  - b. English language.
  - c. an English tradition.
4. Charlie raised £5,000 for charity by
- a. changing his appearance.
  - b. painting himself blue.
  - c. singing on TV.
5. In 2011
- a. he raised more than £20,000 for charity.
  - b. he was on a TV programme.
  - c. he passed all his exams.
6. *Charlieissocoollike* is now the most popular YouTuber in
- a. the world.
  - b. the USA.
  - c. the UK.

**6 marks**  
**(1 each)**





## USE OF ENGLISH

### A. Choose the correct option

1. Free running / Base jumping / Snowboarding doesn't require any special equipment.
2. Your little brother can be a real pain in the head / back / neck. He always wants to go out with us!
3. She goes rock climbing every weekend. She is known / knows / is knowing it is the right sport for her, it really relaxes her.
4. Google is one of the most popular devices / apps / web browsers.
5. Daniel has been a blogger for / since / when he was 15.
6. The first surfboards were / have / have been made of solid wood in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**6 marks**  
**(1 each)**

### B. Put into the correct verb tense

1. You: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) nervous as you left the airport?  
Ben: Yes! I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in London before.
2. Anne: \_\_\_\_\_ mum \_\_\_\_\_ (have) breakfast yet?  
You: No. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up at 6 and she  
\_\_\_\_\_ (do) her yoga exercises since then.
3. New apps \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) every month.

**6 marks**  
**(1 each)**



### C. Complete with only ONE word

Have you ever been really embarrassed? Well, I have. It was last week.

I was at an expensive restaurant and I had (1) \_\_\_\_\_ finished a delicious meal with a client. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ my guest was making an important phone call I decided to pay for the meal.

I looked for my credit card in my purse but it wasn't there. I looked for it in my bag but couldn't find it. I didn't know what to do. So, I decided to phone my boss. He laughed and told (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to wait for a driver to bring me the company credit card.

**3 marks**  
**(1 each)**

### D. Use the word in bold to form a word that fits in each gap

1. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to leave animals in the streets or in parks. **MORAL**

2. Maggie is totally \_\_\_\_\_ of the dangers involved in skydiving. **AWARE**  
She just thinks it's fun.

3. What she wrote was completely \_\_\_\_\_ to the topic, **RELEVANT**  
so she got low marks.

**3 marks**  
**(1 each)**



**E. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. You must use between two and five words including the word given. Do not change the word given**

1. The band hasn't performed for a year.

**AGO**

The last time the band performed \_\_\_\_\_.

2. He started to download the program at 2:30.

**BEEN**

He \_\_\_\_\_ since 2:30.

3. My brother doesn't like sports very much.

**INTERESTED**

My brother \_\_\_\_\_ sports.

4. How long have you had your new mobile?

**GET**

When \_\_\_\_\_ your new mobile?

**6 marks**  
**(1- 4 1 mark**  
**2- 3 2 marks)**